

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting October 13, 2020

The meeting opened at 5:50 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair; Dan Stout, Member; Pete Rich, Member; and Dee Tripp, Secretary.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 9/8/2020 meeting as submitted. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Roll call vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Zoning Inspector

Wayne Sarna reported the following:

- 1) Three permits were issued: (1) patio/porch at 5960 Elias Lloyd Road; (2) storage shed at 4735 S. Salem Warren Road; and (3) detached garage at 10660 Berlin Station Road.
- 2) Township attorneys will meet with the Attorney representing property owners on Route 45 (former coal tipple property); no date has been set.
- 3) Reinspected 11535 W. Akron Canfield Road; grass has been cut and dumpster is on property; appears owners are cleaning up property.
- 4) Reinspected 10691 Berlin Station Road for excessive debris including boat and trailer with expired plates and other equipment; will report to the Trustees.
- 5) The owner of the property at 11971 Palmyra Road has passed and we will need to deal with probate court; will discuss with the Trustees.
- 6) No response to letter sent to 7015 S. Salem Warren Road; will be inspected by Ellsworth Fire Chief.
- 7) Property owners from 6010 Gault Road responded to my letter regarding not getting a permit for a shed. Owners advised they are building a chicken coup; agricultural exemption was issued.
- 8) No response from property owner at 12020 Diehl Road regarding request to create a flag lot.
- 9) Letter sent to Diehl Lake requesting \$50 fee for processing replat to combine two lots – 11405 and 11395 N. Kiwatani Trail.
- 10) Letter sent to 5820 Elias Lloyd Road informing owners to remove unlicensed vehicle.

New Business

The Commission discussed the current procedure of the MCPC notifying the Zoning Inspector of a replat application submitted by an Ellsworth resident and giving the Township 3 days to respond. It was agreed unanimously that this is an unreasonable and unrealistic time limit. Dan Stout made a motion that the ZC submit a letter to the Director of the MCPC notifying him that, effective immediately, all replat requests are to be considered denied by Ellsworth until the ZC reviews the information at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Pete Rich seconded the motion. Roll call vote to accept the motion was unanimous. It was further agreed that the ZI will email a similar response to the MCPC Office on a case by case basis which will include the date of the next ZC meeting.

The Commission discussed whether or not to present Certificates of Appreciation to businesses and/or residents who have made significant improvements to their properties like we did last year.

It was unanimously agreed that we would not implement this action due to the extreme events throughout 2020.

Workshop

The Commission ended their regular meeting and went into a workshop session to discuss possible changes to the 2016 Zoning Resolution. All changes that are recommended by the Commission will be compiled in detail and submitted to the Trustees after the ZC's review is completed.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn. Dan Stout seconded the motion. Roll call vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary