

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
Regular Meeting Agenda

At 7:00pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous public hearing and regular meeting held on November 12, 2019 were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Ms. Hanna welcomed assistant prosecutor Brett Bencze to the meeting. He is the new attorney assigned to Portage County townships.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- PCSO Lt. Scott Witkosky reported the following activity in the township: 6 accidents, 11 alarm drops, 11 assists to the emergency squad, 7 thefts, 4 parking violations, 6 premises checks, 8 suspicious people, 13 suspicious vehicles, 10 welfare checks, and 41 traffic stops. Trustee Scott Swan asked the lieutenant about the parking ban under discussion in the Lake Royale neighborhood in regards to exceptions being made for parties and guest parking once signs would be posted. Lt. Witkosky responded that once No Parking signs are posted there are no exceptions to be made.
- Chuck and Bryce Hall – 6568 Tower Street – addressed the board with an Eagle Scout service project proposal. Bryce would like to erect and Little Free Library at the Brady Lake park, which is in close proximity to his residence. The troop to which he is attached to build it, maintain it, and keep it stocked with books. He left his proposal with the trustees for consideration.
- Jill Grimm – 1509 Merrill – told the Halls that they were welcome to come and visit a Little Free Library just recently built by a local Girl Scout troop at the Twin Lakes beach entrance.
- Ron Nichols – 151 South Blvd. – had the following comments/concerns: some homeowners/property owners letting their property fall into disrepair and accumulate junk – specifically 1571 South Blvd. and 1545 North Blvd., catch basins in their area that need cleaned out to avoid flooding and debris build-up, a request for a status update on the Zamos properties that have had ongoing property maintenance violations since 2017. Mr. Nichols also commended the township road crew for their good work on caring for the roads, vegetation cleanup, chipping, and snow and ice removal. Assistant Zoning Inspector Joe Ciccozzi responded that he has been in contact with Mr. Zamos or his representatives about pending land contract agreements for the referenced properties in question and that improvement has been made – though not complete.
- RT Mansfield – 6540 S. Pleasant St. – expressed frustration with the Kent Post office and his letter carrier’s inability to deliver mail to his address now that the Brady Lake Post Office had closed. The board referred Mr. Mansfield to the Post Master in Kent for resolution.
- Bob Smith – 6230 Washington St. – inquired about leaf pickup which is on the agenda for later discussion.
- Trustee Keith Benjamin stated for the record that there are some addresses that are extremely high volume fire and ems call locations – specifically Whispering Pines at 50 through the end of September, Eastwood Motel and Storer Suites each with ten or more.

**ROAD REPORT**

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Langston is requesting a possible phone stipend in exchange for the use of a township paid cell phone. The board will take it under consideration.

## ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, resident Gloria Durnham inquired about the status of a street parking issue on Schoolview that is being caused by a resident using the street due to junk car pile ups and a basin issue in the front of their yard. Mr. Langston responded that the township repaired the catch basin this week and the resident is willing to work to get vehicles off of the street. Mr. Abell also responded to Mr. Nichols about the two property violations he spoke of in public comment – a junk car citation was issued for one and the other is a pending court matter.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Leaf Pickup update – many residents have communicated to trustees and Mr. Penix that they still have leaves out. Scott Swan stated that the dates had already been moved back to a later start this year to avoid early pickups when no leaves had fallen. Dates that each section was to be picked up – and specifically when to have their leaves to the curb by – were posted and stated clearly on the website. Residents who did not have them out on Sunday evening of their assigned pick up week did so by their choice. Mr. Benjamin stated the same. Ms. Grimm and Mr. Nichols stated that some residences in their neighborhoods did not have theirs picked up. Scott Swan stated that the township should receive verification from ABC Landscaping about what areas are done and what areas still need done according to already scheduled pickup dates before authorizing an additional pickup round. Jill Grimm informed the board that the township website clearly stated that an additional round of leaf pickup was authorized already. The board was unaware of this and Lisé Russell brought up the website to verify this information. As the website clearly stated that residents could expect another pickup, a motion was made by Keith Benjamin to give ABC Landscaping the go ahead to pick up another round; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Swan will call ABC Landscaping and notify them of the decision. December 6, 2019 will be last possible date for leaf pickup in the township.
- NEW BUSINESS  
After discussion about the requested transfer of a liquor permit from The Tavern At Twin Lakes INC to Two Kent Guys LLC it was decided that a hearing be requested to answer some questions.

## CORRESPONDENCE

In addition to numerous calls about leaf pickup the only other correspondence was a letter submitted by Lake Royale resident Dena Ferner regarding the street parking ban in their development.

## FINANCES

- Resolution 2019-34 – requesting a supplemental appropriation to the JEDD Fund in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of fire and ems services was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2019-35 requesting a transfer of \$150,000 from the JEDD Fund to the Fire Fund for the purpose of fire and ems services was approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- Payment of bills, warrants #24777 through 24791, including payment vouchers and totaling \$76,940.08 was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:21pm Ann Hanna motioned to suspend regular session and enter executive session; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:22 Ann Hanna motioned to exit executive session; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:23 Ann Hanna motioned to suspend regular session again for the purpose of discussing employee compensation and employment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 8:46pm Keith Benjamin motioned to exit executive session and resume regular session; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna/. All three trustees voted yes.

A motion was made by Ann Hanna to cancel the December 24, 2019 township meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott swan. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Benjamin asked that Ken Penix schedule the annual fire inventory and breakfast with the Kent Fire Department. Scott Swan motioned to replicate the 2018 bonus schedule with the addition of a \$500 bonus for Joe Ciccozzi; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. 2019 Bonuses will be \$1,000 each for Ken Penix, Sam Abell, and Jenny August and \$500 each for Joe Ciccozzi and Tim Benner.

At 8:50pm a motion to adjourn was made by Ann Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairwoman \_\_\_\_\_

