

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of November 20, 2007

The meeting of the Parkman Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustees-Kevin O'Reilly, Lucinda Sharp-Gates and Alan Wilson, Fiscal Officer-Nancy Wheelock, Tom Evers, Dale Komandt, Cory Anderson and several Parkman Township residents. (See attached sign-in sheet.) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Alan and seconded by Kevin to waive the reading of the November 6, 2007 meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 07-150) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

Resident, Jonas Yoder was present to inquire on the status of Township projects to be selected by the Board of Trustees for Eli Byler to complete his 40 hours of community service. Lucinda and Tom will meet on Friday, November 23rd to put together a list of projects in Parkman Township for Eli Byler to fulfill his community service requirement. Mr. Yoder will be notified when the project list has been completed and arrangements will be made when Eli Byler can begin his community service.

Several Parkman Township residents were in attendance to continue to express their concern on the Riparian setbacks zoning amendment being introduced by the Parkman Township Zoning Commission Board. Linda Jacobs requested a copy of the November 6th Board of Trustees meetings. A copy of the approved minutes was given to Linda. Linda Jacobs also invited each Trustee to attend the next Zoning Commission meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 and asked for their commitment to attend. The Trustees will try to attend the Zoning Commission meeting. A letter was sent to each Trustee from State Senator, Timothy Grendell regarding the two proposed amendments to the Parkman Township Zoning Ordinance. The residents in attendance asked the Board of Trustees to read the letter aloud. Kevin read Senator Grendell's letter aloud as stated below:

"I was recently contacted by several Parkman Township residents who raised concerns regarding two proposed amendments to the Parkman Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments that our mutual constituents brought to my attention concern riparian setbacks and water management.

As the author of Ohio's newly revised eminent domain law, an attorney with some considerable experience in constitutional and zoning law, and as a legislator who has seen a number of similar proposals in Geauga County brought forward only to be defeated or overturned, I am concerned that pursuing these amendments would likely be an expensive and contrary to the constitutionally protected private property rights enjoyed by Parkman residents.

Under Ohio law, the authority to control storm water runoff (storm water management) is exclusively vested with Geauga County, not the Township. Oversight of water quality in streams rests with the Ohio EPA and Geauga County Soil and Water Conservation. Moreover, any zoning change that prevents a current property owner from using their land along streams and waterways would unconstitutionally infringe upon the fundamental rights of those property owners. While I hesitate to interject my views in most township issues, my overriding respect for private property rights protected by both the U.S. and Ohio Constitutions, necessitates my

writing this letter to reflect my strong objection to the proposed riparian setbacks and water management zoning amendments.

I would be happy to speak with you and members of the zoning board commission about my concerns."

Mark Dolezal presented his opposed comments on the riparian setbacks/water management proposed amendments and advised that he agrees with Senator Grendell's letter. Mr. Dolezal requested each Trustee to give their opinion on this proposed amendment. Kevin advised that he is in favor of the riparian setbacks under certain conditions. Since Kevin is a member of the Geauga County Soil and Water Conservation Board, he is aware of issues in the County that will cost the Ohio tax payers to correct this problem. Kevin referred to the problems in Bainbridge due to the lack of construction control along the streams and waterways in the past. Alan informed the residents that he is not in favor of riparian setbacks and the proposed amendments to the zoning regulations. Lucinda stated that she may be for riparian setbacks, but not in Parkman Township. Matt Mesarchik requested each Trustee to read the proposed zoning amendment before the next meeting. Blaine Chalker questioned what the residents can do to stop the zoning amendment if it is adopted. The Board advised that a petition for a zoning referendum can be filed to submit to the electors on the election ballot.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 - a. Public Records Retention/Disposal – The Fiscal Officer requested authorization to hire Rachel Chadwick to dispose of the Township records in accordance of the approved records retention and disposal procedure. Alan moved, seconded by Lucinda, to hire Rachel Chadwick at \$8.00/hour to update the retention and disposal of Township records. (Resolution No. 07-151) Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Insurance – The Fiscal Officer advised the Trustees that a resolution to offer health insurance must be adopted before new elected officials are sworn in. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Alan to provide insurance to newly elected trustees as offered by the Parkman Township Board of Trustees. (Resolution No. 07-152) Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Bonds – The Fiscal Officer reported that the Township must implement a resolution to bond the Township officials before the officials take office. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Alan, to bond the re-elected Fiscal Officer and the newly elected Trustee for their new terms of office for the bond amount as required by law. (Resolution No. 07-153) Motion carried unanimously.

- Roads
 - a. Garage Roof – Tom reported that the roof on the Township garage has been completed by Kurtz Brothers Construction.
 - b. Pipe – Tom advised that he is storing galvanized pipe for driveway culverts at the garage and does not have use for this type of pipe. Tom would like to sell the pipe and requested approval to do so. The Board advised that the pipe

would have to be advertised for bids to sell unless another public entity is interested in purchasing the excess pipe. Tom will check around if another public entity would be interested in the pipe. If there is no interest, the Board will put a notice in the paper for sealed bids.

- Cemetery
 - a. Cemetery Sexton – Dale Komandt submitted a letter advising the Board that he would like to continue to act as the Cemetery Sexton for Overlook Cemetery as long as he is able. Dale also would like to continue with the maintenance of Overlook Cemetery in 2008. The Board of Trustees will consider Dale's request at the organizational meeting in January 2008.

Old Business

- a. Newsletter – Cory Anderson reported that the deadline for articles for the winter newsletter is January 11, 2008.
- b. Buckeye Off-Road 4-Wheeler Club – Cory Anderson asked the Board if a decision has been made to allow the Buckeye Off-Road 4-Wheeler Club to volunteer their services on miscellaneous Township projects. The Trustees advised that this assistance must be reviewed and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney.
- c. Septic Tie-in Update – Lucinda reported that she was invited to join the Geauga County Community & Economic Development office at the Community House to meet with the Parkman residents who qualified for financial assistance for tie-in to the Parkman Sewer Plant. Lucinda advised that 11 homeowners qualified for the Community Development funding. Ziegler Earthworks was selected as the contractor to connect these homes to the sewer plant. The expected tie-in date for the 11 homes is mid-December.

New Business

- 2008 Organizational Meeting-- The first meeting of 2008 is scheduled for January 1, 2008. The Board agreed to move the meeting date due to the holiday. Lucinda moved, seconded by Kevin, to change the Tuesday, January 1, 2008 meeting to Wednesday, January 2, 2008. (Resolution No. 07-154) Motion carried unanimously. The Maple Leaf will be notified to publish the meeting change.
- Parking – Dale Patterson had contacted the Trustees regarding parking at the post office. People are parking their cars during the post office hours for extended times at the Township parking lot across from the post office and causing limited parking for post office patrons. The Board agreed to restrict the parking time by posting 1 hour parking only signs. Tom will post the signs at the parking lot.
- Camp Chickagami – Lucinda reported that the Parkman Chamber of Commerce would like to use the Camp Chickagami Boy Scout Camp sign located at the corner of Route 168 and Route 528 to post Chamber events. Camp Chickagami closed and has not removed their sign located on the Township property to date. The Trustees agreed the sign can be used for Chamber announcements as long as it does not block visibility at the intersection.

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control – The Trustees received a request form from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for Five Star Mini Mart (dba Five Star BP Parkman). The form is requesting whether or not the Board of Trustees wants a hearing. Alan made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to not request a hearing for the Five Star Mini Mart liquor permit. (Resolution No. 07-155) Motion carried unanimously.

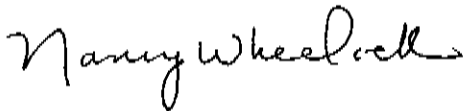
Motion to Pay Bills

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Alan to pay the wages and bills from warrant #15411 through warrant #15227. (Resolution No. 07-156) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

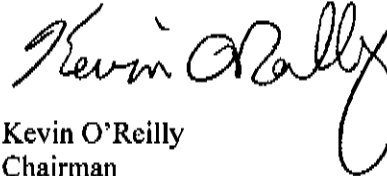
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Alan to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. (Resolution No. 07-157) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman

Chris Byler

Lucinda Byler

Dyane Warner

Patricia S. Dostal

Mark Dostal

Amy Furuczky

Jesse Turney

Linda Scott

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