

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:06pm the meeting called to order following a p[ublic hearing. Minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO – Sgt. Harry Muir was in attendance representing the sheriff's department and will be the new contact for the township. Scott Swan thanked him on record for the department's presence throughout the township at scattered locations and times of the day.
- Bruce Smith called into the township office to ask that the board be made aware of a car constantly parked on his lot on S. Pleasant St.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – brought to the attention of the board a situation on Knoll Circle regarding the confusion of ownership. After discussion, and with help from Joe Ciccozzi, it was determined that Mr. Paul Ferder owns the center ring of the circle parcel but the township owns the outer circle. Frequently Mr. Ferder's large equipment is parked on the circle and the township portion is torn up from Mr. Ferder accessing his portion of the parcel, as well as being aesthetically unpleasing to the eye of area neighbors. The trustees recommend Mr. Ciccozzi and Mr. Langston meet with Mr. Ferder to determine the best way to resolve the problem and work out some kind of access to his portion of the parcel.
- Mary Organ – 5876 Horning Road – during a recent visit to Phillips Park to evaluate its capacity for an upcoming zoning hearing Mrs. Organ noticed that a portion of the walkway from the end of the blacktop path to the pavilion remains grass. It is a small section. She recommended the board consider paving it to facilitate easily access for wheelchairs, stroller, walkers, etc.
- Laura Ellsworth – 6743 St. Rt. 43 – inquired about what the next step would be for her after receiving rezoning approval at the hearing that preceded this meeting. Mr. Ciccozzi informed her that Portage County Regional Planning would be notified of the vote and they would move the process forward.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Resolution 2020-30 asking for an assessment on 7112 Hudson Road was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. Authorization for Helmling Construction to raze the structure on Hillside was given by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. It was also suggested by trustees that Mr. Ciccozzi work with Mr. Misner who owns property on Brady Lake Road that is in mowing violation to recommend Mr. Misner erect a fence and just mow from the fence to the street.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Due to Covid-19 related safety precautions in person safety inspections have been discouraged by city and county officials. Mr. Smith asked the trustees how they wanted him to proceed with inspections and the board agreed that he should proceed at his discretion and inspect when and where he sees the need.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, the following expenses were approved:

- \$9,000 for repairs to Hudson Road, \$1980.00 for new tires for the Motrim, a new pressure washer for \$1475.00, a truck repair for \$1077.13 and \$5,994.51 for another truck repair. All expenses were unanimously approved by trustees. Keith Benjamin asked that Mr. Langston find out stop work dates from the two seasonal employees that have been working this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

- After discussion about three large and possibly hazardous trees on township property located on Court Street the board authorized Mr. Langston to have the trees evaluated by a reputable arborist or professional to see if they need to be removed or trimmed back.
- After a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin, the township will be moving forward with a technology upgrade proposal to allow virtual meeting capability with CARES ACT money. The proposal accepted was from Jim Hornyak. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- A tree in the township right of way at Raccoon Hill Gold Course will be trimmed or taken down, as determined necessary by the road department.
- RT Mansfield was approved as the township representative upon the pending resignation of Tim Lissan to the PARTA board by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

FINANCE

- Lisé Russell reported that as of July 31, 2020 the township was well within the normal range for appropriations spent for the year and projected revenue received.
- Payment of bills, warrants #25034 through 25053, including payment vouchers, totaling \$53,807.55 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Scott Swan will organize an onsite meeting at Brady Lake to a possible location for a long dock or pier.

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

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____