

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Keith Benjamin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer reported on activity in the township over the last few weeks. Two citations (and pets removed from the owners) were issued to persons leaving their dogs in hot vehicles; there have been large party complaints at Campus Pointe – one such party resulting in five arrests. It was an OMEGA fraternity-hosted party that got out of hand with people uninvited showing up and causing a problem. Tim Benner spoke with Campus Pointe management the next day and was told that the security company used had been fired and the residents who hosted the party had been evicted. Scott Swan will contact the Vice President of Student Affairs at Kent state to make the university aware of the problems that have been arising there with off campus housing parties and conduct. Sgt. Ulsenheimer also reported that the Tavern at Twin Lakes building is locked up and secure; retail thefts are at a maintained level; the Brady Lake Methodist Church traffic problem with children crossing could use some extra patrol support. There was discussion about fireworks use in the township. Sgt. Ulsenheimer explained that fireworks can be purchased anywhere in Ohio but must then be immediately taken out of state for legal use. Possession is a misdemeanor. If caught, persons are first warned and the fireworks are confiscated.
- Jill Graham – 7436 Westlake Blvd – spoke on behalf of the Twin Lakes Association. She called attention to some areas in need of road repair assistance at Merrill/Knoll, and the lagoon property on Westlake. Jake Biltz responded that those areas are on the list of places to address this year. She also asked about consideration of using Aqua-salina for ice and snow removal. It is a road treatment process of using fracking waste water to remove ice instead of salt. Mr. Biltz had talked about it at a meeting previously and the board asked that he continue to investigate it. Ms. Graham then asked about a large backhoe belonging to a resident that is parked on the Knoll Road circle. The owner, Mr. Paul Ferder, owns the land and the backhoe. Area residents say it is unsightly and asked if anything could be done to get it moved. Scott Swan asked Sam Abell to contact Mr. Ferder and see if he is willing to park it elsewhere.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Additionally, there was discussion about the progress of cracksealing, dry hydrant installation, motrimming, and Mr. Biltz being the point of contact for the PCSO in case of an emergency in the township. All is progressing nicely.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Benner commended the township road crew for a job well done for their assistance with the dry hydrant installation; asked for assistance with getting a written opinion from the prosecutor's office on the status of the home at 6240 First Ave. on code requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kent Storage LLC status update – the board unanimously agrees that the township have Chris Meduri pursue the matter further. They disagree with the court’s ruling that the UHaul business is incidental and will continue with litigation after a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2018-17 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes. This resolution will allow Keith Benjamin and Ann Hanna to legally sign contracts authorizing the acquisition of the parcel located directly adjacent to Phillips Park.
- The board unanimously agreed to not request a hearing for the issuance of a new liquor permit at Sunoco, as long as the township is not currently over its quota for that level of permit. A motion was made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Following discussion the board decided that the use of Brady Lake will be permitted by all Franklin Township residents who access the lake publically, not from private property, until such time as owners of property on the lake form an association and govern the use of the lake themselves. Motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes. Jake Biltz will contact OTARMA to see if they have recommendations pertaining to lake use and regulations. Scott Swan will follow up with the Portage County sheriff’s office to inquire about safety enforcement. A request by a resident to be baptized in the lake was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

Authorization was approved for the payment of bills submitted, warrants #24125 through #24143, including payment vouchers, totaling \$40,324.83 by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 8:40pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____