

2014 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting

May 08, 2014



On Thursday, May 08, 2014 the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission work session began at 6:04PM 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.

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 plus Consultant George Smerigan.

Chairman Fred Schrock reminded everyone of the Memorial Day celebrations – May 25 at the VFW. Time tonight is to be used for the draft of the LAND USE PLAN.

Consultant George Smerigan went over the typos and asked if the Commission was satisfied with the goals, etc. in the LAND USE PLAN.

Fred Schrock commented that he was impressed with the wording of terms such as “promote and improve”, “pro-active”.

Jim Tripp asked if the plan could include a sewer map, George Smerigan said he could do it.

Other information that was suggested that the LAND USE PLAN include is as follows:

- Add language showing areas that will be served.
- Maybe include zoning map in LAND USE PLAN.
- Possibly add park preserves and public parks to the map.
- Add bubbles in regards to Palmyra and Western Reserve Rd intersection to the map.

There was confusion on exactly what would be mailed out to the public – postcards or a copy of the LAND USE PLAN draft. We decided that postcards make more sense and have copies of the LAND USE PLAN available at the Zoning Inspector’s office and possibly the fire station.

George Smerigan will make changes as talked about and will send us an updated copy. Once the Commission is satisfied, this copy will then be email to each Trustee.

It was stated that we need to give our future plan a name – LAND USE AND POLICY PLAN.

Frank Marra commented in regards to revitalization; need to set a tone so we don’t bring in shabby.

George Smerigan said having standards attracts, that others want to do the right thing and that attracts more people.

It was asked what could the trustees do to make things proactive and George Smerigan said grant money is available to beautify the area.

George Smerigan said he would add to the LAND USE PLAN – sewer map, parks, and goal statement on standards.

The Commission wants to get the draft of the LAND USE PLAN done before the Trustee’s meeting on May 21, 2014. Once the draft is done, Fred Schrock is to get a tally from the Commission members that they are satisfied and then submit the LAND USE PLAN draft to the Trustees via email. Then Fred Schrock will get the OK from the Trustees to go ahead with the mailing to the public and to set up the public meeting for June 05, 2014 during our work session. The Trustees are just to give us the OK to do the mailings; they are not to make any changes to the LAND USE PLAN draft at this time.

Frank Marra advised to call Rita Baun at Advance Marking to get a cost for the printing of the postcards and exactly what all they are able to do.

Motion is made to adjourn at 7:50PM by Ishraq Hafiz, seconded by Jim Tripp. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary