

Franklin Township Trustees
Tuesday, May 8, 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 Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Coreen Rhinehart and Matthew McMullen – 2090 Brady Lake Road – questioned the board about the township plan for the lake in Brady Lake. Keith Benjamin explained what the township priorities have been since the merge, with the focus being on road work, having parcels of land surveyed and readying buildings for possible sale, aligning zoning codes and such. He stated that the lake itself has not been a priority at this point and reiterated that residents have been encouraged to form an association similar to the Twin Lakes Association and the one for Stewart Lake. Scott Swan elaborated that no changes have been made to past practices for use and regulation of the lake. The township recognizes that the residents have historically taken a self-governing role concerning the lake and the township sees no reason to make changes at this point in time. Ms. Rhinehart and Mr. McMullen stated that they would need some help with the steps involved in the formation of such an association. Mr. Benjamin assured them that the township would do what it can to help and pointed out that legal help could be forthcoming from the prosecutor's office. Mr. Benjamin also suggested the residents contact the Portage Park District for assistance if needed.
- Patrick Corbett – representing Raising Canes at 1801 Main Street – asked the board for permission to have signage for hiring through July 1st. The grand opening is slated to be June 25th. At the same time the trustees also approved the sign currently up and asked Sam Abell to make sure it meets all guidelines regarding to set back and size. Fees are waived.
- Ron Nichols – 1515 South Blvd. – expressed his gratitude for the appreciation dinner and certificates of recognition given to those involved in the workings of the township two weeks ago. He then expressed his desire for more residents to attend meetings and encouraged their participation in decision making and sharing input, specifically residents in the Brady Lake area who have not had the opportunity to engage thus far. Mr. Nichols inquired about the possibility of a new hire for the road crew as the work load has increased since the acquisition of the former village. In fact, the township has been advertising for a full time position and applications have been submitted.

FIRE REPORT

Submitted as written by Tim Benner and is attached to the official record. Additionally Mr. Benner thanked Jake Biltz for his willingness to assist in the posting of a sign by the Kent Fire Department at a Park Ave. address stating the structure is unsafe. Also noted was the amount of time that site plan reviews has been taking.

ZONING REPORT

Submitted as written by Sam Abell and is attached to the official record. Additionally a motion was made by Keith Benjamin to authorize Mr. Abell or Mr. Biltz to contact Roberts Construction and ask him to revise his bid for clearing junk from the Garrett property on Crescent Lane and get it cleared as soon as possible; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.

There is a property located at 6527 Park Ave. that is unsecure and unsafe and will likely be the township's responsibility to fence in order to keep children or others from injury. The new assistant zoning inspector, Joe Ciccozzi, started last week and accompanied Mr. Abell on inspections. The township welcomed Mr. Ciccozzi to the meeting as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2018-11 is a resolution appointing Theresa Mullet as a member of the Zoning Commission. The resolution was approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.
- The acceptance of union approved changes regarding uniform allowances for road department employees was approved by a motion made Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.
- Authorization for an additional 2200 tons for the Winter Road Salt Contract with ODOT was approved by a motion made by Keith Benjamin; 2nd Scott Swan. All three trustees voted yes.
- The 2018 Kent Fire Department incident rate for 911 calls made within the township was set at \$1,332.00 by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Keith Benjamin. All three trustees voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the May BZA meeting has been canceled due to nothing being on the docket. Also, the Zoning Commission will meet on May 22, 2018 for the purpose of aligning zoning codes between Brady Lake and the township.

FINANCES

Bills submitted for payment since the last meeting, warrants # 24028 through #24047, including payment vouchers, were approved by a motion made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

At 7:53pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Swan; 2nd Ann Hanna. All three trustees voted yes.

Date _____ Fiscal Officer _____

Chairman _____

