

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairwoman Ann Hanna called the meeting to order. Scott Swan was excused from the meeting due to family illness. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- PCSO – Lt. Scott Witkoski reported the following statistics for the month of September: seven private property incidents, six alarm drops, seven ems squad assists, seven domestic incidences, six thefts, nine premises checks, 16 suspicious persons, seven suspicious vehicles, thirty-nine traffic stops, and 10 welfare checks. Extra patrols will be out for Halloween Night in Downtown Kent and for the township trick or treat.
- Stewart Roll – 2020 East Swan Lake Circle and Moe Motayar – 2056 East Swan Lake Circle addressed the board with a request for a parking ordinance for the Lake Royale development. There is a recreational vehicle frequently parked at the end of a cul-de-sac for upwards of three or four days at a time. Owned by a neighbor, it is frequently hooked up to an extension cord that runs from the owner’s home as well as a garden hose. Current deed restrictions in the development prohibit driveway parking of recreational vehicles. These gentlemen, and other neighbors conferred with, support an ordinance banning parking of such vehicles for reasons concerning safety. A list of safety concerns include tripping hazards over the cords and hose, blocking of others’ driveways, interference with snow removal. After discussion the deputy in attendance suggested that No Parking signs might be in order and effective. Ann Hanna made a motion to have the maintenance department erect NO Parking signs in the Lake Royale allotment; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes. Mr. Motayar stated that residents would give the township at least 24 hours notice if a party is scheduled that requires extra parking so that signs can be covered with permission to allow for entertaining in the area.
- Matt Proske – 6486 Westshore Dr. – notified trustees that he completed the LMI survey distributed to Brady Lake area residents regarding financial assistance with lake drainage issues; wanted to check on a the status of poles left in the water where the former boat dock sold by the township had been removed and a high grass situation at the old Boyles automotive place on Brady Lake Road. The township maintenance department will be removing the poles, with assistance by Mr. Heller who is allowing the use of his boat and the high grass situation has been addressed by zoning.
- Ken Heller – 2148 Wunderlich – asked about filling some large potholes on Westshore. Mr. Langston replied that the crew will be there as soon as they can to take care of it.
- Matt McMillan – 2090 Westshore - updated the board regarding ongoing efforts in pursuit of a lake association for the Brady Lake property owners. It is a slow process but they are still working on it. Keith Benjamin thanked them for the time and diligence.
- Marilyn Knights – 6498 Westshore – concerned about the condition of the home across the street. There is junk piling up (a recliner and trailer of junk in the driveway), people coming and going at all times. Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi will follow up on the junk. Lt. Witkoski will follow up on the activity.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record.

ROAD REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

- The Kiko auction at the maintenance garage was successful. It was well attended, many items sold. The township should net just over \$3,000 from the sale.
- Trustees do not request a hearing regarding the transfer of a liquor permit for Fine Wines of France (Valerie May, home business owner) based on conditional uses imposed by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- The lots along Brady Lake Road owned by the township and for sale will remain signed for a period of six months. If they do not sell by that time the township will keep them as a nice green space and a good buffer for the playground.
- Old rescue equipment in inventory at the Kent Fire Department that is owned by the township will be donated to Portage County volunteer departments that need it.
- Chris Meduri from the prosecutor’s office is looking into a litigation matter involving the township and the estate of Norman Garrett that has resulted in a bill to the township for \$313.50.

NEW BUSINESS

- By a motion made by Ann Hanna and 2nd by Keith Benjamin Franklin Township’s Trick or Treat was set for Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 3-5pm. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resident Maryann Hayes was contracted to provide cleaning services at township hall twice monthly at a cost of \$150.00 per month by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.
- Ann Hanna has contacted Conrad’s Disposal for information regarding a community spring cleanup. Information will follow when available.
- Keith Benjamin raised some questions of concern regarding the latest incident at the Arize Event Center. A severe overcrowding incident both inside and outside in the parking lot caused the sheriff’s department and the Kent Fire Department to be called to the premises. Upon investigation, one of the main doors was found to be broken making it unsafe for people to be inside. The place was closed by order of the fire department for the night and will not be allowed to reopen to the public until proof is provided that the door is repaired. Mr. Benjamin wants answers to questions about what security on the site is responsible for (who is keeping a count on how many people are in there), how many vehicles are in the lot and can it be accessed by safety personnel if needed, and what recourse does the township have for continued violations of conditions agreed to by the owner – what if any penalties will there be? Sam Abell will check with legal counsel regarding the process for revoking the owner’s conditional use permit and to see if the township will be able to seek reimbursement for the \$1358.00 charge it will be assessed for the fire call dispatched.
- Resolution 2019-30 appointing Al Barber as an alternate to the Zoning Commission was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2019-31 – establishing the Administrative Assistant as the Designee for Public Records Training for other elected official in the township by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24676 through 24701, including payment vouchers and totaling \$99,746.82 was authorized by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

Resident Al Barber – 7531 Diagonal Road briefly informed the board of a co-op established advancing the installment of solar arrays in the area. They have seen a good demand in the township and expect more to follow.

At 8:15pm the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairwoman _____