

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of April 21, 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, Dan Mack, John Leslein and Roger Hanna. 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 April 7, 2009 regular meeting minutes and to approve the same. (Resolution No. 09-84) Motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

- Resident, Roger Hanna questioned the status of the Newcomb Road project. Kevin explained that Road Superintendent, Tom Evers and he met with the Geauga County Engineer's office and the Middlefield Township representative to discuss the joint Issue 2 Newcomb Road project on Friday, April 17th. Parkman Township will receive \$100,000.00 from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the project to widen, ditch and replace the culvert on Newcomb Road between Shedd Road and Patch Road. Tom has been tracking the time and material used in preparation of the Issue 2 project to apply towards the local share amount.
- Park Property Acquisition – John Leslein was invited to attend the meeting to discuss possible property acquisition to expand Overlook Park. The Trustees have expressed interest in the property to extend the parking for the rear baseball field and potential connection to the Geauga Park District. David Harker, President of Excalibur Exploration, was also invited to attend. Patrick reported that he received a telephone call from Mr. Harker and he was unable to attend the meeting due to a family issue. Mr. Leslein advised the Board that he would be interested in selling a couple of acres at the back of his property which is adjacent to Overlook Park. He expressed his concern about the land acquisition due to the lease he has signed with Excalibur Exploration for oil/gas drilling on his property. Kevin assured Mr. Leslein that if the Township would purchase his property, the Township must honor the lease with Excalibur Exploration. Patrick informed the Board that during his conversation with Mr. Harker, Mr. Harker asked if Excalibur Exploration could have access through the Township's property to travel to the well site on John Leslein's property. A discussion was held on this request. Patrick will coordinate a meeting at the Overlook Park and Leslein property lines with John Leslein, David Harker, Tom Evers and the Board to discuss this topic further.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 1. Transfer – The Fiscal Officer presented an investment Money Market check for signature to transfer \$8000.00 from the Gas Tax Investment Fund to the Gas Tax Primary Account Fund. The Trustees signed the check for the transfer.

- Roads

1. Calcium Chloride - Tom Evers asked the Trustees if they were considering the application of calcium chloride for dust control on the Township roads again this year. Tom presented a quote from Calcium Chloride Sales. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to authorize the application of calcium chloride on 9 miles of the limestone treated Township roads by Calcium Chloride Sales in the amount of \$19,656.00. (Resolution No. 09-85) Motion carried unanimously.
2. Dump Truck – Tom reported that the new cab and chassis were delivered to Concord Road Equipment. Concord Road Equipment notified Tom that they received a stainless steel body and will use this upgrade for the same price of the steel body in the original quote for the dump truck if the Trustees permit. The only difference would be that the tailgate does not have a patch gate installed, but Concord will install a patch gate for \$400.00. The Board held a discussion and agreed to upgrade to the stainless steel body and authorize Concord Road Equipment to install the patch gate.
3. Hosmer Road Speed Reduction – The Board agreed to complete a site visit on Hosmer Road to determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit. A special meeting will be scheduled at Hosmer Road on April 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Lucinda will notify the Maple Leaf of the special meeting.

- Community House

1. Flower Boxes – Lucinda reported that Faith Kumher has volunteered to plant flowers in the Community House flower boxes and asked if she has permission to purchase the flowers from Santamary Florist on the Parkman Township account. The Board agreed to authorize the flower purchase and accept Faith Kumher's generous offer. Ms. Kumher also mentioned that the gutters at the Community House need to be cleaned. The gutters are running over and washing out the flower boxes. Patrick will ask the fire department to clean out the gutters with their tall ladders.

Old Business

- Park – Lucinda reported that she re-confirmed with the ODNR that the horseshoe pits can be removed at Overlook Park. Lucinda was advised that the ODNR grant agreement only states that the site remains recreational. Patrick proposed the removal of the horseshoe pit's posts, clay and concrete to prepare for a parking area to accommodate parking for the rear baseball field. Patrick will coordinate with Tom Evers for the equipment/material needed to excavate for the new parking area. Patrick presented a quote from Peters Construction for repairs to the two small pavilions and the main pavilion at Overlook Park. After review, Lucinda moved, seconded by Kevin, to accept the quote from Peters Construction to repair the park pavilions in the amount of \$1365.00. (Resolution No. 09-86) Motion carried unanimously. Patrick reported that the Parkman Recreation and Park Committee will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 25th from 4:30-7:30 pm to help match funds for the Kool-Aid Ka-Boom playground grant project.

- Memorial Day Observance – Kevin reported that he met with Tom Gotham regarding the Memorial Day ceremony honoring the Gotham brothers (John, Glenn, Leland, Carlisle and Neil). Tom will give the presentation at the ceremony on behalf of the Gotham Family.
- So-Called Burton Road Vacation/Edwards Street Vacation – The Trustees received a letter from the Geauga County Engineer's office advising that the Geauga County Board of Commissioners has completed the proceedings to vacate the un-used portions of So-Called Burton Road and the un-used portion of Edwards Road. In order to finalize the process in accordance of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Trustees must also pass resolutions vacating each road. Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to adopt the following resolution to order the vacation of the un-used portions of So-Called Burton Road in Parkman Township:

WHEREAS, the Parkman Board of Trustees in Resolution #09-49 petitioned the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the vacation of the unimproved portions of so-called Burton Road from Main Market Road (US 422) to Tavern Road (SR 168); and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer issued to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners a written report similar in content to reports required under Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.06 stating that the Engineer believes the vacation is for the public convenience and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing regarding the vacation of the unimproved portions of so-called Burton Road and heard no objections; and

WHEREAS, these portions of unimproved road are not used to calculate distributions of the auto registration funds under Division (E) of Section 4501.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing it was reported by the County Engineer that it is recommended that a portion of so-called Burton Road become an extension of Center Street in order to provide ingress and egress frontage for Parcel Number 25-019700 and that this extension is supported by the Parkman Board of Township Trustees for zoning reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolution #09-052 declared that the unimproved portions of Burton Road be vacated in accordance with Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parkman Township Board of Trustees that the unimproved portions of so-called Burton Road between Main Market Road (US 422) to Tavern Road (SR 168) subject to the retention of an extension of Center Street being seventy-five and nine tenths feet (75.9') wide is hereby ordered vacated in accordance with Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vacated portions of road shall pass in fee to abutting landowners subject to the preservation of any existing easement in, over, or under such roadway by any public utility or electric cooperative in accordance with Ohio Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the division of property vacated to abutting landowners shall be bordered by boundary lines partitioned by extending property lines to the centerline of the vacated road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board acknowledges a plat map depicting the resulting parcels of land created and remaining roadway will be prepared by the County Engineer and orders the plat to be recorded in the Recorder's Office and in the proper road records of the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Parkman Township Board of Trustees is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Auditor, the Geauga County Recorder and the Geauga County Engineer

(Resolution No. 09-87) Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Lucinda to adopt the resolution to order the vacation of the unused portion of Edwards Street (TR 477) in Parkman Township:

WHEREAS, the Parkman Board of Trustees in Resolution #09-48 petitioned the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for the vacation of the unimproved portion of Edwards Street (TR 477) from so-called Burton Street to Smith Street (TR 478);

WHEREAS, the County Engineer issued to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners a written report similar in content to reports required under Ohio Revised Code Section 5553.06 stating that the Engineer believes the vacation is for the public convenience and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing regarding the vacation of the unimproved portion of Edwards Street and heard no objections; and

WHEREAS, these portions of unimproved road are not used to calculate distributions of the auto registration funds under Division (E) of Section 4501.04 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Commissioners in Resolution #09-057 declared that the unimproved portion of Edwards Street (TR 477) be vacated in accordance with Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parkman Township Board of Trustees that the unimproved portion of Edwards Street (TR 477) from so-called Burton Street to Smith Street (TR 478) is hereby ordered vacated in accordance with Section 5553.045 of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the vacated portions of road shall pass in fee to abutting landowners subject to the preservation of any existing easement in, over, or under such roadway by any public utility or electric cooperative in accordance with Ohio Law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Parkman Township Board of Trustees is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners, the Geauga County Auditor, the Geauga County Recorder and the Geauga County Engineer.

(Resolution No. 09-88) Motion carried unanimously. The Fiscal Officer will send copies of the executed resolution to the aforesaid Geauga County offices to record.

New Business

- River Pines Recreational Village – James Watson, the new owner of River Pines Recreational Village, Inc., has applied for a conditional use zoning permit to operate as a campground under new ownership. The variance hearing will be held at the Parkman Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in May.
- Pepsi – Patrick reported that he is hopeful to negotiate a contract with Pepsi to place soda vending machines at Overlook Park as a fundraiser for the Parkman Baseball Youth League. Patrick has a meeting scheduled with Pepsi to discuss this topic. Since the park property is owned by the Parkman Township Trustees, Patrick requested approval to put the Pepsi vending machines near the pavilions. The Board agreed to allow the soda machines at Overlook Park as long as the Township is not liable for any damage to the vending machines.
- Outfield Fencing – Patrick advised the Board on possible plans to set up an outfield fence at each baseball field at Overlook Park. The Parkman Baseball Youth League representatives are discussing this matter. The Trustees and Tom Evers had no problem with the outfield fence being constructed at the park.

Approval of Bills and Wages

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to pay the wages and bills from warrant #16476 through warrant #16502. (Resolution No. 09-89) Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Lucinda and seconded by Patrick to move into executive session to discuss the status of an employee. (Resolution No. 09-90) Motion carried unanimously.

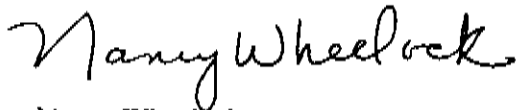
Lucinda made a motion, seconded by Patrick, to move out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. (Resolution No. 09-91) Motion carried unanimously.

Following the executive session discussion, the Board of Trustees agreed to hire part-time summer help for mowing and landscape maintenance at the Parkman Township's parks and cemeteries. An ad will be placed in The Maple Leaf for an open employment position, up to 35 hours per week with a required ability to lift up to 75 lbs., at \$8.50 per hour. Resumes are to be sent to the Township post office box by Monday, May 4, 2009. The Trustees plan to fill this part-time position at the May 5, 2009 regular meeting.

Adjournment

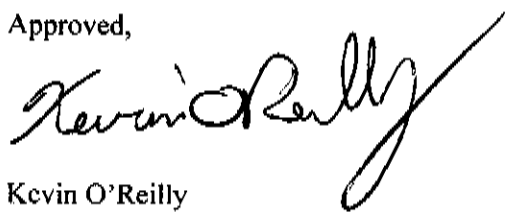
A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Lucinda to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. (Resolution No. 09-92) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Wheelock
Fiscal Officer

Approved,



Kevin O'Reilly
Chairman