

## BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 31, 2017

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Ross. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Martin, Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Trimbach, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$52,578.08 and a transfer for \$4,474.20 from the checking account to the Perpetual Care savings account; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Following up on Ms. Bednar's request at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chuck Frazier, Chief Ranger and Special Projects Manager for Greene County Parks and Trails, reported on his conversations with the property owners adjoining the parcel that would allow access to Pearl's Fen. Mr. Raymond Mills, 4505 Byron Road, was most considerate of the Carmens' desire to sell their property and requested that the parking lot be placed as far back as possible and that there be screening of the park entrance from his property. Ms. Diana Baker, property owner of the other adjoining property at 4525 Byron Road, and her son Nathan Baker were in attendance. They spoke about their concerns. The Board and Mr. Frazier discussed alternate access points to the fen through Oakes Quarry Park or through the property to the south of 4505 Byron. Mr. Martin's opinion was that people interested in the fen would be willing to walk through the quarry park and this option would not interfere with the residential neighborhood along this section of Byron Road. Mr. Frazier noted that the park district does have an easement to the fen through Ms. Baker's other property at 4545 Byron but they have been hesitant to use it with their heavy equipment. The Board's approval of the Park District's purchase of the Carmen property would be a point for the grant from the Clean Ohio Fund. Mr. Pitstick also favored the park district looking at an alternative access. Noting that the Board does support the park district's efforts to maintain Pearl's Fen, Mr. Ross encouraged Mr. Frazier to look at other possible options for access.

Concerning the Ohio Public Entity Consortium-Healthcare Cooperative Board of Directors membership meeting on May 24 in Grove City, Mr. Ross and Ms. Susan Martin, Executive Assistant of the Greene County Public Health Department, reported on information and discussions at the Board of Directors' meeting and the membership meeting that followed. Greene County Assistant Prosecutor Stephanie Hayden has been looking into the situation and had contacted the Stark County Assistant Prosecutor. There are law suits pending. Mr. Ross noted that the township has enjoyed a favorable relationship with OPEC, however, financial conditions that were brought out are disconcerting. There is an estimated deficit of \$14,000,000. Members choosing not to renew are obligated to pay off their share of the deficit. This might amount to \$4000 per employee. There were discussions on how this deficit came to be. Members have until July 1 to submit a withdrawal notice effective December 31, 2017; but they have through August 31, 2017 to rescind their withdrawal notice. Ms. Hayden recommended that the township submit the withdrawal. Mr. Martin made a motion to give OPEC-HC a withdrawal notice as of December 31, 2017, that needs to be submitted by July 1, and ask for the dollar amount that will be charged upon our withdrawal; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross will ask Carol Graff, Greene County Township Association secretary, to send out an email requesting the names of the entities in the county who are members of OPEC-HC and encouraging them to attend the next OPEC members meeting to be held prior to July 1. Mr. Pitstick would like to know who the other townships use for their health insurance.

Concerning the township park walking path: The Board and Assistant Prosecutor Hayden reviewed the history of the path and the request from Lance Oakes, project manager for Design Develop Construct, LLC, to remove the path along the east side of the park and a portion of a parking lot. The Board would like to see the boundary line in question staked out in order to get some perspective on what is involved. Mr. Ross asked Ms. Hayden to send a letter to Mr. Oakes asking him for clarification of his requests and to stake the property line. Mr. Heizer asked about fencing of the retainage pond that appears on the drawings to be near the rear park playground and shelter. He also noted that since the beginning of the Waterford Landing development there has been a drainage problem in the park.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that the crack sealing on Old Yellow Springs Road is complete with the help of Miami Township. Mr. Ross noted that it is a smooth ride, but it did require a lot of sealant. The road crew should have spraying done by Tuesday and possibly begin paving for Miami Township on Wednesday. The spring mowing was completed before Memorial Day. Mr. Heizer is now searching for a replacement for the

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pickup truck. Mr. Pitstick asked Ms. Hayden about purchasing a truck not on the state purchasing contract that is similarly priced. Ms. Hayden stated that this was alright as long as the cost was under \$50,000.

Mr. Ross read Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. Due to an equipment breakdown Fairborn Cement Company did not complete the debris removal. They do plan to return. Concerning the new Columbarium, Larry Morrison from Dodds Monuments quoted \$1,895 for a flower panel similar to those on the Mausoleum buildings. For an additional \$100 labor fee a flower panel can be installed on the existing Columbarium. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Pitstick to take a look at the Columbarium. Mrs. Phillips also requested changing the number of days that decorations placed on graves for a holiday during mowing season from five days following the holiday to three days including the holiday. She reasons that for Memorial Day mowing is completed on Wednesday to allow for the placement of flags by the VFW and by the time decorations are removed 12 days have passed. Mr. David Anderson, 3600 Byron Road, and Mr. Heizer noted that when they worked at the cemetery they would mow around the decorations since people would come back for the decorations a week later. Mr. Trimbach stated that they receive a lot of complaints when decorations are removed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Martin made a motion to approve a reallocation in the Gasoline Tax Fund of \$1900 to Operating Supplies-Materials-Crack Sealant from Repairs and Maintenance; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to hold the Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget on July 5; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson had a complaint about how Mrs. Brown reported Mr. Ross' position on the medical marijuana issue and also about the length of time before the minutes are posted on the webpage.

Craig Hibner, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, introduced himself and submitted information about OTARMA, a risk management group for townships only. He will contact Mrs. Brown at a later date about a quote for our liability and property insurance.

Mr. Ross noted that he had lunch today with City Manager Rob Anderson. Mr. Anderson will be expecting us to be in touch soon about the fire/EMS contract.

Concerning pending items: Mr. Ross will contact Kathy Estep about the Mud Run Road maintenance agreement with Mad River Township. The Board agreed to remove the Rockdell property delinquent tax release item. The City Solicitor has never responded to Mr. Martin's questions.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

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Steven E. Ross, Chairman