

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio March 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were, President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Kent, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff's Liaison Lt. Reid.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that Shelter #3 in Bechtold Park had been razed since it was a safety hazard.

He also stated that the vendor had suggested the possibility of raising the "Ride For Five" program at the Festival to \$8 to recoup additional monies. The Township currently pays a flat fee of \$10,000.00 and averages a return of approximately \$5,000.00. The Board decided to stick with the original pricing.

Mr. McKeown reported that Ooh La La and Mitch Ryder and Eight Days a Week are set to play at the Car Show. Registration will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Show will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eight Days a Week will play from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Ooh La La will open at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Mitch Ryder who will go on between 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. A discussion ensued as whether to open the Car Show up to foreign car entries.

The Community Picnic will be held at the Kenwood address on May 14th with The Bloody Tint (an Irish-American group) playing, June 11th at Bechtold Park will be Jump & Jive and June 18th at McDaniel Park will be the Pink Floyd tribute band called Signs of Life.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid reported that April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be the national day to dump pharmaceuticals. The Board would like to consider having one of the drop-off sites at the Kenwood Road location and suggested combining it with the upcoming Shredding Program. This program has already been advertised in the Township Newsletter for April 23rd but could be moved if the combination works out and a separate flyer put in the next Newsletter to announce the change in dates. Lt. Reid will look into setting up the drop-off program and report back to the Board before a final decision is made.

The Township has received a number of complaints regarding "Door Store" littering from the circulars being thrown in roadways and blowing apart. Lt. Reid will call the supplier and request their carriers to be more careful.

Kenwood Road Access Management Study – Mr. Kellums reported that Ed Williams with TEC submitted the best proposal for a study of the affected area at a cost of \$30,560.00 (paid from TIF funds). The proposal included holding public meetings and setting up a website showing the progress of the study, as well as assistance in obtaining funding/grants for the actual project. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to prepare a resolution to perform this request. Vote: All Aye.

Bechtold Shelter – Mr. Kellums reported that Brandstetter Carroll analyzed six submittals requesting a new park shelter and the best applicant appeared to be Anderson Recreation (designer) using a kit from Pinnacle Polygon Structures. The kit will cost \$24,820.00. Mr. Kellums will get the Board some photos of what the structure looks like, as well as seeing how long both firms have been in business. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to enter into a contract. Vote: All Aye.

CFS is ready to move ahead with the repairs on Shelter #1 at Bechtold Park after settling an insurance claim with Reimeier Lumber over the wood posts. They will order the posts and expect delivery in the next six to eight weeks, at which time they will begin replacing one at a time.

Hosbrook Road Access Update – Mr. Kellums reported that the project is going well with the Fred A. Nemann Company and showed photos on the silt fence and overflow basin installed after an overflow rain event caused mud to wash into the adjoining parking garage.

Mr. Kellums advised the Board of a meeting with Neyer on the property adjoining the FBI site where they want to discuss changes on signage, drainage and road construction. Neyer has agreed to bring the final documents at 6:30 p.m., prior to Thursday night's Trustee Meeting, on the two parcels that will complete the road acquisition phase of the project.

Solar RECS – Mr. Bickford reported that FirstEnergy of Ohio will buy Sycamore's '09 and '10 RECs (Solar Renewable Energy Credits) for \$365.00 (net) for a total of \$28,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve the sale of these RECs to FirstEnergy. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford also reported that the inverter fuses on the solar panel had been replaced under warranty and the system was operational again.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – Chief Jetter reported that the gauges on the fire truck had been replaced – both interior and exterior. The Board approved the invoices and purchase requests as presented.

Tone & Voice – Chief Jetter reported that Hamilton County had changed three years ago to narrow band and that the cost to change from the 1996 low band system over to the narrow band would be \$15,598.00. The new system will turn on in October and it is TIF-eligible based on its greater than ten year life projection. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to proceed with the replacement. Vote: All Aye.

Accidental Insurance Renewal – Chief Jetter reported that there would be a \$594.00 increase this year in insurance rates and recommended staying with Provident for a total of \$7,906.00, locked in for three years. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye.

EMS Billing – Chief Jetter is working on various methods to potentially increase collections. He will continue researching this area.

Inspection Fee – Chief Jetter commented on the number of exempt/ residential properties that do not pay inspection fees and ways to recoup this loss. He will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe presented the following purchase order for approval:

CAGIS Permits Plus Annual Fee	Zoning	\$4,624
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A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve this request.

Vote: All Aye.

Schedule – Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

Law Director Miller requested permission from the Board to prepare a resolution stopping TIFs that are not in effect or have stalled, such as the Bear Creek one on Reading Road. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye.

Law Director Miller requested an executive session for pending litigation. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to adjourn to executive session.

Vote: All Aye.

Executive Session was entered into at 10:13 a.m.

Executive Session was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Back in open session, a motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Richard C. Kent, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator