

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 30, 2008

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

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 16, 2008 and approve the minutes as submitted. Vote; Aye.

Deputy Weiner, Corporal Goodrich and Lieutenant Croston reported to the Board they continue to work speeding issues in the township.

A resident complained about speeding on Inah Avenue.

Mr. Jamie Mueller complained about an unlicensed trailer on Medfield Way.

Mr. Stormont opened the public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Exceptional Use Modification Request at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Stormont swore in all those who wish to speak regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Exceptional Use Modification Request.

Ms. Swisher gave an overview of the draft comprehensive plan updates. Priority Issues that influenced changes to our general plan were Darby Accord Policies, Map and Mission Statement, Town Center Development, Broad Street Corridor Objective, Future Conservation Development and High Quality Infill Re-Development Projects. At the October 9, 2007 meeting the Darby Accord Panel recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan updates. Franklin County Development Department staff recommends two revisions: Update the riparian corridor calculations to reflect current Ohio EPA regulations on page 34 and remove the language regarding the LESA Model process to assess environmentally critical areas from page 37. December 12, 2007 the Franklin County Planning Commission recommended approval of the updated Comprehensive Plan with staff's two conditions. On December 18, 2007 the Prairie Township Zoning Commission moved to approve the revision to the Comprehensive Plan and accepted Franklin County staff's recommendation to update page 34 to reflect the riparian corridor calculations and the equation listed in Appendix 9-3 of the 2008 Plan; and to add on page 34 "Riparian Corridor calculations will be enforced pursuant to Article 21 of the Prairie Township Zoning Resolution." The Board rejected the County staff's recommendation to remove the reference to the LESA model on page 37. Ms. Swisher requested the Board adopt Resolution number 05-08, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2007 PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adopt Resolution number 05-08, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2007 PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont closed the public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Update at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Stormont opened the Exceptional Use Modification Request public meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Ms. Swisher gave an overview on the Exception Use modification request for original application 172-EU-05 located at 480 South Greener. The applicant has requested the Board consider allowing an "Auto Repair Use" to the list of permitted uses to his original application.

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Mr. Scott stated he would like to make an addition at a later date, with a total of three doors facing the Greener side if approved for auto repairs. He has no intentions of adding a spray booth for painting.

Mr. Kennedy asked what the building is used for. Mr. Scott replied he is using it for storage and offices right now. Mr. Kennedy asked if he has intentions to do body repair. Mr. Scott responded he has no intentions of doing body repair just engine, transmissions, tune-ups and oil changes. Mr. Kennedy's concern is the way the building faces, if any impact tool is used the noise factor for the residents. Mr. Scott responded he has been there for ten years and takes the residents into consideration and noise should not be a factor. Three years ago when the property was rezoned they did everything they said they would do. Mr. Stormont asked if he plans on replacing the trees that died. Mr. Scott responded he does plan on replacing them with a different type of tree. Ms. Swisher stated the screening would still be required.

Mr. Morrison asked if there are any conditions in the application to address curb appeal or vehicles if the property is sold to another owner. Ms. Swisher responded it is addressed in the application.

Mr. Kennedy stated there should be stipulations to pass any fire inspections and any state inspections that may be required.

Mr. Stormont stated he would like the stipulation that the screening would still need to be maintained.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adopt RESOLUTION 06-08 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINOR MODIFICATION REQUEST TO EXCEPTIONAL USE ZONING 172-RZ-05 WITH STIPULATIONS. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont closed the Exceptional Use Modification Request public meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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 \$149,663.31 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Jones asked if the Township has a zoning inspector to drive around and inspect properties that are in violation. Mr. Stormont responded that we do have a zoning inspector. Mr. Kennedy stated the zoning ordinance in Prairie Township is driven. A discussion followed.

Mr. Jones asked the Board to send Mr. Shockley with the Franklin County Sanitary Engineers a letter requesting maps of the storm and sewer drains in the Township. Mr. Stormont requested Mr. McAninch to send a letter to Mr. Shockley.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board accept Molly Mooneys' resignation, effective February 6, 2008, as Zoning Office Field Inspector.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board accept Molly Mooneys' resignation, effective February 6, 2008, as Zoning Office Field Inspector. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to hire Kelvin Ferguson to the position of Zoning Office Field Inspector, effective February 7, 2008, at a pay scale determined by his prior months of service at Prairie Township.

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Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to hire Kelvin Ferguson to the position of Zoning Office Field Inspector, effective February 7, 2008, at a pay scale determined by his prior months of service at Prairie Township. Vote;

3. Ms. Swisher announced Walgreens and Starbucks has submitted variance applications for the Frisch's and Professional Buildings on West Broad Street.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to authorize advertisement for bids for the Inah Avenue Street Improvement Project on February 8, 2008 and February 15, 2008 and designate 2:00 pm on February 29, 2008 at the Prairie Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive; Columbus, Ohio, as the time and place of the bid opening.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to authorize advertisement for bids for the Inah Avenue Street Improvement Project on February 8, 2008 and February 15, 2008 and designate 2:00 pm on February 29, 2008 at the Prairie Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive; Columbus, Ohio, as the time and place of the bid opening. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board approve to increase part-time ifreifghters hourly rate by the following: first year to \$8.50, second year to \$9.00 and third year to \$9.50, retro active from January 26, 2008.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve to increase part-time ifrefighters hourly rate by the following: first year to \$8.50, second year to \$9.00 and third year to \$9.50, retro active from January 26, 2008. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt Resolution number 07-08, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT SIGNS DESIGNATING PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP'S EASTERN-MOST AND WESTERN-MOST BOUNDARIES ALONG U.S. ROUTE 40.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adopt Resolution number 07-08, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT SIGNS DESIGNATING PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP'S EASTERN-MOST AND WESTERN-MOST BOUNDARIES ALONG U.S. ROUTE 40. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk