

MINUTES

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 16, 2007

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The Board of Trustees of Concord Township convened in regular session from 9:30 A.M. to 11:02 A.M. in the Township Hall. William Whidden called the meeting to order with the following members present: Robert Shook, Sue Campbell, and William Whidden. Also present were Road Superintendent Neil Rhoades and Fiscal Officer Patricia Quillen. Guests included Doug Page from the Dayton Daily News, Neil Fogarty of Dodds Monuments, Sherry Timmers of 1773 State Route 718. Bill Whidden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Pat Quillen read the Minutes of October 2, 2007 and they were approved as presented.

Guests:

1. Neil Fogarty of Dodds Monuments came to report that the first phase of the Thomas Cemetery restoration has been completed with the straightening of the markers and the installation of bases. Bill Whidden stated that he is very pleased with the work. Mr. Fogarty described Phase 2 of the project which would be the cleaning and restoration of the markers. He anticipates that the work would take six to eight weeks for a maximum cost of \$31,000.00. However, he projected that 75% of the stones would be cleaned for a more realistic estimate of \$23,250 with a \$10,000 deposit required. After hearing a description of the cleaning process, Bob Shook expressed concerns with the temporary nature of the cleaning. Sue Campbell would support the project if periodic (annual) maintenance by the Township staff could keep the monuments looking good and free of organic material. Bob Whidden would favor the idea of cleaning a sample of the various types (granite, limestone, marble, sandstone). Bob Shook made a motion to authorize the cleaning of the granite stones and test two or three each of the limestone, marble, and sandstone markers at the price indicated on the proposal (\$150 each for medium to large gravestones, \$50 each for small to medium). The motion was seconded by Bill Whidden and the roll was called: Sue Campbell - Aye; Bob Shook - Aye; Bill Whidden - Aye. Bob Shook asked Mr. Fogarty for a quote on a dedication stone. Mr. Fogarty suggested a thirty-six inch slanted marker and provided a sample text.
2. Sherry Timmers reported that she has some experience with cemeteries and has done rubbings of old markers. She asked if the Thomas Cemetery records will be updated if rubbings are done. An affirmative response followed. She also stated that she had called the office for leaf pick-up last year and was advised that the same procedure should be followed this year.

Clerk's Report:

- The October 2007 Receipt and Payment Registers and the October 15 Fund Status Report were distributed.
- An Estate Tax Notice in the amount of \$12,371.98 was received from the Estate of Bruce Geisinger.
- The name of Fund 2111 was changed from "Fire District" to "Fire and EMS" to mirror the title of the levy.
- Resolution 14-2007 to Establish a Credit Card Policy was sponsored by Robert Shook. The Policy is necessitated by the new payment requirements at the Transfer Station, so the credit cards are only authorized to be used there by the Road Superintendent and his staff. Bill Whidden seconded and the Resolution was adopted unanimously by signature.

Communications: The Troy Fire Department Report, Grassroots Clippings, and the e-mails (with responses) will be filed. The Miami Conservancy District and the OTARMA letter were circulated, but required no action.

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Road Superintendent's Report:

Neil Rhoades:

- Reported that Terry Asphalt Materials plans to microsurface Woodstock Court during the week of October 22. However the black aggregate exceeds the \$600.00 approved at the last meeting. The original quote was for \$9,920.00 (Purchase Order 19-2007 was for \$10,000.00). The revised quote to include "Black Mat" is \$10,760.00. Bob Shook moved to approve the additional cost and was seconded by Sue Campbell. The vote was: Bob Shook - Aye; Bill Whidden - Aye; Sue Campbell - Aye.
- Chaney's Nursery called to say they are running out of room for our leaf disposal and the pile needs to be pushed back. Neil Rhoades stated that job is beyond the ability of his equipment and that he had called Ron Bevington who estimates the job at nine to ten hours with his earth moving equipment.
- The footers at Barbee Park have been poured and the shelters are being constructed now.
- He investigated the installation of a Port-O-Jon at Barbee Park and aesthetic cover. Planning and Zoning has no problem with it, but the Building Regulations Department requires stamped architectural drawings for it. Bill Whidden suggested revisiting the issue again in the spring.
- Reported that the Miami County Zoning Appeals hearing on the Township's request for sign variances will be held Thursday evening. Sue Campbell stated that she will attend.
- Stated that the leaf pick-up is going very well.

Old Business

A. 1150 Horizon West Court: Bill Whidden reviewed the favorable loan rates from various financial institutions and stated that they will need to be updated at the time the renovation begins. Sue Campbell and Bob Shook plan to attend Candace Goodall's pre-bid meeting at the building on Thursday, October 18. Pat Quillen will post a Special Meeting Notice.

B. Trustees:

Sue Campbell

- Went out to Lodge and Forest Hill Roads with Neil Rhoades to look at the ditch that had been filled in there. Dick Brinkman (2330 North Forest Hill Road) had contacted the County Engineer regarding this issue. Sue Campbell would like to investigate easement rights to put in ditches. She stated that this would require agreements with landowners and that a representative from the Ohio State University Extension Office can recommend ditches and plantings. She will follow up.
- Reported that Sarah Hippensteel from the Miami Conservancy districted said a Port-O-Jon at Barbee Park would not be a problem.
- Submitted more Thomas Cemetery photographs and news clippings.

Bob Shook

- Contacted Dick Wagar of the County Engineer's Office regarding Storm Water II and the water garden. Mr. Wagar suggested all the Townships meet.
- Attended Miami County Prosecuting Attorney Gary Nasal's Public Records meeting last night and distributed copies of the information provided there. He pointed out a checklist for compliance and emphasized the importance of having proper forms in place for disposal.

Bill Whidden – None

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New Business:

A. Health Insurance Reimbursement Program: Bill Whidden reported that it has been some time since the \$5,000.00 per year maximum had been revisited and, before any increase was put into place, Pat Quillen had sent a request to Gary Nasal for an opinion. He circulated some news clippings about rising health insurance costs and asked the Trustees to come back before January 1, 2008 with suggestions.

B. The Miami County Park District has completed the wetland restoration plan for Wannemacher Preserve. They have made a request to hold a public meeting to update interested parties on November 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. No objection was heard. Pat Quillen will contact the Park District to confirm.

C. Trustees:

Bob Shook will be welcoming the National Association of Regional Councils for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission tomorrow evening.

Sue Campbell

- Contributed additional information from Gary Nasal's Public Records program
- Circulated a sample of text and art for stenciling on storm sewer entrances.

Bill Whidden - None

Guests: Sherry Timmers requested and received the public records checklist described by Bob Shook.

Payments: Bob Shook moved to approve and pay checks 18617 through 18637 and was seconded by Bill Whidden. Votes were: William Whidden, Aye; Sue Campbell, Aye; Robert Shook, Aye.

Adjournment: No further business was presented and the meeting adjourned viva voce at 11:02 a.m. The next regular meeting will be postponed one day because the Township Building will be used as a polling place on Election Day. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Robert Shook

Sue Campbell

William Whidden

Patricia M. Quillen, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Concord 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.