

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of March 17, 2009

The regular 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 Patrick Joyce, Fiscal Officer-Nancy Wheelock, Tom Evers, John Augustine, Wayne Komandt, Sandy Rought, Mitch Rought, Wendy Anderson, Moe Arnett and Larry Weaver. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to waive the reading of the March 3, 2009 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 09-65) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

- Owen Road residents, Moe Arnett and Larry Weaver commended Road Superintendent, Tom Evers on the outstanding condition of Owen Road during this winter season.
- Mitch Rought advised the Board of Trustees that he will be observing the Trustee meeting to complete his requirement for a Boy Scout merit badge. The Board welcomed Mitch to the meeting.

Departmental Reports

- Fire
 1. Cell Phone Reimbursement - Fire Chief, Wayne Komandt requested authorization to reimburse a volunteer fire department member for a cell phone damaged during an emergency accident call. The Board agreed to cover the cost of replacing the cell phone.
 2. Training Grant – Wayne Komandt reported that the fire department has received an \$800.00 training grant from the State of Ohio.
- Community House
 1. Hardwood Floor Maintenance – Wendy Anderson presented a proposal from Willoughby Interiors, Inc. to sand and apply an additional coat of polyurethane to the hardwood floor on the second floor of the Community House. Wendy feels the floor is in need of maintenance, since the floor was refinished by Willoughby Interiors approximately three years ago. The proposal also included a price for the application of a second coat. Wendy and the Board discussed the improvement. The Board asked Wendy to provide an additional quote to compare the cost of this project.

- Cemetery

1. Foundations – Lucinda reported that Hauser will be pouring eight grave foundations at Overlook Cemetery as soon as the weather permits.

- Roads

1. Township Trucks – Tom Evers reported that both trucks are down and in the shop for repairs. The big truck had a piece broken off the hoist and is at Diversified being repaired which should take about a week. The Serpentine belt broke on the 550 truck. The truck was towed to Countryside for repair.
2. Gradall – Tom reported that he contacted the seller on the Gradall in Connecticut and could not get accurate information on the equipment. Tom decided to check on other options and found a 1987 Gradall in Canada. Tom traveled to Mississauga, Ontario to see the Gradall and feels this machine would be suitable for the Township's needs. Tom would like to return to Canada and take Tony Zalar to inspect the Gradall. A discussion was held on the necessity of Tony's opinion and the price to offer to purchase. Patrick made a motion, seconded by Lucinda, to authorize Tom Evers and Tony Zalar to travel to Mississauga, Ontario to offer \$11,000.00 for the 1987 Gradall with a 60" ditching bucket including delivery. (Resolution No. 09-66) Motion carried unanimously.
3. Burton Road – Kevin reported that Tom and he meet with Pete Seliskar from the Geauga County Engineer's office regarding the vacation of Burton Road. There was a concern that the Szabo property would be landlocked if Burton Road was entirely vacated. The County Engineer's office has been determined that the Szabo property will have frontage on Center Street to allow Burton Road to be vacated completely.
4. Nash Road/Newcomb Road Speed Reduction – The Board completed a site visit on Nash Road and Newcomb Road to determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit on each road. The Board determined to reduce the speed limit on Nash Road to 35 m.p.h. Lucinda moved, seconded by Patrick, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the Statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on Nash Road (TR207) from St. Rt. 168 to St. Rt. 528 in Parkman Township, and

WHEREAS, this board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 m.p.h. is unrealistic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio that:

Section 1. By the virtue of the provisions of Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio, the Board of Township Trustees here by determine and declare a

reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit of 35 m.p.h. on Nash Road (TR207) from St. Rt. 168 to St. Rt. 528 in Parkman Township.

Section 2. That this Board has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on this section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

(Resolution No. 09-67) Motion carried unanimously. The Board determined to reduce the speed limit on Newcomb Road to 35 m.p.h. A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to adopt the following speed reduction resolution:

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the Statutory vehicular speed limit established by Sec. 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on Newcomb Road (TR130) from Shedd Road to St. Rt. 168 in Parkman Township, and

WHEREAS, this board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section described above, and

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Section 2. That this Board has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on this section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

(Resolution No. 09-68) Motion carried unanimously. Tom Evers will establish a file for each road to keep the records of the speed reduction procedure. Tom will post the speed limit signs on each road under the requirements of the State of Ohio.

5. 2008 Fuel Purchase – Tom presented the totals for fuel in 2008. The Township used 4676.5 gallons of on-road fuel costing \$17, 122.28 and 2233.8 gallons of off-road fuel costing \$8538.69.
6. Stimulus Package – Patrick reported he was advised by the County Engineer's office that the deadline for the federal funding of road projects through the Stimulus Package was March 3, 2009. The federal funding was distributed by formula to the State of Ohio for quick spending road projects which can be awarded rapidly. The Township will not receive federal funding for road projects.
7. Newcomb Road Issue 2 Project – Kevin reported that County Engineer, Bob Phillips would like to schedule a joint meeting with Parkman Township and Middlefield Township to review the Newcomb Road Issue 2 project. Kevin will arrange and attend the joint meeting as Parkman Township's representative.

Old Business

- Park Committee -Patrick gave an update on the Park Committee and their fund raisers to match the Kool-Aid-KaBoom grant. The Park Committee has been reorganized to help focus on the park improvements. A spaghetti dinner is being planned. Sandy Rought would like to post a fund raiser thermometer in the center of town to show the community how many dollars have been raised and the Park Committee's goal. The Trustees discussed a location to place the display. Patrick and Sandy will work on this project.
- Park Land Purchase – Patrick reported that John Leslein and Dave Harker will attend the Board of Trustee meeting on April 21, 2009 to discuss the possible land acquisition to expand Overlook Park and to potentially connect Overlook Park with the Geauga County Park District.

New Business

- Western Phoenix Masonic Lodge #42 – Lucinda reported that the Parkman Masonic Lodge will be hosting an Open House for the community to attend on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Masonic hall.

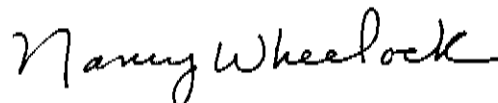
Approval of Bills and Wages

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #16392 through warrant #16421. (Resolution No. 09-69) Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

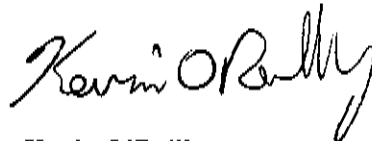
A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. (Resolution No. 09-70) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman