

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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SPECIAL MEETING

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

MARCH 3, 2015

Held _____

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The special meeting of the Ellsworth trustees was call to order at 6:29 p.m. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Fredrick Houston – present, Vice Chairman William Spellman – present, and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, George Smerigan Zoning Consultants and seven visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Toman explained this was the first of two meetings on the Ellsworth Land Use Plan. George Smerigan, Zoning Consultant, explained the Land Use Plan was a statement of goals and general overall policies. The plan serves as a back drop of regulations for future development. This plan does not change any zoning. Changes are made through the amendment process. Mr. Smerigan went on to explain the Land Use Plan: The Plan will maintain and protect the rural nature of Ellsworth and control the population density. The core area of Rt 224 and RT 45is were future convenience development will occur. A traffic volume charts is in the plan. There are two other areas of future development: Rt. 45 and Palmyra Rd. and Rt. 45 and Western Reserve Rd. Plan for utilities in the development areas will come through cooperation with township and service providers. Alternative housing for senior citizens is another long term development. The natural areas will be preserved. Future zone changes should reflect this plan. The Land Use Plan is a guiding document.

Wayne Sarna, Zoning Inspector, asked how the Mahoning County Planning Commission will use this Plan. Mr. Smerigan explained the Planning Commission will look at the plan to see if the proposed zone change meets the plan.

Trustee Houston Stated he would like the following to be inserted at the end of the first paragraph, "The plan does not change any zoning. The only way zoning of property can be changed is by a request from land owner and going through the proper channels."

Trustee Spellman said the land owner has rights too. The Plan guides use of the land. Future owners can make changes within the plan. Trustee Spellman commented he could accept the plan without change. He credited the zoning commission for their hard work. Trustee Spellman introduced Sean Giblin as the newest member of the Zoning Board.

Trustee Houston said he was okay with the plan also. Trustee Spellman said the Zoning Inspector will work directly with the Land Use Plan. Jim Tripp, Zoning Board member, said it was long and hard work. George Smerigan was the organizer.

Chairman Toman said there had been some confusion on the zoning maps in the past,

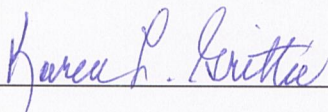
Trustee Spellman asked for the opinion of the public that was present: Mrs. Giblin said the plan gives control. Jim DeCenso asked if there was currently alternate housing opportunities. Mr. Smerigan answered there is multi-family zoning but there is no land designated for this. Trustee Spellman said there were no sewers or utilities to support multi-family. Mr. Smerigan said a zone change would be needed for a PUD in the core area.

Trustee Toman said the map is subject to change in the future. Trustee Houston said the Plan should be reevaluated every ten years.

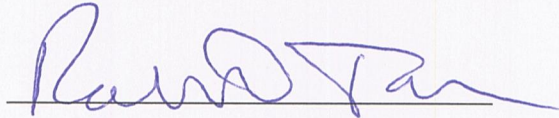
Jim Tripp stated the zoning map is different.

Trustee Houston said if there are questions, please call and ask.

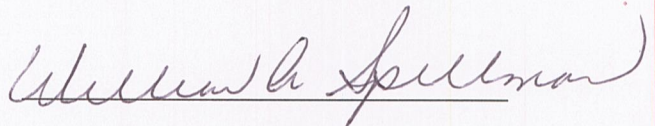
At 7:02 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor.



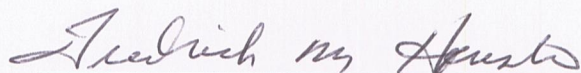
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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