

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 12, 2010

The Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session from 7:30 P.M. to 8:54P.M. in the 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Ron Williams called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever	Present	Mr. Ron Williams	Present
Mrs. Pam Sayre	Present	Mrs. Barbara Bloxam	Present

EMPLOYEES: Mrs. Elizabeth Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 25, 2010 meeting were presented. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fiscal Actions

Bills were presented for payment. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

April payroll was presented for approval. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve payroll as reported. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The bank reconciliation, bank statements, receipts and expenditure reports dated March 1 -31, 2010 was presented for review and approval. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve March, 2010 bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Norwich Fire Department Report

None given.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

An officer from the Franklin County Sheriff Department reported there were no new break-ins within the township after reporting at the last meeting. He reminded attendees to keep garage, barn, and shed doors closed now that residents are more active doing outside yard work.

He reported the body of a female had been discovered in the Beach Road bridge area in Darby Creek. She had died from a gunshot wound and alleged to have been driven to the area and her body deposited in the area. An alleged suspect is being questioned while further investigations continue.

A resident living in the area of the township that has now been annexed by the City of Hilliard asked the officer who to call if help is needed. He answered residents in this area can still call the Franklin County Sheriff's office or the Hilliard Police Department.

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Elizabeth A. Clark, Executive Assistant to the Trustees, Report

Town Center Master Plan

A draft of the Town Center Master Plan is expected to be released to the public later this month with a public meeting and meetings with elected officials to follow shortly after. Dates have not been set.

Conservation Development Zoning

The Conservation Development Zoning regulations stakeholders group met on March 19 to begin to approach the list of questions developed in earlier meetings. It was decided that some of the questions, such as the appropriate water quality standard against which to measure performance of conservation development, need to be answered by the jurisdictions before some of the other questions can be tackled by the stakeholders group.

In a later meeting, Franklin County Sanitary Engineer Stephen Renner indicated that he and representatives of the Franklin County Health Department and Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District have been dealing with a similar issue. Stephen indicated he will organize a meeting of those interests along with representatives of the conservation development stakeholders group to develop a response.

The stakeholders group elected not to meet again on the details of the regulations themselves until progress has been made on the questions. Development Department staff is charged with keeping the initiative moving.

Big Darby Accord Working Group

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on March 17. BDAWG held a discussion about the definitions of open space and then directed the Open Space Advisory Council (OSAC) to provide, by July 1, clarity on the various definitions of open space and appropriate land uses for each type. BDAWG will review the guidance provided by OSAC and determine next steps in its use.

Open Space Advisory Council

The Open Space Advisory Council met on March 18. Joe Kitchen was introduced as the new MORPC staff member assigned to work with and assist the group. During the standing discussion of the open space map, a request was made to indicate on the map which lands are held in conservation ownership by such organizations as Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, to distinguish them from lands that are held in fee simple ownership, such as those held by Metro Parks.

OSAC agreed to take on the assignment given by BDAWG to clarify definitions of open space. A working group was appointed made up of Kyle Wilson, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District; Anthony Sasson, The Nature Conservancy; Erin Sherer, Ohio EPA; Tracy Hatmaker, Prairie Township; and Malcolm Porter, Building Industry Association of Central Ohio.

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Brown/Prairie Meeting

On March 24, Trustee Williams and I met with Prairie Township Trustee Steve Kennedy and Prairie Township Administrator Tracy Hatmaker to discuss items of mutual interest including the Town Center Master Plan and alternative wastewater treatment.

Alternative Wastewater Treatment Systems

Franklin County Sanitary Engineer Stephen Renner indicated recently that his office intends to publish technical specifications on alternative wastewater treatment systems sometime in 2010. This timing suggests there is no particular sense of urgency from the Sanitary Engineer's Office on this subject.

Coming Events

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, April 21, 9 a.m., Lazarus Building
- Open Space Advisory Council field trip, April 15, 9 a.m., MORPC

SWACO

Mr. Albert Iosue, SWACO, Assist. Director of Planning and Projects, presented information distributed by Mr. Jeff Cahill, SWACO, Assistant Executive Director regarding the appointment of a township representative appointment to their Board of Trustees.

Information and qualifications of Mr. William Lotz, a resident of Jackson Township, was reviewed and discussed by the Trustees. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. William Lotz as a member of the SWACO Board of Trustees. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Williams opened the meeting for audience comments or questions.

Suzanne Ford, a resident of the township reported the meeting dates were printed incorrectly in the quarterly township newsletter. She also reported the meeting minutes were not current on the website. The Trustees replied they were not aware of the errors printed in the newsletter. Discussions continued within the audience regarding access to information and proceedings of the township.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to move the Regular session meeting to the third Monday of each month from 7:30 pm to adjournment. She added to include a Financial meeting to be held on the second Monday of each month from 6:00pm to adjournment to allow more time for the fiscal officer to prepare financial statements and meeting minutes and the Trustees to review before approvals before the regular session. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Dever made a motion to post meeting minutes to the website promptly after approval of the minutes the following month. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A resident reported a group called the Galloway/Hilliard Project exists in the area to observe all levels of government procedures and actions.

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Old Business

A resident living on Walker Rd. asked the Trustees if a sign erected in the area was in compliance. Trustee Dever reported he had checked on her request and the sign was in compliance.

Trustee Dever reported the stone facing is in need of repair on the firestation building. Further discussion will follow.

New Business

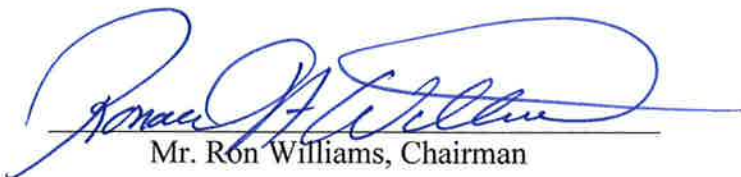
The proposal for landscaping upkeep for 2010 was presented and review by the Trustees. Trustee Dever moved to accept the proposal from Creative Spaces in the amount of \$3,095.00. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion.

Votes were: Mr. Gary Dever, Aye; Mr. Ron Williams, Aye; Mrs. Pam Sayre, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.


Mr. Ron Williams, Chairman
Mrs. Barb Bloxam, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.