

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

At 7:00pm Chairman Scott Swan called the meeting to order. Trustee Keith Benjamin was excused from the meeting. A motion was made by Mark Beckwith to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sgt. Scott Ulsenheimer – PCSO 8240 Infirmity Road – reported the following statistics for the township for the period of January 1, 2017 – January 24, 2017:

- 4 party complaints (loud disturbance) calls at Campus Pointe
- 2 thefts from vehicles on Powdermill Rd
- 8 motorist assists for keys locked in cars
- 10 domestic disturbance calls (all at the same address)
- 60 traffic stops with 16 citations issued and 5 arrests

Jake Biltz asked that patrols focus on the Hudson/Judson area as there are many speeders there.

Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – thanked the PCSO for extra patrols and a presence in their neighborhood. He then thanked the trustees and road crew for addressing the flooding problem on Clio by raising the level of the road and graveling. There has been a big improvement. Mr. Nichols also reiterated his concern about oil running into East Twin Lake from a catch basin on Addie St. Jake Biltz did locate the leak on Addie but an oil mess remains. No one knows what happened to cause it at this point.

ROAD REPORT

Submitted as written by Jake Biltz and is attached to the official record. Mr. Biltz expressed a desire to work in conjunction with the sheriff's department work release inmates or other community service oriented groups to help with litter pickup – possibly quarterly.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Resolution 2017-04 – a resolution calling for a special lien assessment for a parcel known as 6554 Crescent Lane was approved by a motion made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Beckwith reported that a meeting with Chief Tosko from the City of Kent Fire Department was informative and helpful. Funding strategies were discussed as well as dry hydrant installation updates.

- Resolution 2017-02 – a resolution reappointing Glenn Russell to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the 2017 year was approved by a motion made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2017-03 – a resolution reappointing Judy Spencer to the Zoning Commission for the 2017 year was approved by a motion made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- Resolution 2017-05 – a resolution authorizing a moratorium on medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and distribution was approved by a motion made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.
- It was decided that a mobile cart and smart TV should be purchased for the upstairs meeting room in order to allow any in attendance with presentations to share with all present. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Mark Beckwith. Both trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

City of Kent resident, John Flynn, sent a letter to trustees regarding the change in zoning request made by Davey Tree/Oak Knolls Golf Course. He, along with other residents of the adjacent River Bend development, have concerns about what conditional uses are allowed for the property if zoned I-1, such as trucking businesses or storage rentals, particularly if Davey Tree should sell the property.

FINANCES

- Trustees and others present at the meeting discussed levy options for the township. One of the three road and bridge levies is due on the ballot this year. Another one comes due next year. We also discussed the pros and cons of renewal versus replacement and the difference in money each would generate. It was decided that the .5mill levy that expires in 2017 will be put on the November ballot as a replacement this year. Then in 2018 the board will make decisions on which levies will be placed in the spring and fall elections.
- Bills were presented for payment; warrants numbered 22138 through 22148, including payment vouchers, totaling \$172,664.60. A motion to pay bills was made by Mark Beckwith; 2nd Scott Swan. Both trustees voted yes.

At 7:50pm a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Mark Beckwith. Both trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____