

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 6, 2007

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

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Weiner reported to the Board an increase in break-ins in the Lincoln Village South area. Injury accidents are also increasing. They have received a lot of speed complaints and will work those when time permits.

Mr. Kennedy stated he received a complaint about strange activity behind Kellie's and Aarons in the woods. Deputy Weiner responded they are looking into it.

Mr. Jamie Mueller asked if they have seen the graffiti in the township and if it is gang related. Deputy Weiner responded if they see any graffiti they document it and give it to the D.A.R.E. unit. Mr. Hatmaker stated Lincoln Village Residents Association has received a neighborhood grant and looking for a coordinator to assist in removing the graffiti.

Mr. Bruce Whyte updated the Board on the Big Darby Accord. They have held two meetings since his appointment. On May 8th they discussed the bylaws of the panel, reviewed the sunshine law and discussed Roberts's rules of order. On May 29th Mr. Andrew Show, Chairman of the Blacklick Accord shared with them his experiences regarding the Accord. They elected Mr. Joe Martin as Chairman, Mr. Keith Goldhart as Vice Chairman. The next meeting is June 12th. Mr. Whyte suggested a link on Prairie's web page to Franklin County and the Darby Accord.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if the Blauser property was going to be heard at the next meeting. Mr. Whyte responded it is not on the agenda for June 12th.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the following supplemental appropriations. Vote; Aye.

\$400.00 from 1000-110-360-0000 to 1000-910-910-0000.

\$4,000.00 from 1000-110-360-0000 to 1000-110-312-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$111,145.25 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 to hire Lucas Caskey as a seasonal employee in the Road and Cemeteries Department at a rate of \$10.00 per hour starting on June 11, 2007 and not to exceed 1500 hours per year.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve to hire Lucas Caskey as a seasonal employee in the Road and Cemeteries Department at a rate of \$10.00 per hour starting on June 11, 2007 and not to exceed 1500 hours per year. Vote; Aye.

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2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve to hire Will Davis as the 2007 summer youth program advisor and Don Berry as the 2007 summer youth program back-up advisor for the duration of the program, which begins on June 13, 2007 and runs through August 7, 2007 at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve to hire Will Davis as the 2007 summer youth program advisor and Don Berry as the 2007 summer your program back-up advisor for the duration of the program, which begins on June 13, 2007 and runs through August 7, 2007 at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve to hire the nineteen individuals recommended by the Road Superintendent as participants in Prairie Township's 2007 summer youth program, which runs from June 13, 2007 through August 7, 2007, at a pay rate of \$6.85 per hour.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve to hire the nineteen individuals recommended by the Road Superintendent as participants in Prairie Township's 2007 summer youth program, which runs from June 13, 2007 through August 7, 2007, at a pay rate of \$6.85 per hour. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Russ Pitts asked how many kids applied that worked last year. Mr. McAninch responded there were four or five and he gave first priority to those who worked last year. No kids that applied were turned away.

Mr. Andy Burns stated someone sprayed his grass with chemicals that killed it. Mr. McAninch stated he would take a look at it, they only spray the curbs.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve the purchase of two aircards from Orbit Tech at a cost of \$100.00 each and to enter into a two-year agreement with Sprint/Nextel to provide service at a cost of \$49.00 per month per card pending approval from the prosecuting attorney's office and not to exceed \$1,000.00

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve the purchase of two aircards from Orbit Tech at a cost of \$100.00 each and to enter into a two-year agreement with Sprint/Nextel to provide service at a cost of \$49.99 per month per card pending approval from the prosecuting attorney's office and not to exceed \$1,000.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve injury leave for Lieutenant Duane Dellinger per Article XIX, Section 1 of the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985 collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve injury leave for Lieutenant Duane Dellinger per Article XIX, Section 1 of the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985 collective bargaining agreement. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel provided literature for resident's medicine ID for medics, first aid and juvenile fire setting.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 677 Hubbard Road, 271 Evergreen Terrace, 8640 Abbot Cove, 8661 Brook Crest Court, 299-305 Mix Avenue and 4619-4625 Stiles Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances

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at the expense of the property owners on or after June 6, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 677 Hubbard Road, 271 Evergreen Terrace, 8640 Abbot Cove, 8661 Brook Crest Court, 299-305 Mix Avenue and 4619-4625 Stiles Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 6, 2007. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 6159 Alkire Road, 6241 Alkire Road and 8777 Canoe, to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 8, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 6159 Alkire Road, 6241 Alkire Road and 8777 Canoe, to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 8, 2007. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 4930 West Broad and 428 Celina to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 18, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 4930 West Broad and 428 Celina to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 18, 2007. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 6641 Elm Park to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 14, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 6641 Elm Park to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 14, 2007. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the revised Big Darby Town Center Master Plan Consultant Selection Participation Agreement and authorize Chairman Steve Kennedy to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the revised Big Darby Town Center Master Plan Consultant Selection Participation Agreement and authorize chairman Steve Kennedy to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that Prairie Township's General Fund revenues be increased by \$37,832.50 and that Prairie Township's General Fund appropriations be increased by \$37,832.50.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that Prairie Township's General Fund revenues be increased by \$37,832.50 and that Prairie Township's General Fund appropriations be increased by \$37,832.50. Vote; Aye.

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7. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the draft letter introducing Susan Zapp of Municipal Publications to community members and business persons.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the draft letter introducing Susan Zapp of Municipal Publications to community members and business persons. Vote; Aye.

8. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the proposed COBRA Administration Contract with Ohio Insurance Services covering the period of June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 at a cost of \$650.00 and to authorize the township administrator to sign this agreement of behalf of the Board.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the proposed COBRA Administration Contract with Ohio Insurance Services covering the period of June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 at a cost of \$650.00 and to authorize the township administrator to sign this agreement of behalf of the Board. Vote; Aye.

A resident asked why the apartments at Mix and Stiles haven't been torn down yet, because it is a hazard to the community. Mr. Hatmaker responded it is going to Sheriff's sale and after two sales if it has not sold it then becomes public property. The Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation would take title of the property once it becomes public property. Chief Feustel stated he only has jurisdiction on commercial property unless the resident asked him in the residence.

Mr. Andy Burns at 361 N. Murray Hill Road complained he received a nuisance letter he had surgery and has been ill and is offended that his neighbors can not asked him if something is wrong why he is not cutting his grass. He feels if you want to have a neighborhood get out and talk with your neighbors.

Mr. Kennedy responded the whole reason behind the nuisance process is it took several weeks to clean up properties. It is complaint driven. He feels the process is working.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about the maps. Mr. Kennedy responded the maps are of Prairie Township and Municipal Publications goes out and sells advertising for the cost of the maps.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Mike Ison feels he is singled out. He has a reputation for being disruptive and makes the meeting last longer than twenty minutes but he has good questions. The importance of answering the questions in a public meeting is so that everyone is on the same playing field.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst called Home Depot to ask where the recycling bins have been placed. A resident told him Kroger in Georgesville Square has recycling. He feels the township should be doing more to promote recycling.

A resident complained about the plant earth container at the corner of S. Grener and Frost to get it removed. Mr. Kennedy responded it is on private property but will look into it.

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Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer