

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:15pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kevin Kwiatkowski – 7510 E. Pleasant Valley in Independence (Redwood Development LLC) – gave an introductory presentation about a development they intend to propose off of Powdermill on the northern portion of the previous Kent State Golf Course. This would be a complex of ranch style apartments with a targeted occupancy of 50+ year olds and young professionals. The parcel is approximately twenty-five acres and would require a zoning change to R4 high density multi-family residential. They have complexes in eight other states and retain ownership of all of them. Mr. Kwiatkowski handed out pamphlets and tentative map drawings depicting early plans. In the next few weeks they will begin the process of making formal presentations.
- Ron Burbick – 7660 Lake Royale Blvd. – addressed the board with some background information on how the Lake Royale development came to be and how that played a part in the current deed restrictions of the lot owners. Mr. Burbick is one of four members of a committee established to look into the street parking issues that have recently arisen over recreational vehicles parking in a cul-de-sac in the development. He states that the committee is formulating plans to amend deed restrictions and proposed bylaws changes in their association that will hopefully resolve some or all of the issues. Mr. Burbick asked the trustees to extend the committee time, to July 1, 2020, to make changes necessary and present these solutions to the board in order to vacate an earlier trustees' decision to implement a street parking ban in Lake Royale. The committee is aware of petitions circulated in the development by other residents and he questions their legitimacy. Mr. Swan stated that the trustees will take no action to post no parking signs in Lake Royale pending results from the committee meetings and the petitions circulated by neighborhood residents and lot owners. At that time the trustees will make a decision about whether or not to enforce or rescind a parking ban in Lake Royale. Mr. Swan asked Mr. Burbick specifically if all residents and lot owners in Lake Royale had been included in the information sharing and given the opportunity to participate in the committee meetings. Mr. Burbick responded that yes, all residents had been notified and invited to volunteer to participate.
- Dena Ferner – 1979 E. Swan Lake Circle – circulated the petitions and has made them available to the township showing that a majority of residents and lot owners do not support a parking ban in their development. She stated that all homeowners were not informed of what is transpiring in the committee nor were they invited to participate. Based on the petition results, she asked trustees to vacate their decision of September 24, 2019 to impose a street parking ban. Mr. Swan reiterated that the trustees will not make a decision until such time as the committee brings their findings to the board and the petitions are considered in July and that there are not signs posted banning parking currently. Until that time, Lake Royale residents should work together to resolve underlying issues of conflict and find a solution everyone can live with.
- Laurie Musselman – 2051 E. Swan Lake Circle – stated that as a homeowner in the development she has not heard one word about any information from the Lake Royale Board regarding the parking issue. She asked that trustees rescind their previous decision to ban parking now based on the petitions that show a majority of owners do not support it.
- Stuart Roll – 2020 E. Swan Lake Circle – asked the trustees to provide him copies of the petitions as a public records request. Mrs. Ferner was happy to provide him with copies and did so
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard – asked for a status update on 6426 Lakeview Drive for violations. Joe Ciccozzi will contact Mr. Lehman tomorrow with an update. He also expressed concerns about safety at a duplex at Washington and Garfield. Tenants are parking in the street causing a road hazard. Mr. Ciccozzi will look into the matter.

- Ron Stacey – 6408 Hillside – asked the trustees if any ordinances that existed in the former village still applied (i.e. for noise, curfews, etc.) Mr. Swan responded that all village ordinances became void and that township rules apply throughout the township now. He recommended that Mr. Stacey contact the sheriff's department if he has any concerns about his neighborhood. He also inquired about the status of the home at 6407 Hillside. Mr. Ciccozzi explained that the house is scheduled for demolition after being found uninhabitable by the county building department, fire department, and health department.
- Todd Peetz – Portage County Regional Planning Commission at 449 S. Meridian Street in Ravenna – commented about the ongoing LMI survey in the Brady Lake area. 14 more respondents are needed for the survey. Hal Lehman offered his assistance in helping to get those completed.

#### FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. This is likely to be Mr. Benner's final meeting as he moves on to work in Mantua Township. We appreciate his service to the township for the last four years and we welcome Richard Smith as his replacement.

#### ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Ron Nichols (1515 South Blvd.) asked that residents on North Blvd be held accountable for cleaning up their properties.

#### ROAD REPORT

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

- A zero turn mower at a cost of \$11,999.00 motion to approve made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- 24 tons of cold patch from Hei Way at a cost of \$2364.00 motion to approve made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. The trustees also mentioned repairs to the walkway at Chase Park, information gathering on the purchase of a motrim and a railroad closure on Judson Road that Mr. Langston took care of

Trustees then discussed what the township position should be in regards to the removal of trees or limbs that have fallen. Trustees agreed that if it is determined to be a township tree then it should be removed or trimmed by the township. If the tree belongs to a resident then it is their responsibility to have it removed or trimmed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

As an update on information gathering for a possible one time only spring cleanup in the township Mr. Penix stated that he is having difficulty finding a trash removal company willing to do it. The trustees thanked Mr. Penix for his efforts.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2020-11 appointing Al Barber as a member of the Zoning Commission was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2020-12 appointing Judy Spencer as an alternate to the Zoning Commission was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2020-13 appointing Sam Abell as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Due to the alc of a quorum being present the March 24, 2020 meeting was cancelled by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees noted correspondence from the Portage County Health Department about the corona virus spread and mosquito dunks free to the public; the PCSWD cancellation of the scrap tire collection; resident calls about a sinkhole on Skyview and the home referenced above on Hillside.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24909 through 24926, including payment vouchers and totaling \$185,375.37 was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. It was noted by Lisé Russell that \$67,000+ was for the December fire bill and that \$43,000+ was for the first half taxes due to Standing Rock Cemetery.

At 8:26pm the regular session was suspended to discuss personnel and legal matters by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:02pm the regular session was resumed by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. A motion was made by Keith Benjamin to pay an additional \$50 per month for the township cleaning service to come in the morning after every public meeting to disinfect all surfaces; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. A motion was made by Keith Benjamin to authorize Zoning Inspector Joe Ciccozzi to approach the Germaine Reserve with two options regarding their proposed development on Newcomer Road: They will provide adequate vehicle turning ratios on roads as determined by the Kent Fire Department and install fire hydrants sufficient to provide necessary water sources in case of fire OR they will provide two separate entrances to the development; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 9:04pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_