

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ann Motayar – 2056 E. Swan Lake Circle – addressed the board about the parking issues discussed at the last meeting in the Lake Royale development. She spoke in response to emails and letters sent from other development residents about the board's decision to have No Parking signs put up. Ms. Motayar reiterated the concerns brought forth by her husband and Mr. Roll last month about a recreational vehicle frequently parked at the end of their cul-de-sac, prompting the decision by the board to erect signs. They are concerned about safety for pedestrians walking over cords and hoses hooked up to the vehicle, obstruction of the view for entering and exiting neighboring driveways, and the close proximity to the fire hydrant where the vehicle is parked. She thanked the board for their diligence in considering the concerns brought forth by concerned residents.
2. Greg Ferner – 1979 E. Swan Lake Circle – expressed his surprise at finding out about the impending No Parking signs and asked for some specifics about how it will be enforced. Ms. Hanna and Mr. Benjamin replied that neighbors are free to call the sheriff if they see vehicles parked illegally once the signs are posted. They assured Mr. Ferner that it is not the intent to impede regular service vehicles in the development from parking while they perform services for residents or to harass guests who park in the street when attending gatherings at residents' homes. This is intended to address vehicles that park in the street for extended periods of time or to discourage people who abuse street parking on the streets in Lake Royale. The road department will be ordering signs to post as soon as they are ready.
3. Marie Cinalli – 1547 Steele Street – addressed the trustees with a complaint about continued overnight street parking by tenants in a property across the street and at the corner. She has spoken to the people doing this and they have expressed that they will not stop because signs are not posted. The residence where this is occurring is 6280 Second Ave. The township will look into the matter and see what can be done.
4. Marilyn Knights – expressed continued concerns about the junk piling up at the residence across the street from her. She is also very concerned about. Sam Abell will send a letter to the owner, Mr. Acres, asking to inspect the outside of the property as a junkyard violation. If the owner declines, he will seek a court order to inspect with law enforcement support. Mr. Benjamin asked that our administrator reach out to Lt. Witkoski at the PCSO for a status update on what is being done about this situation.
5. Gloria Durman – 6504 West Shore – expressed the same concerns and frustration with the ongoing situation at the above referenced address. She too has shared these concerns with numerous people and is frustrated by the lack of attention being given to the matter. She inquired about what it would take to file a nuisance abatement. Mr. Abell replied that he will seek legal opinion from our counsel at the prosecutor's office about what the township's options are.
6. Richard Carl – 6504 Lakeview – asked the board about leaf pickup for this year. He is concerned that an early pickup would leave, like last year, leaves in yards. Ms. Hanna and Mr. Benjamin stated that pickup would be started later this year. He also wanted to make sure leaves on Crescent Lane were picked up.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and Joe Ciccozzi and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Abell made the road superintendent, Brian Langston, aware of a problem catch basin on Schoolview. He also expressed that there is a street parking problem on Schoolview due to a junkyard pileup and thinks No Parking signs posted at both ends of Schoolview would be helpful.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Brian Langston and is attached to the official record. Additionally, Mr. Langston presented quotes to grind/pave the following: Erie Street - \$27,786; West Shore - \$13,374; and Merrill Road - \$7,254. With paving money available for the rest of the year limited to \$35,000 a motion was made by Keith Benjamin to grind/pave Erie Street and Merrill Road at a cost of between \$34,000 - \$35,000; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes. Mr. Ken Heller – 2148 Wunderlich – asked if it would be possible to include paving West Shore and other streets at the same time and trustees responded that the money is not available this year and that other roads are certainly on the list to do.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Benjamin acknowledged that the city of Kent fire department graciously offered to not bill the township for a late night call to the Arize event center for an overcrowding incident in the township. Mr. Penix will send a thank you letter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorization was given to have Quesenberry tree service remove trees at town hall and on West Shore for a total expense of \$2350.00 by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.
2. Authorization for a six month contract with Stouffer realty for the sale of vacant lots located on Brady Lake Road was given by a motion made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.
3. Approval was given to rehire seasonal employee Michael Jones at the rate of \$11.00 per hour by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes. Ms. Hanna and Mr. Benjamin stated that the amount of hours he gets scheduled should be watched so as to not have him work an excess of hours which would change his seasonal hire status.

FINANCES

Payment of bills, warrants #24702 through 24730, including payment vouchers, totaling \$126,681.07 was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Ann Hanna. Both trustees voted yes.

At 8:20pm a motion to adjourn was made by Ann Hanna; 2nd Keith Benjamin. Both trustees voted yes.

DATE _____ FISCAL OFFICER _____

CHAIRWOMAN _____