

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Glenn Russell called the meeting to order. Trustee Scott Swan notified the board that he would be arriving late due to an unavoidable conflict. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Kellie Kapusta; 2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn Russell. Both trustees voted yes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Detective Nick DeSerio provided statistics for calls for service answered throughout Franklin Township in the month of August. A total of 355 calls were answered for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, alarms, assists to the rescue squad, follow-up investigations, criminal trespass, theft, missing persons, parking violations, traffic stops and welfare checks. There was some follow up discussion regarding the dumping of grass clippings and parking on Germaine Reserve common property that was reported at the last meeting. Det. DeSerio stated that they would be able to address the dumping of grass clippings onto privately owned property but not the parking, as it is not publicly owned property. As to residents parking within the development despite the posted “No Parking” signs, they will start with the issuance of tickets to address the issue.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard Blvd. – expressed his gratitude for the quick response of the sheriff deputies to calls for assistance at the church in Brady Lake. Mr. Lehman also relayed information to Dave Akerley that a load of gravel was dumped at the intersection of Cox Ave. and SR 59, making it a hazardous turn. Mr. Akerley will follow-up.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – offered to send copies electronically of the newsletter being readied for mailing to township residents. Ms. Grimm also offered to relay fire levy information to the Twin Lakes Association members at their October meeting – Lisé Russell provided her with the information. Ms. Grimm then invited Mrs. Russell to attend two events being held in October by the association to speak directly to residents about the upcoming fire levy replacement on the ballot. Mrs. Russell will attend both events on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Dave Akerley and is on file at the township office as part of the official record. The Sixth and Ohio road resurfacing project is nearing completion. This is an OPWC partnership grant project with the township’s portion share estimated to be \$119,389.50. The ground preparation has begun at the new pickleball court location at Phillips Park. Due to the lateness in the season and the need to allow the stone fill to settle, paving will be postponed until next spring. The estimated completion of the courts is mid spring 2025. The 2024 Fall leaf pickup schedule should be available by the next meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is on file at the township office as part of the official record. Additionally, Mr. Ciccozzi reiterated that he has been contacted about a medical/recreational marijuana facility inquiry within the township. Trustees will take into consideration where they stand on the moratorium in place. Also, Mr. Ciccozzi noted that there was furniture set up on the proposed deck at the Burnt Pickle. As he was unaware of an occupancy permit issued, he checked with the county building department, where Mr. Bodnar verified that no permit had been issued. There is litigation pending over the issue so Mr. Ciccozzi was instructed by the board to just let it play out.

#### FIRE UPDATE

Richard Smith reported that he has received plans from Mariner Finance regarding interior remodeling at the former Oh My Yum site. He stated that the new owners are on board with having their own alarm, separate from the rest of the spaces in the strip.

Mr. Smith also provided measurement of the cul-de-sacs within Germaine Reserve and shared that information with the trustees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Signage at Germaine Reserve was previously discussed during public comment
- Kellie Kapusta has been working tirelessly getting a newsletter ready for mailing to let Franklin Township residents know what has been going on and to supply information about the upcoming fire levy replacement and slight increase being asked for in November. She has had good support from other township employees and it is ready to be printed. The cost to print and mail to each household in Franklin Township is just over \$4,000. Approval to move forward with the newsletter was voted in at the previous meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trick or Treat in Franklin Township has historically been scheduled to align with Trick or Treat in the City of Kent, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 4-6pm. A motion to schedule the same time for Franklin Township was made by Glenn Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes. Detective DeSerio stated that he would make sure there are two patrol cars in the township during this time to hand out candy and patrol.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Submitted as written by Lisé Russell and is on file at the township office as part of the official record. Also, payment of bills, warrants #26422 through 26432, including payment vouchers and totaling \$112,158.31 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Kapusta. All three trustees voted yes.

Before a motion to adjourn was made. Mrs. Carol Dorscher – 6508 Westshore – asked if Mr. Akerley had been in contact with Portage County Stormwater Engineer Eric Long regarding storm water run off issues she is having at her property. Mr. Akerley replied that he had not heard back from Mr. Long yet but would follow-up again. At 7:46pm a motion to adjourn was made by Glenn Russell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_