

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, September 22, 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

- Major Larry Limbert – PCSO at 8240 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, OH – reported that 255 calls in Franklin Township were answered during the period of August 1-September 1, 2020. He provided a breakdown of some calls ranging from domestic disputes, suspicious persons/vehicles, assaults, fire and ems assists, etc. Mr. Swan thanked Maj. Limbert on record for the continued presence of the sheriff's department deputies throughout the township. Ms. Ann Hanna asked if the sheriff department ever did welfare checks on residents where, in particular, there have been repeated calls for assistance and he responded that yes welfare checks are conducted and that social service referrals are made when appropriate for additional support.
- Walt Schleper – 4829 Newcomer Road – expressed concerns about the land where a development is currently underway on Newcomer at the former Germaine Reserve. The land has been cleared of trees but there is much debris in need of cleanup – tires, barrels, oil filters, etc. and he wants assurances that the debris will be removed, not buried. As of the day of this meeting no silt fence has been erected and should be.
- Matt Wagner – 4573 Newcomer Road – expressed the same concerns mentioned above by Mr. Schleper. Additionally, he is very concerned about the water runoff that will impact his neighboring farmland property.
- Ms. Cindy Lukens – Wagner – 4573 Newcomer Road – shared her concerns about the amount of water runoff and flooding potential as well. She is a fourth generation farmer on that land and is concerned that a new property owner should not be allowed to devalue her land due to a lack on monitoring. The trustees collectively expressed appreciation to the above residents for bringing these concerns forward. It is the board's hope that the building department will follow through with their responsibility to monitor the building process and asked that Joe Ciccozzi keep his eye on the situation as well.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – asked the board to consider again limiting parking in the front of the Tavern at Twin Lakes to motorcycles only due to safety concerns caused by the lot's proximity to the road on ST RT 43. He expressed appreciation for Joe Ciccozzi and his follow through with some properties that have long been a concern in the neighborhood in which Mr. Nichols resides. He then expressed renewed concern over catch basins and ditches still in need of cleaning out in his area.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – reported that the Twin Lakes Association has been awarded grant money to help them study and map the lakes. She shared information that could mean the township might be eligible for grant money for recreation, trails, recreational access for boats, etc.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, an expense of \$17,540 was approved for removal of trees deemed unsafe that are on township property located off of Court/Crystal Streets by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott swan. All three trustees voted yes. An expense of \$980 for a line striper spray paint cylinder was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. An estimate of \$75,925.00 for repairs to be made to the old spillway located within Lake Brady. Ms. Hanna requested that Mr. Langston receive two more bids from other excavating companies for the work before consideration be given. Also, as a professional courtesy the board granted approval for the township road crew to perform a one -time only motrim at a Portage Park District owned location that is just outside of township boundaries. Mr. Benjamin asked that Mr. Langston look through old records at the garage to find out the vendor used to inspect and maintain township catch basins/ditches in the past and contact them again.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2020-35 – appointing RT Mansfield to the PARTA board as a township representative was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2020-36 – approving a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$17540 for the purpose of emergency tree removal on township property that poses a potential threat to the property of others was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- After discussion it was agreed upon by the board that in the interest of the safety of trick or treaters and for residents opening doors to groups of trick or treaters amid COVID-19 safety recommendations and guidelines that Trick or Treat in Franklin Township be canceled for this year and the decision approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Responses to emails from Ms. Seaholts regarding Phillips Park and Mr. Monofort regarding a fallen tree branch will be taken care of by our administrator Ken Penix. Mr. Swan would like Kent Parks and Recreation to be contacted and update the township on details of league soccer games upcoming before investing money in new soccer goals at the park. Also, a reminder was announced about an upcoming information sharing session with representatives from the City of Kent and their fire department.

FINANCES

- Payment of bills warrants #25087 through 25097, including payment vouchers, totaling \$96,833.32 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:38pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

DATE _____ FISCAL OFFICER _____

CHAIRMAN _____