

Franklin Township Trustees  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:10pm, following the scheduled tax hearing, Chairman Scott Swan called the regular 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. Brian Langston, Joe Ciccozzi, and Richard Smith were excused from the meeting to better comply with social distancing and small attendance guidelines.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. David Beck – 7221 Elmhurst Drive, North Canton, Ohio – addressed the board announcing their family's purchase of the miniature golf course located within the township, Birdie Shack. Mr. Beck stated it has been a positive step thus far and they have received good reaction from the community. He also stated that the golf course owned by his family, The Fairways at Twin Lakes (also within the township) is having its most successful season since opening several years ago. Trustee Keith Benjamin asked that our administrator make sure to put that information on the township website and include a good pitch for the availability of good golf at the Fairways.
2. Raymond Beck – elaborated a bit on Dave Beck's comments about the purchase of Birdie Shack and the positive experience it has proven to be. He also stated that the 50+ acres owned by the Becks at the intersection of ST RT 50 and Cox will be developed at some point but no firm plans are made right now.
3. Joe Becker – 6572 Crescent Lane – asked about a status update on the junk cars that have been sitting on the old Garrett property where the structure that was on there was demolished by the township. Ms. Hanna stated that the property is now bank owned and suggested he contact the auditor's office for contact information. Scott Swan also replied to Mr. Becker that the board will have our zoning inspector, Joe Ciccozzi, follow up on the situation and have a report available at our next board meeting.
4. Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd – had several comments. First, he much appreciates the Becks working well with the Twin Lakes Association and their willingness to clean up a previously dilapidated structure on ST RT 43. The improvements are clearly visible. Next, he stated that Joe Ciccozzi has been doing a very nice job as the new zoning inspector – particularly pertaining to Zamos owned properties in Mr. Nicholas neighborhood. Then he reported that there is broken tile under a driveway on Alma Street and in need of township road crew attention. The information will be passed along to road superintendent, Brian Langston.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Zoning – submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

ROAD – submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, trustees approved expenditures of \$2,497 to Sealmaster for a new tamper, \$2,568.60 to repair unit #3 at Rush Truck Center, and \$675.00 for spraying vegetation and weed kill by T-Trim's along township guardrails. These expenses were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. Mr. Benjamin would like Mr. Langston to receive, in writing from Rush Truck Centers, what wording it will take in the future to assure that repairs such as the one referenced above and others will be included in extended warranties the township pay for if and when we make another equipment purchase there. Also approved, motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin and unanimous yes votes, was the approval to hire Brennan Schlaubach at an hourly rate of \$11.00 pending being interviewed by two trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brady Lake Spillway – this is still being investigated. There remains talk of hiring a company to put one in and/or repair the existing one. No decision made yet.
2. Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission hearings will resume in July. Joe Ciccozzi will be asked to schedule hearing such that social distancing and smaller attendance crowds can be enforced.
3. Video-conferencing/digital meeting capability proposals were discussed and it was determined that a decision will not be made to proceed until the township finds out how much money it will receive in CARES Act relief money.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2020-21 is a resolution declaring 2263 Crescent Lane a nuisance and providing for abatement and passed by a motion made by Scott Hanna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Benjamin. Mr. Swan and Mr. Benjamin both voted yes; Ms. Hanna abstained.
2. Resolution 2020-22 requesting the inspection of a structure located at 2248 Iraquois was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

COORESPONDENCE

An email received from resident Lori Klink – 6609 High St. – requesting board intervention or assistance for a mailbox problem she and other residents are having was read into the record by Scott Swan. Residents of her street and others are being forced to have PO boxes located on Brady Lake Road and they are not in a safe location to access. They want mail trucks to deliver mail to their homes. The UPSP Post Master has not been helpful. The trustees will direct Ken Penix to send a letter of support to the post office and ask for support from Brett Benzce at the prosecutor’s office.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24966 through 25007, including payment voucher and totaling \$18,760.41 since the last meeting was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_