

Reorganization Committee
Meeting Minutes
Authorized by the Ellettsville Town Council

Date: Wednesday, Jan 21
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Ellettsville Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Ellettsville Town Hall.

Members present were Williams Ellis, Andrew Henry, Dawn Durnil, Scott Reynolds, Mike Cornman, Kevin Farris and Jerry Sanders.

Also present were Mike Farmer, Ellettsville Town Manager, Darla Brown, Ellettsville Town Attorney and Eric Koch, Richland Township Attorney

Approval of Prior Minutes

Minutes for the prior meeting on Jan 13 were approved. Moved by Mike, seconded by William, approved unanimously.

Subcommittee updates:

A motion was made to request an update/report from each subcommittee at subsequent meetings, every two weeks, beginning on Feb 4th. Moved by William, seconded by Dawn, approved unanimously.

Jim Perry from the Parks/Rec/Cemeteries Subcom gave a report that they had scheduled public meetings for Feb 5 and Feb 12, as well as a meeting with the Parks Board for Feb 2, but needed assistance scheduling rooms for those meetings. Mike Farmer volunteered to coordinate room scheduling for all subcommittee meetings.

The committee discussed the need to provide some sort of template for the subcommittees to use in developing their reports so that there was an appropriate but not excessive level of detail in those reports.

Mike Farmer reminded the committee that the budgeting process will need to contain two separate budget possibilities, depending on whether or not the reorganization passes in Nov. Because of the impact that the budget info may have on the Reorg Proposal, he said it may be necessary for the town to accelerate the normal budget drafting process to have preliminary budgets ready for review before the Reorg Proposal is finished and submitted to the Town and Township.

Darla reminded the committee that there was a Baker-Tilly report from Nov that included projected budget information, and the committee agreed that the report should be circulated, and also posted on the Reorg website, EllettsvilleRichlandInfo.org

William Ellis let the committee know that the new website is live, and being updated regularly, so new info should be able to be posted as it becomes available.

Denise Line also let the committee know that she could work with subcommittees to schedule meeting rooms for them as needed.

Diane Critchlow from the Planning/Zoning Subcom gave a report that they have not yet had their first meeting.

Subcommittee reports:

A motion was made to set a preliminary subcommittee draft report due date of Feb 27 with a final draft due on March 6. Moved by Jerry, seconded by Mike, approved unanimously.

Voting District Maps Contract:

The agenda contained an approval of the vendor contract to have proposed election district maps drawn, but Darla informed the committee that they had not received an actionable quote yet, so **a motion was made to table the contract approval until the next meeting and was approved by consensus.**

The committee agreed that we need to have Zoom available for public remote interaction at every future meeting.

Corinna Cosentino requested that the committee consider creating a FB page specifically for the Reorganization topic, so that there could be one place on social media where residents could easily find the current info.

Public Comment: the following members of the public spoke at the meeting

- Jim Perry
- Denise Line
- Diane Critchlow
- Valerie DeWar
- Corinna Cosentino

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm

Submitted by: Andrew Henry, Secretary

Approved by the Committee on: _____