

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JULY 2, 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, Ms. Swisher and Mr. McAninch. (See attached list).

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of June 20, 2007. Vote; Aye

Mr. Hatmaker gave an overview of the 2008 budget.

Mr. Kennedy stated this is the first step for the 2008 budget and to work out any assumptions for the process. He will do everything in his power to make sure we do not spend more than what is taken in.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the proposed budget for the year commencing January 1, 2008 and submit said budget to the Franklin County Budget Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.30.

Mr. Hatmaker stated the bids were opened for the Road Department Maintenance Building. The estimate for the project was \$305,000.00. There were five bids received and the lowest bid was from Robertson Construction Services for \$294,700.00. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to award the project to Robertson Construction Services and authorize the chairman to sign the award.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to award the project to Robertson Construction Services and authorize the chairman to sign the award. Vote; Aye.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$115,362.10 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser to adopt RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GIANT EAGLE ON THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW STORE AT 4780 WEST BROAD STREET IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP AND WELCOMING THEM TO THE WESTLAND / LINCOLN VILLAGE COMMUNITY. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy.

Deputy Rautio reported to the Board he is the fill in for Deputy Weiner on his days off.

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

1. Ms. Swisher announced the Darby Creek Greenway Trail plans were submitted. The location is Darby Creek and Kuhlwein Road. Columbus Metro Parks is proposing to build a couple of greenway trails to cross Darby Creek and Kuhlwein Road and to create wetlands on the north side of Kuhlwein Road. The proposal will need to go to the Darby Accord Panel for recommendation.
2. Ms. Swisher announced a new medical office building at 5141 West Broad Street. Plans were submitted for a new 18,000 square foot medical building and additional parking behind the building and drainage has been approved. A discussion followed.

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

1. Chief Feustel thanked the Board and the community for supporting the Annual Fish Fry.
2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to accept the resignation of part-time fire dispatcher Michael Hammond.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to accept the resignation of part-time fire dispatcher Michael Hammond. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board find the conditions at 82 Fernhill Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner by July 3, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board find the conditions at 82 Fernhill Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner by July 3, 2007. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board find the conditions at 299-305 Mix Avenue and 4619-4625 Stiles Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner by July 5, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board find the conditions at 299-305 Mix Avenue and 4619-4625 Stiles Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner by July 5, 2007. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve and authorize the chair to sign a letter of support declaring Mix Avenue and Stiles Avenue a nuisance to the Franklin County Treasurer.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve and authorize the chair to sign a letter of support declaring Mix Avenue and Stiles Avenue a nuisance to the Franklin County Treasurer. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

Mr. Mike Ison asked about the proposal for a skateboard park to be considered at 30 Maple Drive. Mr. Kennedy stated the meetings are for business. Mr. Kennedy stated the meetings could take only 20-25 minutes than an additional 20-25 minutes just for his comments. Ms. Schlosser requested Mr. Ison to submit his proposal and be specific and stay focused. Ms. Schlosser stated the community has said they would like to see a community center that everyone would benefit from. Ms. Schlosser would support a center that would serve all ages not just a few skaters. Mr. Kennedy stated this is something the Board would entertain but will not purchase property for a skate park. The perfect location for a skate park would be at the community center that the Township will partner with the City of Columbus with. The JEDD will assist with revenues for the community center. Mr. Hatmaker stated Columbus Parks and Recreation will be meeting in July to determine the site for the community center.

Mr. Dan McCardle asked about street light in WestPoint. Mr. Hatmaker responded AEP is still working on a few easements.

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New Business:

Mr. Howie Marotto introduced himself and that he is trying to start a resident's association in Little Farms.

Public Comment:

Mr. Will Davis complained about a big hole in the parking lot around the Wash & Tan and trash is a bad problem. Mr. Kennedy requested Mr. Hatmaker to look at the hole in the parking lot and see if it fits the criteria for a nuisance.

Mr. Jim Morrison stated the stop sign at O'Hara and Alton has been removed and needs replaced

Ms. Pam Williams thanked the Board for their hard work on the Budget.

Announcements:

Mr. Will Davis invited everyone to the Lincoln Village Resident's Association July 4th lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer