

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MAY 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Wharton, with Mr. Stormont, Ms. Keller and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Chief Feustel, Mr. Hatmaker, Ms. Swisher, Mr. McAninch and Ms. Deuschle. (See attached list).

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of May 12, 2004. Vote; Aye

Mr. Wiggins, Franklin County Board of Health gave a presentation on Integrated Mosquito Management Program. A discussion followed.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to authorize Mr. McAninch to participate in the Franklin County Board of Health Integrated Mosquito Management Program.

Deputy Foster reported to the Board an increase of bicycle thefts and automobile thefts. Deputy Foster suggested writing down the serial numbers of bicycles so they can properly identify their property.

Mr. Tracy Hatmaker announced upcoming property maintenance code meetings one on June 2, 2004 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall Building and June 7, 2004 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Clerk presented the following items:

Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to appropriate an additional \$5,000.00 for the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project.

1. The Clerk requested the Board to approve an additional \$40.50 for the three Lifepak updates from a six lead to a twelve lead unit for a total of \$21,040.50.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve an additional \$40.50 for the three Lifepak updates from a six lead to a twelve lead unit for a total of \$21,040.50.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$93,096.79 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, addressed the Board with the following Road Department matters.

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve Peterson Tree Service for \$1,000.00 for tree removal for a tree that had been struck by lightning at Lakota Park.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Peterson Tree Service for \$1,000.00 for tree removal for a tree that had been struck by lightning at Lakota Park. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on his visit with the third grade class at Prairie Lincoln Elementary. The class suggested rules for the park, no littering, no smoking, no weapons, appropriate clothing, drug and alcohol free, no fighting, no defacing, clean-up after your pets. The class suggested renaming the park to Friendship Park.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to rename the park to Friendship Park and dedicated to the third grade class. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve to hire Jessie Kessler at \$10.00 per hour for not over 1500 hours pending his pre-employment drug test for seasonal work.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve to hire Jessie Kessler at \$10.00 per hour for not over 1500 hours pending his pre-employment drug test. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the hiring of the youths for the Townships Summer Youth Program.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the hiring of the youths for the Townships Summer Youth Program.

Ms. Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, addressed the Board with the following Zoning Department matters:

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board that zoning has received an application to re-zone 1992 Galloway Road from R6 to EU and will update the Board in July.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the new conservation districts.
3. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Spring Clean-up volunteers picked up approximately 1,180 pounds of trash in the parks and road ways in the Lake Darby and Darby Creek area, 24.9 tons of trash, 13.1 tons of tires removed from the Township.

Chief Feustel addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Chief Feustel updated the Board on hiring six part-time firefighters and they should be ready as soon as the background checks come in and will schedule interviews in the future.
2. Chief Feustel gave a presentation on EMS Week at the fire house and thanked the Board for the opportunity.
3. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the annual fish fry on June 25th & 26th.

Ms. Marjorie Deuschle, Senior Center Director, addressed the Board with the following Senior Center matters:

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the progress of the Senior Center and Open House is scheduled June 19, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board approve to hire Michael Kunz at \$11.06 per hour and standard benefits effective June 7, 2004 and bonding at \$50.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to hire Michael Kunz at \$11.06 per hour and standard benefits effective June 7, 2004 and bonding at \$50.00.

Mr. Tracy Hatmaker, Administrator, addressed the Board with the following Administrative matters:

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the 2005 Budget and will have a draft available by June 9, 2004.

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Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked the Board if the Township is in negotiations to purchase property from Mr. Gutheil. Mr. Wharton responded no comment.

Public Comment:

Ms. Statler requested clarification on the recent article in the Township Newsletter regarding sewer and water.

Announcements:

Mr. McAninch announced to residents the Memorial Day Services at 9:30 a.m. at Galloway Cemetery and 11:30 a.m. at Alton Cemetery.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board move into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to consider a promotion of a public employee and to confer with legal counsel concerning disputes involving the Township that are subject to pending or eminent court action. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton, Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 10:55 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk