

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/SEPTEMBER 1, 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.

Deputy Plumb reported problems with motorized scooters they are subject to follow motor vehicle laws and they are trying to inform kids and their parents of the laws.

Mr. Murray called the Sheriff's Department on August 30, 2004 at 1:20 p.m. of three suspicious kids at a neighbor's house. He stated it took 52 minutes for the Sheriff's Department to respond and that is unacceptable. A discussion followed.

Mr. Pitts stated out in Village Park area there is a green Chrysler driving around with its lights off about 60 mph after dark and what can be done about it. Deputy Plumb responded it is a misdemeanor charge and they would have to catch them in the act.

A resident asked about speeders on South Murray Hill. Deputy Plumb responded they are making arrest and impounds and asked to be patient while they continue to monitor the speeders and make progress.

This meeting was designated as a public hearing to consider the following application:

Application: 169-RZ-04
Location: East of Norton Road and West of Inah Avenue between West Broad Street and Sullivant Avenue.
Owner: Creative Housing
Applicant: Creative Housing
Request: Rezone from R-4 to R-8

The Chairman administered the oath to persons wishing to testify.

Ms. Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, presented the rezoning request to the Board. The rezoning is of two parcels of vacant land from R-4 to R-8. The purpose of the request is to construct 2 units one on each lot.

The Prairie Township comprehensive plan does recognize this area as developed and is targeted for in field development. Water and sewer is available to these lots. The Franklin County Planning Commission recommended approval at their July 14th 2004 hearing. The Prairie Township Zoning Commission held two hearings recommended approval at a special meeting held on August 3, 2004.

Mr. Donald Plank, attorney for Creative Housing presented the land usage requesting the R-8 code because they can not put a multi family building on anything less than R-8 zoning classification which their density would be 4.26 units per acre. These are two four unit buildings.

Mr. Patrick Rafter, CEO of Creative Housing presented the history of Creative Housing and addressed some of the issues presented at previous meetings.

Ms. Peggy Martin a parent of a 28 year old daughter who is served by Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) and has lived in Creative Housing for 10 years. Ms. Martin gave a presentation on how Creative Housing has helped her family.

A discussion was held on opposition of the rezoning application a summary of concerns were sexual offenders, drug and alcohol addicts, wheelchairs on the road, safety of neighbor children, decrease in property values.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board overturn the Zoning Commission decision of approval and deny the rezoning application 169-RZ-04. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

The Clerk presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$104,710.06 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 the final pay request for 2002 Road work for Shelly and Sands in the amount of \$37,668.50.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the final pay request for 2002 Road work for Shelly and Sands in the amount of \$37,668.50. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch presented to the Board a new color scheme for the cemetery replacement signs.
3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the storm sewer camera work which will begin on October 4, 2004.
4. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the snow and ice removal contract with the City of Columbus.
5. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve \$5,130.00 for a wetting system for snow and ice removal.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$5,130.00 for a wetting system for snow and ice removal. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to adopt the official zoning map of Prairie Township.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt the official zoning map of Prairie Township. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the pending court cases. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve filing additional cases.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve filing additional cases. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the center's weekly membership drive.
2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the extended hours of the senior center starting September 1, 2004 on Tuesdays and Thursdays the center will be open until 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the engineering costs for the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project for \$7,000.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the engineering costs for the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project for \$7,000.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Affiliated Resource group Computer Systems Maintenance Proposal for \$1,000.00 per month. Mr. Hatmaker is waiting for updated proposal to include hardware.
3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board Chairman to sign letter to USDA withdrawing Phillips property on Cole Road from Crop Area Designation program.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board Chairman to sign letter to USDA withdrawing Phillips property on Cole Road from Crop Area Designation program. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to sign Noxious Weed Assessment Form 2478 for \$3,925.00 to be filed with the Franklin County Auditor.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to sign Noxious Weed Assessment Form 2478 for \$3,925.00 to be filed with the Franklin County Auditor. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to change the November 24, 2004 to Tuesday November 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and December 22, 2004 to December 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. due to the holidays.
6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker to sign the SBC phone contracts.
7. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Property Maintenance Code Committee will have a copy by the September 29, 2004 Trustee meeting.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker to sign the SBC phone contracts. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk