

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lt. Harry Muir – PCSO – reported that in the last month retail thefts are up (20 theft calls answered), there were 23 traffic stops in areas where extra patrols were called for, additional traffic complaints investigated and 12 domestic complaints responded to.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – informed the board that the house on Iraquois that has been a long-standing code violation problem for the township is nearly demolished, at the expense of the new owner. He also stated that there was a house fire on Park Ave. and expressed gratitude for the quick response of the City of Kent Fire Department. Mr. Lehman also plans to continue cleaning debris up around the lake near his home.
- Ms. Ann Reid – 6318 Lakeview Dr. – stated her presence at the meeting this evening is a part of a League of Women Voters initiative called the Observer Corps – wherein she will attend our meetings and provide a synopsis of what transpires to report on the League’s website to keep voters informed.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record. Additionally, he stated the tentative opening of the new Arby’s is slated for June 18th.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. In addition, there is a sink hole located near Walton St. in Brady Lake and he is awaiting assistance from the county to run a camera in there to see if they can detect where the problem is directly; the Tera Star truck needed service again and its longevity is in question. The particular motor in this model has seen problems substantially and with only 20,000 miles on it the township will be seeking a replacement vehicle, as well as a utility type truck that can also plow. Cracksealing is to be started when a stretch of good weather hits and the new motrim has had a small leak that will hopefully be gone after replacement of a seal and an oil change. The spillway area that was just repaired recently has an area washing out. The area is located on a steep hill and grass has not been seeded or planted there yet so rains are washing tons of dirt away and have buried the pipe. Trees and grass need planted to hold the soil in place. Trustees Keith Benjamin and Ann Hanna asked that Mr. Langston get a price on rip rap rock to help secure the area to prevent further collapse until plantings are in and taken root. Mr. Langston will contact the county and the City of Kent for suggestions on how to deal with the situation in the meantime. A large mirror that has been long placed on Lakeview where it intersects with Hartman has been damaged and needs replaced. This mirror assists drivers pulling onto Lakeview see around a sharp curve. Hal Lehman will follow up with Mr. Langston with vendor information on a replacement.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, he reported that Davey Tree is in the process of purchasing the parcel of land north of the tracks on Powdermill Road, a potential buyer for Grace Baptist Church at 5915 Rhodes Road has expressed an interest in putting 115-120 senior assisted-living units in there, and that a resident contacted him to ask that a NO PARKING sign be erected across from his home at 6472 Cherry Lane, where previous ones have been stolen. During the zoning report Mr. Langston informed the trustees that he has been contacted by the Portage County Board of Development Disabilities about either the purchase of or forming a partnership with the township for the use of Brady Lake Park for the purpose of equipping it to accommodate their Special Olympics.

OLD BUSINESS

- The recently rebuilt chimney at town hall remains unsealed/finished. Mr. Langston has been instructed to seek other contractors to get the job finished and given the name of JBL Roofing as a possible contact.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to move forward with scheduling a window washing of all windows at town hall was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

There have been resident requests to have additional information posted on our website, which has been averaging about 200 hits per day. Specifically, they have asked for a paving schedule for the year so that they can be aware of road closures. Mr. Langston stated that he had no paving scheduled for 2021. Also, Mr. Swan received calls from some residents looking to buy back properties sold to Mr. Dick Warren years ago along the lakefront in Brady Lake. The promise was made to somehow develop this area and it never came to fruition.

FINANCES

A brief discussion was held about the final draft of the 2022 budget. It will be voted on at a public hearing schedule for 7:00pm on June 22, 2021. Payment of bills, warrants #25406 through 25431, including payment vouchers and totaling \$43,854.68 was authorized by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:13pm, a motion was made by Ann Hanna to suspend regular session and enter Executive Session to discuss personnel; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:12pm a motion to resume leave Executive Session and resume regular session was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:13pm Keith Benjamin moved to adjourn the regular meeting; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____