

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 8, 2010

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The Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session from 7:30 P.M. to 8:45 P.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
Mrs. Pam Sayre

Present
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Mr. Ron Williams
Mrs. Barbara Bloxam

Present
Absent

EMPLOYEES: Mrs. Elizabeth Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting and the January 1, 2010 meeting were presented. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections suggested by Trustee Sayre and to request that minutes be prepared in this manner in the future. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fiscal Actions

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

Norwich Fire Department Report

Assistant Chief Kaufman provided a monthly summary and a fuel summary. He commented on a small incident involving the garage door. The Fire Department will make repairs. He presented quotes for replacement of blinds. Trustee Dever made a motion to select the Blind Factory to replace blinds in the lower level of the Firehouse. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

Deputies reported a fairly quiet period with a few accidents. There were a couple of burglaries at night while people were at home. It is believed the perpetrators knew the victims. Arrests have been made in Licking County believed to be linked to the earlier Brown Township burglaries and others in Franklin County. For more information, contact Detective McMillen at 462-3351.

Trustee Williams recognized a member of the audience who said he was at the meeting to learn. He and his wife recently purchased a 27-acre parcel on Morris Road, known as the Parker farm. They hope to build soon and to keep horses and alpacas.

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

Town Center Master Plan

The Town Center Master Plan consultant team made its third trip to central Ohio in late January for a week of focus group meetings, design charrettes and public meetings. The week culminated with the presentation of preliminary recommendations on various aspects of the Town Center Master Plan, including, among other recommendations:

- Based upon the market study, a development program involving about 3,500 dwelling units and about 600,000 square feet of non-residential, with a population of about 7,500
- neighborhood-serving retail, not destination retail
- based on environmental considerations and multiple landowners, a concept called preservation lots for the portion of the planning area in Brown Township, with about 175 dwelling units proposed there
- recommendation against further consideration of an I-70 interchange because it is not needed for the Town Center and because there is no way to limit traffic and development to the north of I-70

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- Based on environmental considerations and issues of ease of land assembly, the core of the Town Center recommended to be located south of Broad Street
- a 100-room boutique hotel, intended to complement the tourism and special event activities in the area

Next steps include revisions to the recommendations based on input received during and after the public sessions.

Conservation Development Zoning

The conservation development zoning regulation stakeholders group continues to meet to review the regulation one section at a time with the objective of producing a consensus regulation. The group is expected this week to discuss the appropriateness of Ohio EPA's stormwater permit as a standard and to begin discussion of refining the economic feasibility numbers.

Open Space Advisory Council

The Open Space Advisory Council met on January 21 and elected new officers: Erin Sherer, OEPA, chair, and Malcolm Porter, BIA, vice chair. Anthony Sasson, The Nature Conservancy chaired his final meeting. Additionally, Scott Fulton gave a full presentation on the conservation development regulations being developed. The Council provided specific input to the Town Center Master Planning process consultants. The OSAC annual report will be provided to the Big Darby Accord Working Group soon. MORPC's two-year commitment to staff OSAC has expired, but MORPC will continue its work into the foreseeable future.

Big Darby Accord Working Group

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on January 20 and heard a presentation from Jerry Tinianow, new director of MORPC's Center for Energy and the Environment. MORPC has received grant funding to conduct strategic planning projects in all of the watersheds in MORPC's planning area, including the Darby Watershed. The funding will allow an increased portion of MORPC staff time to be devoted to Darby initiatives, including support of the Open Space Advisory Council. BDAWG also heard reports from other committees.

Coming Events

- Conservation Development Regulations Stakeholders Group, February 10, 9 a.m., Lazarus Building
- Big Darby Accord Working Group, 9 a.m., February 12, Lazarus Building
- Urban Land Institute Panel Discussion on Big Darby Accord Town Center Master Plan, 5 p.m., February 17, Memorial Hall

Trustee Williams asked about progress on alternative wastewater treatment systems. Assistant Clark responded that a small amount of progress has been made, involving meetings between the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer and Ohio EPA.

Trustee Sayre asked about the definition of open space. Assistant Clark responded that the Open Space Advisory Council began discussion of the definition at its last meeting.

Old Business

Trustee Dever reported that the septic system passed inspection.

Trustee Dever reported that the door handle on the township hall has been repaired.

Trustees discussed a memorandum that had been prepared assessing the Township Administration's computer facilities. Trustee Dever made a motion to follow the recommendations of the memo and, in addition, to consider purchasing a laptop. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustees discussed a letter from resident Paul Lambert to the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's office seeking advice and assistance with drainage problems on his property.

Trustees discussed the Franklin County Township Association and efforts to get it reactivated. Current plans are to hold meetings four times a year.

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New Business

Trustees discussed payments to Norwich Township Fire Department and opted to hold the current check in order to discuss it with Fiscal Officer Bloxam.

Trustee Dever reported a request to install two horse signs. Trustee Williams will look into the matter.

Adjournment

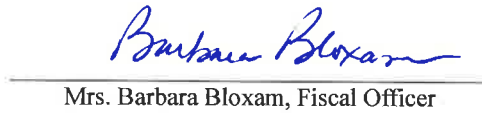
With no further business, Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Mr. Ron Williams, Chairman



Mrs. Barbara 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.