

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Road superintendent Brian Langston was excused from the meeting due to extended hours of snowplowing. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rob Wiggins – 6500 Lakeview Drive – co-owner of Events At Parkside addressed the board about a potential overflow parking issue the center might have if larger gatherings are scheduled. Jeff Keggs spoke as well. They expressed an interest in working out some kind of arrangement with the township that would allow them to utilize the empty lot directly across the street from the center in the event they schedule an event. Mr. Benjamin asked zoning inspector Joe Ciccozzi to follow up with Brett Bencze to inquire about a possible sale or lease of space on an as needed basis. Discussion followed about the interest in some redevelopment of the area in general and Mr. Ciccozzi suggested the gentlemen might want to reach out to the Portage County Regional Development for grant opportunities.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard Ave – expressed gratitude for the great job being done by the road crew keeping roads cleared of snow and work done by the township to have the property in longtime violation on Hillside demolished. He also asked for a status update on the Decker house on Hillside. Mr. Ciccozzi is in the process of getting authorization to have the property inspected. Mr. Lehman then presented the trustees with a list of street lights in the Brady Lake area of street lights still not fixed.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, trustees instructed Mr. Ciccozzi to research companies that will digitalize maps and site plans and other large documents we are currently storing. Discussion about the direction of the township Zoning Commission followed. Concerns were shared about the direction of zoning a development of vacant properties and about the possibility of some coaching being required to make sure all members are on the same page with vision for future development. Clarification was also discussed about why the Redwood development rezoning request at the site of the old Kent State golf course was denied. Trustees reiterated that they are not looking for more apartment type housing in the township but are looking for single family home development.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Richard Smith and is attached to the official record.

OLD BUSINESS

- Monfort personal property issue – a motion was made by Ann Hanna to inform the Monforts that their shed which currently sits on township owned property is to be removed from said property within a period of six months from this day; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

- NOPEC grant money currently available to the township is just over \$45,000. Possible projects to use the money for are HVAC updates at the garage or solar panel installation at the garage.
- The Amolsh Eagle Scout project at Phillips Park should be formally presented to the board by the end of March.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Hanna shared her meeting with Kate Chapel at the Tinkers Creeks Watershed Partners was very informative and that grant writing opportunities are plentiful. A depressed area at Chase Park might be a good place for a possible ice-skating area open to the public and installation of a dock at Brady Lake are two possibilities discussed.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #25263 through 25281, including payment vouchers and totaling \$82,836.65 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:38pm a motion to suspend regular session and enter executive session to discuss personnel was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:28pm a motion to leave executive session and re-enter resume regular session was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. At 9:29pm a motion to adjourn was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____