

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



### BROWN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

Held: March 4, 2026

Trustee Chair Sayre called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Trustees Pam Sayre, Pete Marsh, and Joe Martin, and Fiscal Officer Becky Kent.

Melissa Brinkerhoff and Anthony Sasson from the Big Darby Accord Panel were in the audience.

Tracy Hatmaker, Brown Township Planning & Development Specialist, called in.

Trustee Marsh made a motion to sign the response to the BDART stakeholder comment spreadsheet drafted by Tracy Hatmaker. Trustee Martin seconded. Motion approved three AYES, no NAYS.

The trustees discussed an upcoming BDART meeting with Tracy. Tracy suggested that concessions might come through changes to the Big Darby Accord amendment or an annexation agreement with the City of Columbus.

Trustee Marsh asked whether an annexation agreement is something that could come together quickly. Tracy suggested that Brown Township not adopt the amendment until an annexation agreement is signed.

Tracy shared that he had talked to Hilliard representatives and they said if Brown Township does not adopt the amendment, they might not either.

Trustee Sayre asked whether specific parcels could be named in an annexation agreement and Tracy answered that yes, boundaries could be specified for parcels that can or cannot be annexed.

Anthony Sasson pointed out that a lot of off-site open space has used land that isn't able to be developed and suggested that off-site open space should be new land set-aside for open space.

The trustees and Tracy discussed different ways to phase development and what might be agreeable to by Columbus.

Trustee Sayre suggested that the affected entities might be interested in all contributing toward modeling the future land use map because Columbus said they don't have the budget to cover the cost.

Anthony Sasson suggested that land in the Big Darby watershed should be used as a boundary for lower densities. He agrees with the trustees that open space should be kept on-site for maximum protection. Anthony said there should be goals set before water quality monitoring starts.

There being no other business to discuss, Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Marsh seconded. Motion approved three AYES, no NAYS. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
Pam Sayre, 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.