

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 7, 2013

Regular Meeting

Mr. Dunlap called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Ms. Menningen called the roll in the absence of Chris Smith, Fiscal Officer who was on vacation: Mr. Dunlap, Mr. Myers and Mr. Weltlich were present. Others present were: Director of Operations, Bill Yaple; Engineer, Greg Butcher and Fire Chief, John Eisel.

Mr. Dunlap asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence honoring those who protect us around the world.

Mr. Weltlich moved to approve, without public reading, the (amended) minutes of the Regular meeting of July 3, 2013 and the Regular Trustee meeting of July 17, 2013 as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll Call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Recognition of Guests:

None

Public Comment:

Doug Smith of 9357 Southchester Drive was present. Mr. Smith was present to express his concern as well as many of his neighbors concerns about PASA's proposal to use Nelson Park for their program. Most of the residents are concerned about safety because of the increased traffic in the area. Mr. Smith said he received feedback from 37 residents and so far only one of those residents was not opposed.

Steve Brown of 9330 Eastchester was present. He is affected because he lives right next door to the park. Mr. Brown explained that Nelson Park was left to their subdivision several years ago as a neighborhood park and doesn't feel the park was ever designed for neighborhood sports and hopes it is kept that way.

Richard Madison of 9357 Chester Park was present. He did not want the traffic either and said it has always been quiet in this neighborhood and he hopes it can be kept as a quiet residential park. He also asked about bathrooms as there were none and wondered if they would bring in port-a-potties.

Rhonda Sigmund of 9357 Northchester was present. She also is opposed to PYSA using the park. Her main concern is Northchester is one of the main roads to get into their subdivision and there is not enough room for buses and cars to go through as it is.

Terry Malone of 12908 Westchester was present and was concerned about pedestrian injuries as well as automobile accidents.

Jack Riordin of 12631 Eastchester was present. He thanked Mr. Yaple for contacting him when the request from PYSA came in. Mr. Riordin could not add anything to what the other residents had already said and added It would change significantly the nature of their community if this was allowed.

Larry Sigman of 12866 Eastchester was present. He feels that approving this would open the door for people to do whatever they wanted.

Mr. Dunlap asked what the original request was for. Mr. Yaple said they wanted to use the park for soccer practice from 5 to 8pm. As he understood it there would be 4 teams that would meet for an hour and a half and this would last about 9 to 10 or 12 weeks each time twice a year and would be four nights a week.

Mr. Dunlap asked if they had the facility on Benadum Road. Mr. Yaple said the association does but was not sure what the agreements were. Mr. Dunlap said that in the latest Fairfield County Parks flyer it lists parks that are in construction, and what exits. There is one at Lockville Road Park that is being used by PYSA as soccer fields and Mr. Dunlap wondered if they could use that. Mr. Yaple has not spoken to Dave Fey about any of this.

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Mr. Butcher said there was 1.85 acres at Nelson Park. Mr. Weltlich said he would be opposed to granting the use as he feels we are obligated to protect our citizens and the general public.

Mr. Dunlap said when we accepted Nelson Park we accepted it as a community park even though it was public. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion that we respectfully request PYSA to find another location because of the fact that there are no restroom facilities, (at Nelson Park) it is a safety issue on the roadway and it loses the neighborhood/park concept if we allow them in. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion A2013-0807 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Myers brought up the fact that Mr. Madison mentioned they didn't have sidewalks. Mr. Myers said if they wanted to have sidewalks he recommended they get a group together and address Mr. Butcher as this could possibly be done at the residents' expense. Mr. Butcher advised he would assist if the residents wanted to pursue. Mr. Dunlap added that if we can get a grant we would get a grant for the sidewalks.

Mr. Madison also spoke about bicycle paths and thought maybe if they put sidewalks in they could somehow connect them to SR256. Mr. Dunlap recommended he talk to City Council the first or third Tuesday of the month.

There were some Eagle Scouts present looking to see if there were any projects they could do for the Township. Mr. Dunlap recommended they speak to Mr. Butcher or Mr. Yapple.

County Authorities:

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department

Chief Eisel reported everything went very well for National Night out Event and felt it could be a very successful event going forward.

Chief Eisel reported he will be traveling to Chicago next week attending the International Association of Fire Chief's. Chief Eisel is on the Board of Directors for the safety and survival class.

Chief Eisel had (1) resolution to reclassify Firefighter Chad Marohl from the position of Part Time Firefighter Level 1 to Volunteer Firefighter with an effective date of July 29, 2013. **Mr. Myers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0807-01 – Reclassify Personnel to Volunteer Firefighter. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0807-01 passes 3-0.**

Chief Eisel reported Chief Little was attending a Fairfield County Association meeting. He spent most of his day with folks from PRX Technology as they continue to refine all the technology that goes in for the firefighters tracking system. They flew in several representatives and are doing live demos during their training classes today.

Chief Eisel said they would have a demonstration of the first brand from the first vendor tomorrow afternoon as well as a device called a Hovermatt which is all self powered and it can be left on the medic. It functions similar to a Hovercraft.

Mr. Weltlich asked Chief Eisel for the 'formal' accident report.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there would be lights and siren on the Polaris. Mr. Dunlap also wanted to know if they would have a trailer available to move that around if they need to or just drive it. Chief Eisel said they would.

Township Engineer:

Mr. Butcher reported the second round of mosquito fogging was completed last night. Mr. Dunlap asked if Mr. Butcher had noticed any difference in the mosquitoes since we have sprayed twice now. Mr. Butcher said it had been better.

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Mr. Butcher reported Ault Road has been fog sealed and he feels it went very well. Mr. Weltlich thought it looked great and wondered if he had received any complaints. Mr. Butcher said he had heard concerns from about five people. Mr. Butcher encouraged the Trustees to look at it, drive it and see what they think. The Trustees agree this is a cost savings if we can keep the cracks from coming through.

Mr. Butcher reported there is a Storm water Utility workshop scheduled for Monday, August 19 at 9:30 am. The Trustees would like to move it to Tuesday the 20th if the vendor is able.

Mr. Butcher reported that on Saturday we will have approximately 7,000 bicycle riders for the Pelotonia event (a cancer fundraising bike ride) of about 7,000 that will go about 25 miles. It will start at the Columbus Commons at Pickerington North and Mr. Dunlap asked how they would be coming in. Mr. Butcher said Schoolhouse to Wright Road to Columbus Street to N. Center Street to Pickerington North to Ault Road to SR204 to Wagram.

Mr. Butcher shared that the County worked on Tollgate Road this week at the Sycamore Creek Bridge Approach.

Mr. Butcher had a resolution to authorize ADR & Associates for surveying and design services for Safe Routes to School grant. This fee is 100% reimbursable. The Ohio Department of Transportation administers the grant for the Federal Government and requires that we enter into a contract. This is for modification of sidewalks on Harmon Road and also for Woodsfield subdivision. **Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-0807-02 – Authorize Design Services for Safe Routes to Schools Project. Seconded by Mr. Myers. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Resolution 2013-0807-02 passes 3-0.**

Mr. Weltlich asked if Mr. Butcher had gotten any response regarding Milnor Road crossing. Mr. Butcher said that he did not and that he and the State of Ohio are trying to complete the punch list for the project.

Director of Operations:

Mr. Yapple reported there were some issues in the paper regarding Wright Road. Mr. Butcher has some other information on this as well as issues at Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Butcher has looked at these issues and there is nothing we need to do or the County needs to do because the two accidents they were complaining about were speed related accidents. They were implicating that these were Township issues and they are not; they would be County issues.

Mr. Yapple reported we received information that WOW will be increasing their late fee charges.

There was information in the Trustees packet regarding Bureau of Workers Compensation and what we do to reduce our premiums.

There is a check in the run this week to take care of Lancaster Public Transit System for our commitment for 2013. They are also asking for a commitment for 2014. **Mr. Dunlap made a motion to contribute \$12,500 to Lancaster Public Transit for year 2014. Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Discussion:** Mr. Weltlich asked Ms. Menningen if she would make sure the next check was not (a year in the rears). Ms. Menningen explained the current check is for 2013 not 2012. Mr. Yapple said Ms. Woody wouldn't ask for a check until next quarter. Ms. Woody will re-look at the commitments in September and go out and see people at that time. **Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion B2013-0807 passes 3-0.** Mr. Dunlap explained to the audience what a true blessing this program was for our residents.

Mr. Yapple reported we received a letter from the Pickerington Food Pantry thanking us for our recent contributions.

Mr. Yapple reported we also received a letter from ODOT regarding stream mitigation. Mr. Yapple spoke to Chad about this. ODOT is looking for areas to mitigate when they

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work on the Carroll Interchange. Soil and Water has a list of those mitigations and they are working with property owners on this.

We received a letter from Fairfield 33 Development Alliance thanking us for our membership for 2013.

We received notice from Time Warner Cable that is requesting the federal communication commission to remove the franchise fees for cable TV for Time Warner.

There is a Tyler's Light Grand Opening on August 14 from 630 to 830 pm at 1262 Hill Road N. Ribbon cutting ceremony is at 7:00 pm. Mr. Weltlich will not attend this event.

Mr. Yaple reported we are still having problems with the gas company on the Blacklick Eastern demolition job. They have not disconnected their line as of yet. Mr. Weltlich wanted to know what could be done. Mr. Yaple is going to contact them again and PUCO if needed. He has been contacting them every week and they keep promising it will get done.

We are still working on issues with the phone connections of the PRI with shared services. The paperwork was signed today so it should be happening within the next 10 or 15 days.

Mr. Yaple was asked last meeting about electric aggregation with the County. A meeting was held with the aggregate people and Mr. Yaple referred to a map showing the light yellow area will be the only area that the County will try to aggregate. They are asking if those Townships would agree. It does not include Violet, Bloom, Amanda and Clearcreek. They are not interested in doing anything in Violet because we have so much REA here. Mr. Myers asked if they feel this will be an advantage to the residents. Mr. Yaple said it would be confusing. It will be Township wide if they put it on the ballot and that means South Central folks will be voting for or against it. For us it would have to go on the ballot. Mr. Yaple's question was who is going to pay for the ballot issue and he was told the County has to as it is their project. Mr. Yaple believes this is coming from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and they are pushing it state-wide.

Mr. Yaple received the archeological report back on Busey Road. He did not have the hard copy yet to send to the State. Basically they found nothing of significance.

Mr. Weltlich asked if anything was new regarding the Bed Tax. Mr. Yaple is working on setting up a meeting with the County's attorney.

Mr. Weltlich has still not received a target date for the Development Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Menningen was sitting in for Chris Smith who was on vacation. Ms. Menningen reported she attended the Tax Budget Commission Hearing. Chief Eisel, Chief Little and Bill Yaple also attended and everything went quite well.

Ms. Menningen explained to Mr. Weltlich that Lancaster Public Transit was not really paid a year in the 'rears' because the motion was to pay it for 2013. It was paid on this run. It was paid in August of 2012. Ms. Menningen will put it on the calendar for next year to be paid.

Mr. Weltlich asked where the bank reconciliation status stand today. Ms. Menningen explained Mr. Smith has reconciled through May. Mr. Weltlich also had asked Mr. Smith for the old report that showed the funds and expenditures and liabilities. Ms. Menningen was not aware of this. Mr. Yaple will show her exactly what he is looking for.

Trustee Reports:

Mr. Dunlap reported last night City Council was doing some kind of TIFF for tax dollars for the Fire Department for the Ohio Health Hospital to be built on Refugee Road. It is called a 'springing TIFF' if they pass it this will be for (30) thirty years. Mr. Weltlich explained that thirty years from now if they build a new building and it is taxable under the TIFF it will spring that bottom up for another (30) thirty years and so on. What they do in the City does affect the Township and we need to be aware of what is going on.

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**Trustees out of Office Meetings Where More than one (1) Trustee present
None**

Old Business

None

Tabled Business

None

New Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Violet Township Board of Trustees will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Violet Township Administrative offices.

Mr. Myers reported that in the past we have given a donation to the Doug Barr Golf Outing. Mr. Myers made the motion to donate \$1,000 to the Doug Barr Golf Outing to be held on August 30, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion C2013-0807 passes 3-0.

Pay Bills

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Dunlap. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes. Motion passes 3-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Weltlich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Weltlich, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion passes 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher H. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative
Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____