

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 8, 2022

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those serving and those who have served.

Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. Members present: Sean Giblin, Chair; Jim Mayberry, Vice Chair, Jim Gilmartin, Alternate functioning as voting member, and Dee Tripp, Secretary. Roni Massullo and Dan Stout absent.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2022 Regular meeting. Seconded by Jim Gilmartin. Roll call vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as submitted.

Jim Gilmartin made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2022 Reorganization meeting. Seconded by Jim Mayberry. Roll call vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as submitted.

Zoning Inspector's Report

Wayne Sarna reported the following:

One permit issued for a 14x24 storage building on Knauf Road.

Contacted by Mahoning County Building Department regarding an agricultural exemption that was written in July 2020 for 13344 Leffingwell. The owner has taken out a septic permit and now intends to convert the barn into living quarters. The County request the exemption be rescinded. A letter was sent to the owner.

Lewis's appeal is progressing. Letter sent to Lewis' attorney 12/28/2021 requesting additional information. Once the information is received, the site plan will be referred to the Zoning Commission. Dee Tripp requested that an updated set of full-sized drawings be submitted to the ZC when and if the issue is referred back to the Commission.

Awaiting response from Attorney Finamore on the McCourt property on Elk Road regarding demolition of the structure.

Sale of the Matthews property on Route 45 should be finalized end of February.

Chief Smith and I will be inspecting the abandoned structure at 10610 Akron Canfield Road. There has been no movement by the owner to clean up or remove the structure.

Miller property at 11971 N. Palmyra Road is in the process of being sold.

New Business

Artie Spellman would like to contact Guttman Industrial to discuss applying to Brownfield for money to help cleanup their property on Ellsworth & Bailey. He will discuss with the Trustees at their next meeting.

He also reminded us of the new septic rules. Ellsworth residents will begin being contacted in April 2022. He's awaiting answers to the questions he submitted about helping low-income families and what kind of appeal procedure exists.

Artie then asked the members to review ways to save money – possibly review a possible increase to the fees charged.

Old Business

Dee Tripp reported on two pieces of information that Bob Toman brought back from their conference in Columbus.

- (1) A possible guest speaker, Sarah Spence, Director of the Land and Liberty Coalition on solar energy. Commission agreed to invite her.
- (2) Information on Agritourism. After discussion, the Commission agreed not to include language in our Zoning Resolution but rather rely on the regulations set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

Jim Mayberry made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Gilmartin. Roll call vote was unanimous to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Dolores Tripp, Secretary