

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Representatives from Davey Tree Expert Company were in attendance – Danny Joy of 8206 Oxford Chase Circle NW, Massillon, OH, Molly Senter of 4986 Belden Park Dr. NW, North Canton OH, and Sandra Reid of 681 Rustic Knoll Circle in Kent, OH addressed the board with the ten year plan update for the east campus of the Davey Tree expansion project. While it will be two-three years until larger buildings will be under construction, the arboretum and research fields and community accessible green areas will begin now. They are free to move forward with plans so far. Mr. Swan expressed his satisfaction with how the plans are being rolled out and the positive impact it will likely have on are residents concerned about buildings going up immediately ... a nice eco-friendly roll out. Mr. Benjamin inquired about any annexation plans mentioned with the City of Kent and Mr. Joy and Ms. Senter each responded that there are no talks of that at this point. They also mentioned that Roosevelt and other area high schools with horticulture type programs will definitely have access to the campus.

- Drake Dewey – 6171 Third Ave – addressed the board with concerns about the deteriorating condition of Hudson Road, particularly the section between Stanton Middle School and the Judson Road intersection. As a cyclist who frequents the area often he cites safety concerns for the cyclists who have to travel in the center of the road and the vehicle traffic that must try to avoid hitting them. It was explained to Mr. Dewey that some temporary repairs are forthcoming and the larger scope project to repave the remaining portions of Hudson Road are in the works.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill Ave – brought concerns about the drainage issues at the Knoll Circle island that is partially owned by the township. It needs weed eaten, trash picked up and there it is currently under water. Ms. Hanna suggested the township look into passing the parcel over to the Twin Lakes Association with the association assuming the maintenance responsibility of it. Ms. Grimm will share the idea with the association. She also expressed concerns about hanging wires around the township street sign at Merrill and ST RT 43. Mr. Langston will have the road crew take a look.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record without additions.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted by Brian Langston as written and is attached to the official record. Additionally, an expense of \$14,900 to have trees deemed rotten and unsafe from the crystal Ave/Court St. area by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Another expense of \$500 was approved to spray for weeds at the parks by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Joe Ciccozzi as written and is attached to the official record. There was discussion of some zoning inconsistencies that could exist in the Kent Park development where some duplexes were grandfathered in when zoning changes were made. Mr. Ciccozzi will continue to follow up on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

- A portion of the sidewalk in front of the Coleman Professional Services offices on Rhodes Road needed replaced. Coleman contacted the township asking if the cost of the repair could be shared with the township as so many residents use that portion of the sidewalk. After determining that it is indeed within the authority of the township to make such a donation due to the not for profit status of the agency, a motion to split the \$2,000 expense with Coleman Professional Services was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- After meeting with Gary Berardinelli of ABC Landscaping November dates for this season’s leaf pickup will be on November 1st, November 8th, and November 15th. Signs will be posted as soon as the three zones are determined. The rotation will be switched from last year so that the zone with the early pickup last year will have the late pickup this year, and vice versa. There will be one pickup per zone this year. Leaves must be at the curb and ready to be picked up by the Sunday evening at the beginning of the week that resident’s neighborhood is scheduled for pickup. Each zone will have only one pickup scheduled.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #25066 through 25086, including payment vouchers, totaling \$86,317.25 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott swan. All three trustees voted yes.

AT 8:18pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____