

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

July 9, 2019

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The only trustee present at 6:00 pm was Jeffrey Ferrell. Mr. Lang was on vacation. Mr. Coleman was running late and hoped to be here by 6:30.

Mr. Ferrell opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Ferrell asked that the Department Heads give their reports until such time that Mr. Coleman arrived.

Department Reports:

Fire Department – Chief Murphy announced that the Fire Department had been awarded the 2019-2020 EMS Training Equipment grant for \$2,755. They will hold interviews in the Complex next week. He presented a thank you letter and donation received from some Huron residents who had a cat in their vehicle engine.

He received a thank you letter from the Huron Fire Department for our assistance at the Nickel Plate Park incident.

Recreation – Nick Blovsky announced that the first movie night will be Thursday night at 9:00 pm at Strickfaden Park. The basketball championships are coming up. Baseball is completely finished. Golf still has a couple weeks for enrollment. Founders' Day will be September 14th. The Schiller Park dedication will be August 8th at 5:30 pm.

Police Department – Chief Parthemore said they also received a thank you note and donation for the rescue of the kitten. They are reviewing applications for part time officers. They are starting to get sponsorships for this year's Motor Madness which will be September 21st. This year they are including tractors. This year they are giving the first \$500 of proceeds to Firelands Positive People. The balance will go to a charity organization. The new vehicles will be here next week. The striping will be done around the ThorSports racing schedule. The new radios are working well.

Community Development – Mr. Ricci reviewed all the monthly activities.

They have applied and received two grants for the Abernathy Park project and are going to apply for two more. The bus stops came in; unfortunately two of the three were damaged. The company that built the shelters is going to use local contractors to make the repairs. One pad is already poured. Building is going strong since we didn't really have a real winter.

Culver's is open. Friendship Inn has equipment on site and has started clearing of the property. Mr. Ferrell asked when they would start with the demolition of the building. Mr. Ricci said that he did not know the date. The work they are doing now can be done without taking the building down.

Kingship Hall on Bogart & Hayes is under construction. Mr. Ricci encouraged everyone to stop and look at the site if they had not done so already. This is one of the cleanest, best run construction sites he has ever seen. Most of the contractors are professional volunteers. Every inspection is spot on. Auto Zone is going to locate on Milan Road next to Harbor Freight.

They have a meeting with ODOT in Ashland regarding signage for the Township; the mowing agreement for Milan Road; and the location of the bus stops.

He has been using the part time staff for the smaller nuisance projects when we have the equipment to do so. Ms. Schaefer asked if the Township wide clean-up program was an annual project. Mr. Ricci said that the neighborhood cleanup did not qualify for this.

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Public Works – Ashley Ohlemacher presented the report for Mr. Crawford. Michigan Avenue is complete with the exception of some small items. Galloway Road is still progressing with the man hole covers and berm work. The posts at Strickfaden Pavilion are being painted and prepared for the mesh screen to be installed.

They have received the OPWC round 33 paperwork. The roads being considered are Campbell, Schenk, and Marshall.

They have received a lot of complaints about the traffic light at Route 250 & Strub Road. She has tried to contact ODOT, but has not received a call back yet. Mr. Boyle said that once ODOT gets the road right away from OVH they will have the original two left turn lanes.

Mr. Ferrell wanted to know if they had gotten anything back regarding the sidewalk project. Perhaps this could be addressed at the ODOT meeting.

Administrator – Mr. Boyle said that the Board will be having a zoning hearing and a tax hearing tonight.

Mr. Boyle said that there is a possibility that there may not be a travel league next year so we might want to look into taking on that project.

They will be starting negotiations at the end of the month.

There will be a meeting on July 26th regarding health insurance for next year.

Mr. Ferrell asked Mr. Ricci to review the recent activities at Maui Sands. The investigation was a combined effort of multiple agencies within Erie County. Mr. Ricci will be meeting with the new owners of Park Place Mall to address the vacant property behind Walmart.

At 6:45 Mr. Coleman joined the meeting.

AGENDA

Mr. Ferrell moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MINUTES

There were no minutes available at this time.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financial reports for the month ending June 30th and the period ending July 9th. Mr. Ferrell seconded. All were in favor.

ZONING HEARING

Application to amend the Zoning Map for property located along the east side of Beatty Lane, about 220 ft. to the east of Milan Road (Permanent Parcel Number 32-02990.000). The proposal is to amend the zoning classification of this property from “R-1”/ Single-Family Residential District to “C-2”/ General Commercial District. The property in question is intended to be used for parking, landscaping to buffer the parking area from adjacent property, and storm water management.

Mr. Boyle gave a review of the requested zoning change. This property is owned by the owner of the Tru Inn. This request would provide extra space for parking and buffering from the residential property to the north. Erie Regional Planning recommended the change. The Zoning Commission is recommending the change. If the zoning is changed, staff would be reviewing and approving a site plan which would address some of these issues.

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Mr. Ferrell moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye.

The Engineer for the owner of the property presented an overview of the project. They have agreed to a screening mound to the north property line. Originally the residents had asked that the access to Beatty Lane be removed because of potential headlight issues. The developers did not feel that this was an issue. In fact, the access provides a safety exit. Also the parcel, which is a single parcel, needs an access by itself. In addition since the Zoning Commission hearing on the July 1st, they have received a letter from ODOT requesting then to remove the Milan Road access. Therefore, the Beatty Lane access would be the only one.

Mr. Coleman did note that ODOT was reducing access from Route 250 to help reduce rear end accidents.

Lori Harris spoke against the project. She is the resident across from the access. She presented several photos of the area around the development.

Sandra Fillmore also spoke against the project. She questioned whether the Township wanted buses and trucks coming down Beatty Lane. Ms. Fillmore noted that ODOT was asking them to close the Route 250 access, but they didn't have to. Mr. Coleman said that ODOT would take them to court if they did not.

Mr. Ferrell noted that if the zoning were changed to C-2 and remains a single parcel, there must be access to the property.

The engineer also noted that this parcel is mostly a grassy, wet pond area and parking overflow only.

Mr. Boyle noted that perhaps the driveway could angle a little more away from the property owners and there was also the issue of signage.

Mr. Coleman also noted that if the change goes through there are still things that could still be looked at. He noted that this was a two-step process. First there is the zoning change. Then there is the site plan review that will address the issues talked about to protect the surrounding property and try to mitigate the impact. He also noted that the long term plan for the County was that all Route 250 would be commercial and they needed to balance the needs of the two.

Mr. Ricci, Community Development Director, wanted it on the record that the signage would be addressed in the site plan review. The other issue to be addressed was because of the height of the trees, drainage would need to be provided to direct water back to the pond.

Mr. Ferrell moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye.

Mr. Ferrell liked the idea of angling the drive. The Township will be addressing the road itself. The final site plan will need to be approved by the Township staff.

Resolution 2019-120

Change Zoning of Parcel 32-02990.000 to C-2/General Commercial

Mr. Ferrell moved to change the zoning as recommended for property located along the east side of Beatty Lane, about 220 ft. to the east of Milan Road (Permanent Parcel Number 32-02990.000). The proposal is to amend the zoning classification of this property from "R-1"/ Single-Family Residential District to "C-2"/ General Commercial District. He also noted that the landscaping, buffering, site plan, etc. has to be approved by

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the staff of the Township. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Ferrell thanked everyone for being willing to compromise. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted and effective in thirty days.

BUDGET HEARING

The 2020 Budget Rev #2 was presented for review. Changes from the original budget include revisions to the Community Development expenses and the Police revenues & expenses. The purpose of this budget is to present the need of the Township if each department were at full staffing and able to fund the desired programs at a level that our residents expect. Revenue should be included at realistic, but minimal amounts. We do not budget for Gifts & Donations and like sources of revenue streams.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2019-121

Adopt the 2020 Perkins Township Budget

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the 2020 Perkins Township Budget as presented. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Ferrell noted that this was just a procedure process. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Motion approved.

Resolution 2019-122

Amend Resolution 2019-108 to Correct the Hourly Rate

Mr. Coleman moved to amend Resolution 2019-108 to correct the hourly rate for Ashley Ohlemacher to \$18.83 per hour to agree with her Schedule A. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted this was a typo error on his part in preparing the resolution. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2019-123

Advance funds to the ODNR FUND

Mr. Coleman moved to advance \$21,563 to the ODNR Fund for the purchase of equipment for Schiller Park. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Ms. Schaefer noted that this was one of the items required by the State Auditors. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2019-124

Declare Maui Sands a Nuisance

Mr. Coleman moved to declare Maui Sands, 5513 Milan Road, a nuisance. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Ricci presented a complete report of the issues with this property. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2019-125

Declare Cinemark Movies 10 a Nuisance

Mr. Coleman moved to declare Cinemark Movies 10, 5500 Milan Road, a nuisance. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Ricci presented a complete report of the issues with this property. Roll call: Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – July 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Joe Kirk became a Level 2 Laborer as of June 27th with new hourly rate of \$20.40
- Jordan Fraley became a Class C1 Officer as of June 17th with a new hourly rate of \$25.14
- Levi Soule became a Paramedic as of June 24th with a new hourly rate of \$14.00
- Payments for the period June 26th through July 9th totaled \$425,238.83. Included are payments to: DL Smith Concrete for the balance of the concrete streets;

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Defender Depot, LLC for the ballistic plates; and Ropper Construction for Michigan Avenue

- The invoice has been sent to the City of Sandusky for the participants in the baseball league, totally \$4,080.
- The close out report for the SRTS Safety Town needs to be submitted.
- Christine Zess will be here tomorrow to review the Township's participation for 2020 Census program

Public Forum –

Don Kriedler, Hull Road, noted it was nice to be back.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Ferrell, aye: Mr. Coleman, aye.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer