

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE SPECIAL MEETING/AUGUST 2, 2002

This special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees which was posted in three places in the Township was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by the Vice-Chairman, Ms. Keller with Mr. Wharton, Donetta Brock, clerk pro-tem and Donald Brosius; Township Legal Counsel present.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded, to appoint Donetta Brock as clerk pro-tem. Vote; aye.

This special meeting is in regards to annexation expedited procedures on an annexation for 5.8+/- acres on Trabue Road from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus, being Annexation No. ANX-EXP2-29-02 and an annexation for 17.8+/- acres at Big Run South and Holt Roads from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus, being Annexation No. ANX-EXP2-33-02.

Ms. Keller asked for a recess at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Keller presented a resolution with regards to the annexation of 5.8+/- acres on Trabue Road from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus and being Annexation No. ANX-EXP2-29-02. Ms. Keller stated the Board recognizes the petition meets the technical criteria for approval but the Board expressed the following concerns with respect to the annexation petition:

1. Prairie Township is and has been actively involved in developing and implementing an updated land use plan for unincorporated areas, taking into account the environmentally sensitive nature of the area and the physical constraints imposed upon development.
2. The Board believes that the continuation of unfettered annexation and subsequent development of unincorporated areas will simply serve to continue past municipal policies which result in what is commonly know as "urban sprawl," therefore adversely affecting the quality of life of our residents.
3. As municipalities continues their westward encroachment into unincorporated areas, unfettered and inappropriate development will continue to aggravate the difficulties associated with urban sprawl, such as lack of stormwater drainage facilities, the water problems associated with impermeable surfaces, sedimentation and urban stormwater runoff and the inevitable loss of habitat
4. The Board of Trustees believes that the past and seemingly present municipal policy of continued annexation and development of unincorporated areas serves to undermine any possibility of regional cooperation, ignores decades of plans and studies which call out against the types of urban developments introduced in Western Franklin County and otherwise acts as a catalyst for inappropriate development and urban sprawl to be continued within an environmentally sensitive and fragile area.

Ms. Keller stated the Board of Trustees does recognize that the expedited procedures provided for in Senate Bill 5 provide little basis for objection to annexations processed under the Expedited Procedure. In petitions such as annexation petition ANX-EXP2-29-02, this procedure essentially obligates the Board of County Commissioners to approve the annexation petition. Regardless, the Board of Trustees believes that although the petition will undoubtedly be approved and it apparently meets the technical requirements for approval, the Board also believes itself bound, from a policy standpoint, to express its continued concerns with this and future municipal encroachments.

Donald Brosius stated that it needs to be recognized that this is not intended to be a statutory objection and if the Board approves the Resolution, a copy should be

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forwarded to the Franklin County Commissioners and the petitioner's attorney, Mr. Jack Reynolds.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded, the Board adopt the Resolution Concerning Annexation of 5.8+/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; aye. (Resolution 12-02)

Ms. Keller presented a resolution with regard to the annexation of 17.8+/- acres at Big Run South and Holt Roads from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus and being Annexation No. ANX-EXP2-33-02. Ms. Keller stated that the Board recognizes the petition meets the requirements and the Board is not objecting with regards to the statutory criteria. This resolution states similar concerns to that of Resolution 12-02.

Ms. Keller moved to adopt the Resolution concerning annexation of 17.8+/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus. Mr. Wharton stated he takes no position on this matter. The motion died for a lack of second.

Ms. Keller will express her individual concerns on Annexation No. ANX-EXP2-33-02, in writing to Dan Nichter, Franklin County Development Department, Attorney Jack Reynolds and during the public comment section at the Franklin County Commissioner's meeting on August 20, 2002.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Vice-Chairman

Clerk Pro-Tem

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This Special Meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees which was posted in three places in the Township was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by the Vice-Chairman, Ms. Keller with Mr. Wharton, Donetta Brock, clerk pro-tem and Elizabeth Anderson present.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded, the Board adjourn into Executive Session to conduct employee interviews for the Zoning Clerk position. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton, aye, Ms. Keller; aye.

The special meeting resumed at 5.30 P.M.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded, to offer Jason Thomas the position of zoning clerk at a rate of \$10.50 per hour with benefits. Vote; aye.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 5.36 P.M.

Vice-Chairman

Clerk Pro-Tem