

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

Held: June 2, 2025

Trustee Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Joe Martin, Pam Sayre, Pete Marsh, and Fiscal Officer Becky Kent.

Discussion of draft noise resolution

Trustee Marsh started by highlighting some of the changes from the first draft. Three exceptions were added in response to conversations with residents and a township noise resolution best practices seminar Trustee Marsh watched. The distance the noise needs to be heard was increased from 100 to 300 feet. "Quiet hours" were also added to be 10pm-7am, so that the noise resolution is only in effect during those hours.

Trustee Martin asked about whether 10pm is too early. There was some back-and-forth discussion and the trustees decided to see what feedback they get about the specific time period.

Trustee Martin questioned exemption 8 that eludes the Board of Trustees has a process for approving civic and neighborhood events. It was decided to remove this exemption.

Trustee Martin commented that he likes item G and how well it defines how law enforcement might determine that the noise resolution is being violated.

Public comment

Robert Caudy stated that this draft is much better than the original one that was proposed. He encouraged moving the quiet hours to start at 11pm. He asked about the triggering mechanism, and shared that he is concerned the sheriff could issue a noise citation to someone without having received a complaint from a neighbor. He also asked whether the property owner or the person making the noise will receive the citation. Trustee Marsh will follow up with the township attorney to see if it is permissible for the noise resolution to only be complaint-driven.

Nancy Nemeth complimented the trustees for their work on the issue, but is totally against any sort of noise resolution in the township. She wanted to understand how many people have complained. Trustee Martin said that people have come to the meetings over the years and while it isn't often, the incidents are usually egregious and residents are very frustrated because the sheriff can't do anything.

David Minton strongly encouraged the trustees not to move forward with the noise resolution. He also asked that if they do move forward, to move the hour restriction to 11pm or later. He also asked that

since it seems the common noise issue people have is sound reproduction, to limit the resolution to just that. Trustee Marsh will check with the township attorney to see if that is permitted.

Shade Hoskins requested that Trustee Marsh make sure sound reproduction could include a live band.

Zac Warder confirmed with Trustee Marsh that 11pm would be ok if the trustees decide to change the quiet hours. He shared that many times last summer the offending neighbor on Davis Road had a live band and stage with music blasting well into the night. Even though he is located far away his house would vibrate and he could feel the music in his body.

Public survey

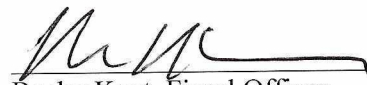
The trustees discussed a sample postcard mocked up by Trustee Martin, and survey questions written by Trustee Martin and Trustee Marsh. Each question was reviewed and a final survey was agreed upon. Trustee Martin will prepare a postcard for final review and set the survey up on Brown Township's website. Trustee Marsh will follow up with the township attorney on the questions that came out of the meeting.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to accept the final draft of Brown Township's proposed noise resolution as discussed. Trustee Marsh seconded. Motion approved three AYES, no NAYS.

Meeting adjourn

There being no other business to discuss, Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Marsh seconded. Motion approved three AYES, no NAYS. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Joseph Martin, Chair

Becky Kent, 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.