

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio April 3, 2012

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

Neighborhood Parking – Trustee Bishop requested this item concerning parking in front of the apartment buildings on Longford Drive. Roger Bien is once again moving cars around the area and leaving them sitting for days. The Sheriff's deputies will monitor the situation.

Target Development – The Township portion of Penelope Lane is not being mowed by Target as originally agreed upon. Tracy Kellums stated that the Maintenance Department will take care of mowing it.

A resident is also objecting to the plans to put a bank on the outlot near her home on the corner. Plans show the drive-thru being placed immediately next to her house and she would like to have it placed on the other side of the bank building and is requesting help from the Trustees, even though the development is in Blue Ash. Trustee Weidman will contact her, as well as speaking with the developer.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that there is significant wear and tear on the ball field at Schuler Sports Complex and there is consideration of converting it to a dirt infield. Moeller has indicated they would be willing to split the cost of this project which could range from \$7,000 to \$20,000 based on preliminary estimates. The field would have to be laser graded, irrigation moved and all of this done at the end of the season. Doing this would keep maintenance of the grass at a lesser amount and allow for more revenue being generated if more games could be played with the dirt infield. Mr. McKeown will continue to explore options and discuss it with Moeller representatives.

Sponsorships have already generated enough revenue to cover the cost of the bands this year and Mr. McKeown is continuing to work on additional groups. Trustee Bishop suggested contacting City Barbeque and Chief Jetter will also speak with the Seasons.

2012 Contract Mowing – The Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Group would like to perform mowing services for the Township again this year with only a 1% increase from last year which

was \$20,373.85. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to award the mowing contract to The Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Group at a cost of \$20,577.72.
Vote: All Aye.

Glenellyn – Glenellyn Drive is part of the repaving project for 2012 and will cost about \$330,000 for drainage and curbs. Mr. Kellums has received an engineering cost estimate of \$24,620 from Brandstetter Carroll and will be applying for 20% money from the Hamilton County Engineer. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve Brandstetter Carroll for the engineering of this project at a cost estimate of \$24,620, seconded by Mr. Connor.
Vote: All Aye.

Kenwood Road Underground – Burger King is still considering the offer for underground utilities but Wendy's will still not participate. Cincinnati Bell has submitted a cost estimate of \$190,600 for their part of the fiber optic project. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve moving ahead on the project, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Attorney Miller has started to research the median part of the project and will continue to do additional investigation.

Trash Bash – The Montgomery Community Church contacted the Township concerning a cleanup project they would like to do at Village Green. They are requesting that the Township supply a dumpster. Concern was voiced over the aspect of supplying free services to private organizations. Mr. Kellums will look further into the matter.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Butler had a meeting with Sheriff Leis and was not able to attend. He had no further updates to report through communication with Administrator Raabe.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions or comments from the Trustees and the invoices and purchase request were approved as presented. Chief Jetter reported that the fire grant for the defibrillators was essentially complete – the units were in and payment had already been received from the federal grant.

C.I.C. – Attorney Miller reported that the formation of a C.I.C. (Community Improvement Corporation) has been completed and needs approval by the Trustees – this allows the Township to find additional money and provides the ability to work with the business community. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve the C.I.C., seconded by Mr. Connor.
Vote: All Aye.

Update/Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe presented two purchase orders for approval:

- \$215,438.58 Bond Debt-Quantum/Kemper TIF U.S. Bank
- \$2,500.00 Tuition Reimbursement Harry Holbert

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve these purchase orders, seconded by Mr. Connor.
Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Raabe reminded the Board that the regular Thursday night Trustee Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Raabe requested the Board to support Autism Week by having 2 blue lights on at night over the front entry; this request came from one of the Maintenance employees (Danny LeHane). The Trustees agreed to support Autism Week by illuminating the blue lights.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator