

2014 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting **2014-014**

July 17, 2014

On Thursday, July 17, 2014 the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission regular meeting began at 6:10PM at the Town Hall.

Chairman Fred Schrock opened the meeting leading with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our service personnel and noted that this week that there is currently nine (9) funerals this week of our veteran personnel.

Members present were Chairman Fred Schrock, Vice Chairman Ishraq Hafiz, Janine Goddard, Jim Tripp, Frank Marra and alternate Ron Niemiec.

One (1) guest was present – Dee Tripp.

Chairman Fred Schrock mentioned that for the minutes, it might be a good idea to use a recorder for the meetings.

A motion was made by Ishraq Hafiz to approve the amended June 12, 2014 minutes, previously read by all commission members, seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried.

July 10, 2014 minutes were read. The commission went thru Jim Tripp's corrections and additions to the minutes and they were adjusted accordingly. Ishraq Hafiz made a motion to table the minutes until the next regular meeting, seconded by Jim Tripp.

Fred Schrock brought up a past trustees' meeting where it was decided that not all comments made at a meeting need to be in the minutes.

A copy of Consultant George Smerigan's invoices for work done in June 2014 and part of July 2014 were shared to the commission by Chairman Fred Schrock. June's amount due is \$600.00 and July's amount due is \$300.00 through July 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Schrock asked about replats. When Rick Durkin was Zoning Inspector, Mahoning County Planning Committee requested a response within three (3) days of the Inspector receiving the paperwork from the Planning Committee. At that time Inspector Rick Durkin told the County it was not possible to respond in this amount of time due to the Zoning Commission only meets twice a month. Rick Durkin would have the Zoning Commission review the replat request to double check if the replat does conform to the Zoning Resolution. Current Inspector Wayne Sarna gave Fred a copy of the replat request for the Zoppelt replats. The Zoning Commission members have a consensus that the replat does conform to the Zoning Regulations.

Fred Schrock asked if the commission members were satisfied with the new LUP July draft that Consultant George Smerigan emailed to everyone. A few of us hadn't read it yet, so we all went over it as a group and went through all the changes that had made since the previous draft. It was agreed that we want to change ITEM I'S title to include "Recreational Areas". On ITEM J – the term "directing" is not understood. George Smerigan will be asked his interpretation at our next workshop. And again on ITEM J – the commission feels that each sentence can be individual paragraph or possibly using bullets to separate the sentences.

Ishraq Hafiz wants the title of the inset – 201 Facility Planning Area on page 5 of the LUP explained. We will check with Consultant George Smerigan.

Fred Schrock said with all our questions and changes for the LUP, that it is not ready to turn over to the trustees or the public.

Fred Schrock reminded us that we need to discuss how to meet up with Wayne in regards to the LUP. We feel that he needs to be at our meetings. Frank Marra said that Wayne might have some good insight for the LUP. The commission needs to make some kind of arrangement to include Wayne. Fred Schrock said that he would check with Wayne Sarna to see what he wants to do. While the commission waited, Fred Schrock called Wayne Sarna. While Fred was calling Wayne, Janine Goddard explained the new email addresses given to each member of the Zoning Commission. It would be put on the Zoning Commission website and was to allow the public a means to get in touch with a commission member for questions or

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comments. Fred returned from his phone call to Wayne. Wayne Sarna suggested a special meeting. Also asked if we possibly wanted to change the day of the Zoning Commission's meeting. It was suggested to change the meetings to Wednesday – the first and the third Wednesday of each month. At this point Fred Schrock said he would contact Consultant George Smerigan to see if he is available on these days. It was also recommended by the commission that Inspector Wayne Sarna be paid extra to attend a commission meeting, which would be an additional day for Wayne.

In regards to dates, in the August regular meeting, the commission should be able to wrap up the LUP, schedule a public meeting for the October workshop and then forward the LUP to the trustees by the following meeting.

Fred Schrock brought up a scenario in regards to erecting a sign on your Residential or Agricultural property that directs you to another person's business. According to our current zoning resolution, this is not allowed.

Janine Goddard asked if it would be okay to put our current Zoning Regulation book on our website and the answer was yes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ishraq Hafiz said we are still waiting for the answer from the prosecutor's office in regards to the letter mailed about the ATV's and to gunfire noise. Janine Goddard responded that we did get a response and supplied Ishraq with a copy of the letter.
2. Ishraq reminded us that the Zoning District map still needs updated.
3. Ishraq said that the work trailers and work equipment, located in the fenced in area on RT224 across from the dumpster business, still needs addressed.

Motion is made to adjourn at 8:42PM Ishraq Hafiz, seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary