

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 20, 2012

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2012 from 7:30 P.M. to 8:55 P.M. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Gary Dever called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever	Present	Mr. Ron Williams	Present
Mrs. Pam Sayre	Present	Mr. Gregory Ruwe	Present

Also in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth Clark (Executive Assistant to the Trustees) and Ms. Barbara Hoover (Asst. to the Fiscal Officer)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dever led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July Regular Session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from 2012 to date, specifically: 02/15/12, 04/04/12, 05/30/12, 06/28/12, 07/05/12, and 08/07/12. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

Bills were presented for payment. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the July payroll reports. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation, bank statements, receipts and expenditure reports for the month of July. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation as reported. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Lieutenant Mike Isham was in attendance and made a presentation. He provided the Brown Township Monthly Report for July 2012. The report reflects that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on sixteen EMS runs and seven Fire runs. Lt. Isham provided documents detailing the EMS and Fire runs. A short discussion was held regarding the potential cost savings of reducing the electric bill for the Station 82 building.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

There was no report from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office this month.

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Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Heritage Preserve

The Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel unanimously recommended disapproval of the Heritage Preserve proposal at its August 14 meeting. The members stated a variety of concerns in their findings of fact to support the disapproval recommendation, including density, floodplain fill, lack of wetland buffers, and other items.

The next step in the process would be consideration of the proposal by the Hilliard Planning and Zoning Commission, followed by consideration and a decision by Hilliard City Council.

The Homestead

Consultant and committee work to recommend a redesign of the water park and skate park portions of The Homestead has been completed. The recommended approach will be to emphasize exploration of the Darby Watershed, featuring areas with different experiences for young to older children. The three areas – River Quest, Woodland Adventure, and Prairie Escape will offer water play, nature play, climbing areas, high activity play equipment, a large ropes system, natural vegetation and materials, connection to Heritage Trail, and a picnic lawn.

The recommendation is expected to be presented to the Washington Township Trustees in September.

Materials showing the proposal will be available in the work room.

Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update

The Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department has prepared a draft Planning Services Agreement outlining the process and roles and responsibilities in the preparation of an update to the Township Comprehensive Plan, for review by Brown Township Trustees. The process is expected to take 12 months and result in a plan to be adopted by both the Trustees and the County Commissioners.

Community Development Projects Bus Tour

As a member of the Franklin County Community Development Advisory Board representing Brown Township, I attended a bus tour on August 17 of various projects supported by federal Community Development Block Grant and other federal funds. Featured were LifeCare Alliance's work to provide nutrition and other services, a community garden on the former Franklin County Children Services property on Gantz Road, a fresh foods initiative in Franklinton, a rehabilitated home in Prairie Township, and a food truck business incubator.

Summer 2012 Newsletter

The summer newsletter has been prepared and should be in residents' mailboxes within about ten days.

Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, 9 a.m., September 12, Lazarus Building

Scheduled Agenda Item

None scheduled this month.

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Audience Participation:

Six township residents were in attendance with questions and concerns regarding the proposed Heritage Preserve development. A discussion was led by Gary Dever and Beth Clark, both of whom attended The Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel meeting.

Ernie Davis was in attendance and discussed his concerns regarding the catch basins and drainage tile along Langton Rd.

Jeff Bailey was in attendance and voiced his concern over drainage problems behind his home on Walker Rd. He questioned whether the proposed Heritage Preserve development would worsen this problem.

Old Business:

2012 International Truck Repair

The 2012 International dump truck was inspected and serviced by Center City International Trucks. All current service work is now complete.

Mosquito Control Program

Brown Township was sprayed with a Ground Adulticide application on Wednesday, August 08, 2012. A total of 16.8 miles of road and 609.0 acres were treated within Brown Township. The ability of township residents to access from our website the pre and post-spray maps provided by Franklin County Public Health was discussed.

FCTA Meeting

Questions for the debate between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office candidates on September 13th have been received. Arrangements are being finalized for the meal to be served that evening.

Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel

Joe Martin has been named as the Brown Township representative to the panel for the new term. An alternate representative has not been identified.

New Business:

OBWC Group Rating Program

Brown Township will not be eligible to participate in the 2013 group rating program through The Frank Gates Service Company. It is anticipated that our premium rate will increase slightly as a result. The Fiscal Officer conferred with a Frank Gates executive regarding the option of limited service for representation at claim

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hearings. It is the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer that Brown Township not contract for the limited representation for 2013. We can enroll in the full program for 2014 when our eligibility is restored next year.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Officer's recommendation. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Letter to OPERS Pension Reform

The Trustees signed a letter to be sent to various members of the House Subcommittee on Pensions & Retirement opposing the proposed changes to the retirement system contained in Substitute Senate Bill 343.

Planning Services Agreement

Executive Assistant Clark is to study the proposed changes to the Planning Services Agreement in light of the planning horizon and make her recommendations to the Trustees at a later meeting.

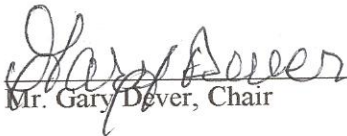
Public Records Request

The Fiscal Officer is to confer with the Township attorney regarding how to handle a Public Records Request received this weekend.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Dever asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Votes were: Mr. Gary Dever, Aye; Mr. Ron Williams, Aye; Mrs. Pam Sayre, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.


Mr. Gary Dever, Chair


Mr. Gregory Ruwe, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.