

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/OCTOBER 10, 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: 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 September 26, 2007. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner reported to the Board they executed a search warrant arrest in the Township and got three kilos of cocaine, 20 grams of crack cocaine and 20 grams of black tar heroine and made several arrests. There has been an increase in black heroine usage and arrests. Third Shift made an arrest on Garden Heights a thief was breaking into cars and recovered stolen property. They have had several arrests on domestic violence calls. They have had several felony warrants with success. He has spoken with residents concerning graffiti. They are very interested in graffiti, if they catch the person doing graffiti it is vandalism. They are doing foot patrol in Carl Frye Park; they have had several complaints of juveniles and people walking in the park after dark.

Deputy Weiner reported the statistics on Emmitt Avenue they have had over 100 runs for suspicious vehicles and suspicious people since 2003.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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

\$4,302.58 from 2031-760-720-0000 to 2031-830-830-0000.  
\$1,587.42 from 2031-760-740-0000 to 2031-830-830-0000.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the following supplemental appropriation. Vote; Aye.

\$51,667.00 from 2031-760-720-0000 to 2031-810-810-0000.

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

\$948.24 from 1000-110-382-0000 to 1000-110-349-0000.

Ms. Montag requested the Board authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that Prairie Township be granted approval to establish Fund 2414 (Young Estates Lighting District); to increase the township's 2007 revenues by \$12,177.12 and its 2008 revenues by \$8,983.44; and to appropriate \$12,177.12 in Fund 2414 under various line items to pay for the installation and operation of lights.

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Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board authorize the advance of \$12,177.12 from the General Fund (1000-920-920-0000) to the Young Estates Lighting District Fund (2414-941-0000-0000). Vote; Aye.

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Ms. Montag requested the Board adopt A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS IN THE VICINIITY OF 286 EMMIT AVENUE IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND WELFARE AS PER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 515.01 AND AUTHORIZING THAT A PUBLIC STREET LIGHT BE INSTALLED AT THAT LOCATION.

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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 \$123,873.90 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Ms. Montag updated the Board on the New Rome records, the Sheriff's Department was at the Township and picked up a van full of records and will be back to pick up the rest of the records at the end of the week.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board adopt a resolution TO AUTHORIZE FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (FSWCD) TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ADMINISTERED THROUGHT THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board adopt a resolution TO AUTHORIZE FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (FSWCD) TO APPLY AND ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND ADMINISTERED THROUGHT THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher requested the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 728 Academy Drive to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner on or after October 10, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 728 Academy Drive to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner on or after October 12, 2007.

3. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Big Darby Accord Panel will meet on October 9, 2007 to discuss the proposed Prairie Township Comprehensive Plan update and to make a recommendation concerning their adoption.
4. Ms. Swisher announced openings for alternates on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission for two year terms.

Mr. Kennedy asked if they made any recommendations for any changes. Ms. Swisher responded there was, in one chapter the reference to package and waste water treatment plant. The only recommendation was to remove that language.

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Ms. Lani Cunningham thanked Dave McAninch and his crew for cleaning up Carl Frye Park and stated she has received a lot of compliments from residents stating they really like the walk path.

Ms. Marolyn Cook thanked Dave McAninch for replacing the reflector signs at the end of Beacon Hill Road.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. David Dickson, who lives at 85 Cole Road, asked the Board, the property behind his house is owned by the township and last year there were a few hunters that stated they had permission from the township to hunt on the property. He would like to know in advance if people are going to be out there, because he walks his dogs all the time there. Mr. Kennedy stated you do need written permission to hunt the property and that information is a public record and to please contact the administrator.

Public Comment:

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked where do you draw the line of what is decorating and what is graffiti. The house across the street from him has spray painting on the house. He feels it is down grading the neighborhood and they should be made to remove that from the house. Mr. Kennedy asked to the best of your knowledge it is Halloween decorations? Mr. Kennedy stated they are not going to get into regulating holiday decorating. Ms. Schlosser and Mr. Kennedy said they would drive by it.

Ms. Marolyn Cook announced she is the coordinator for the graffiti grant that Lincoln Village Residents Association received. She gave an update, the last couple of weeks, there has been graffiti from Doctor's Hospital to JoAnn Fabrics. She gave Deputy Weiner 10 different businesses that have been hit by graffiti. If anyone sees any graffiti please call 625-5267 and leave a message. On October 11, 2005 at the Prairie Township Senior Center at 5:00 p.m. they are having an informational meeting about graffiti. She is looking for volunteers to help clean up the community. It is her goal to make Prairie Township a safer and cleaner community.

Duane Dellinger wanted to thank everyone who supported him as a candidate for Fiscal Officer. He has decided to withdraw his name as a candidate for the position of Fiscal Officer as he was notified of a conflict of interest.

Neil Distlehorst commented received a copy of some campaign literature stating the Fire Department was undermanned and you the Trustees have done nothing. He contacted the Fire Chief, he has never heard the Fire Department is undermanned. He feels the record needs to be cleared when candidates are putting trash out and nothing is said about it.

Ms. Stalter asked why would you allow all of that and you would not allow Ms. Jeri Stumbo to speak a couple of months ago when it all falls into the category. It is political and it should have been stopped. Mr. Kennedy agreed.

Mr. Will Davis stated he presented a problem and they should be advised of what to do. Ms. Schlosser stated this is an emotional time with the election. She thinks the statement was somewhat on the fence in that do we feel the Fire Department is undermanned, it wasn't a blanket statement without an underlying problem statement. There was a problem statement presented and an answer presented to the problem statement.

Mr. Russ Pitts stated there are a lot of comments made at these meetings that do not need to be. One gentleman made a comment about signs. Everyone's opinions do not need to be brought into the meeting.

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Announcements:

Ms. Christy Overla announced Candidates Night on Tuesday October 23rd at 6:00 pm. at the Prairie Township Senior Center.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer