

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Vice Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Trustee Ann Hanna and Road Superintendent Brian Langston were excused from attending. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ken Heller – 2148 Wunderlich – informed the board that there has been an off-road parking problem along Lakeview and up the side streets that surround Lake Brady. It is posing a danger when motorists turning onto side streets don't see parked cars that shouldn't be there. The area is signed No Parking. Resident Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. - concurred and stated that in the past parking was provided at the ballpark for those wanting to use the lake. Scott Swan responded that the trustees will speak to Brian Langston and ask that the road department take a look at the situation and possible signage and parking options and report back at the next meeting what the plan will be for increased parking. The township will also notify the sheriff's office of these plans and make them aware of the problem. Mr. Heller has twice called the sheriff's office and they come out, warn illegal parkers who then move their cars only to return as soon as the deputy leaves. He also expressed concerns that higher horsepower motors on boats at the lake could set a precedent and cause a danger to those using the lake. Mr. Swan stated that this would be one of the reasons trustees so frequently have encouraged Brady Lake property owners to form an association that would set guidelines and help govern the use of the lake. Resident Marilyn Knights – 6498 Westshore Drive – responded that the area doesn't have sufficient people that care enough to put in the work necessary to form such an association. Residents met several times to discuss then there was no follow through due to a lack of knowledge on how to proceed. Mr. Swan responded that advice has been provided at many public meetings and offers to provide information that could help has been offered several times by Jill Grimm of the Twin Lakes Association and encouraged the residents to keep at it.
- Hal Lehman – 2218 Leonard St. – offered thanks to the board for everything they do to support residents, and particularly for the spring cleanup just held. He also expressed concerns about trash piling up near benches along the lake. After big parties, trash overflows the one trash can down there and sits for a few days. Mr. Swan stated that he would ask Mr. Langston to see to it that frequent stops are made by the road crew to empty trash and possibly place additional receptacles there.
- Ann Reid – 6318 Lakeview – was in attendance as a representative of the League of Women Voters. The league has initiated an undertaking called Observe Corps, where members attend local government meetings and report summaries of these meetings and post them on the league's website.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Ciccozzi sought approval to move forward with plans to have site plans, maps and other large documents in storage digitized so that old paper copies can be destroyed. He has been in touch with a company that has given a price of \$3,000 to scan, then shred the documents and storage for the first year. He is still exploring other options for future scanning of such documents and having the files stored by the iWORQ software company being used by the zoning department. Motion to approve moving forward was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

ROAD REPORT

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

FIRE UPDATE

Deputy Fire Prevention Officer Richard Smith reported on several area businesses he has been in contact with regarding plans for expansion, compliance item checklists, etc. He also stated for the record that his inspection of Raising Cane's was exceptional. The business received a 100% and he was very impressed with their business/management model that contributes to the atmosphere there.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new AT&T contract for the cell tower lease is in the process of being signed.
- Spring cleanup was very well received by residents.
- The CO-OP contract with ODOT for road salt purchasing this next season is signed. The township committed to 1200 tons of salt. No price per ton has been issued yet.
- OPWC contracts for Hudson Road Phase IV and Phase III expansion and regrading to include bike lanes are submitted and awaiting OPWC approval. Phase IV will be a 50/50 shared grant project with a total cost of \$500,000. Phase III work will be an expense of \$125,000 to the township.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fish Windows submitted a quote of \$356.00 to wash all windows at town hall, inside and out, and clean the screens as well. Motion to approve the service was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- The township website has undergone some reconstruction and is up and running now.
- After discussion the following update to township COVID protocols were made by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin and both trustees voted yes to the following: Beginning June 2, 2021, all township employees will be expected to continue self-monitoring temperatures and symptoms daily; all guests/visitors entering a township building will have their temperature taken and be required to sign a guest/visitor log (a temperature above 100.3 degrees or the display of COVID symptoms will be cause for denial of entrance or dismissal from the building) and masks will be optional with one being provided for anyone requesting such; current additional disinfecting and sanitization practices will remain in place; social distancing practices will remain in place inside township buildings; pre-pandemic office hours will resume and no appointment will be needed to visit town hall during business hours. These guidelines will be followed by all representatives and employees of the township and will be adhered to at all township meetings, including zoning meetings.

FINANCES

The 2022 Tax Budget draft is near completion and will be ready to approve in June. Payment of bills, warrants #25387 through 25404, including payment vouchers and totaling \$40,139.72 since the last meeting was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

At 8:13pm Keith Benjamin motioned for the suspension of regular session in order to enter executive session to discuss personnel; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes. At 9:00 Keith Benjamin motioned to leave executive session and resume regular session; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

A motion was made by Scott Swan to issue a public records request to Kent State University for the following information:

- fire, emergency medical services, and police expenses for the last ten years
- the date that Kent State University suspended their own fire and ems departments and began contracting with the City of Kent for said services
- a copy of any agreements with the City of Kent for the above-mentioned services.

The motion was seconded by Keith Benjamin. Both trustees votes yes.

At 9:03pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____