

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 18, 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. Pitstick, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Trimbach, Mr. Treon, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve payment of the bills totaling \$41,433.03; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Concerning health insurance coverage for the upcoming year, Mr. Ross stated that we have not received the rates effective January 1st. He will call the agents to get a status report.

Concerning the fog seal project, Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that Miller-Mason has not completed the application on Dogwood Circle nor cleaned up the loose gravel. Mrs. Brown confirmed that no payment for the project has been made to date.

STAFF REPORTS: Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that the County has completed pavement markings on Medway, Linebaugh, and Wilkerson. Following discussions with the project manager and Luke Trubee, Greene County Engineer's Office, Mr. Heizer made the decision to eliminate the passing zones on Wilkerson and have a double-yellow line run the entire length. Mr. Heizer plans to evaluate other roads where a double-yellow line might be in order.

Mr. Heizer reported that Design Properties III, LLC had completed work on the park walking path. (See August 2, 2017 minutes.) The road crew will berm the edges. Mr. Ross noted that the path looks fine but doesn't quite follow the initial layout agreed upon which included removal of a stump. Mr. Heizer asked the Trustees to examine the job with him since he doesn't think all the specifications were met. Plans are to seal the entire path next summer. Mr. Ross plans to contact Lance Oakes about the deed for the strip of land that was part of the Walking Path Removal and Replacement Agreement.

Mr. Ross read Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. She has contacted the Reserves at Cornerstone and Vectren about the removal of a dead ash tree and dead wooding other trees along the property line in Section 14. Plans are for the road department to finish asphaltting the deteriorating areas of roadway tomorrow. She also provided an updated price comparison. After reviewing the figures, Mr. Pitstick was satisfied that Byron Cemetery's prices were competitive and that we were not underpricing since, as Mr. Ross noted, there has been a decided uptick in lot sales to non-residents. They agreed to watch the trend of non-resident sales for now.

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, noted that he has been issuing a number of permits for drop-in sheds. He has sent a letter to the Adams Road residents about options available for a conforming use for their auto repair business. Concerning another case at 9570 Adams, the resident, having once cleaned up his property, has now brought in more stuff. Mr. Miller has advised him that he has until the end of October to clean it up again.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve reallocations in the General Fund for \$400 from Administrative-Advertising to Zoning-Advertising; in the Cemetery Fund \$2000 to Repairs & Maintenance, \$1000 from Small Tools & Minor Equipment and \$1000 from Heating Oil; and \$1000 to Operating Supplies-Plaques & Markers from Operating Supplies; seconded by Mr. Ross. Two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Ross read the revised Bath Township Hunting Permit. The new permit is not limited to deer hunting and also extends the hours hunting is permitted. The permit allows for BOW HUNTING ONLY, on the property known as the vacant land of Byron Cemetery. No hunting is permitted during Byron Cemetery hours (7:30am to 4pm Monday-Friday and Saturday when a burial service is scheduled). Mr. Pitstick made a motion to issue a permit to cemetery employee, Seth Treon; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Melissa Urschel, 3766 St. Andrews Drive, asked Mr. Miller to check on possible zoning violations at a property in her neighborhood.

Marvin Kidd, 2400 E. River Road, Moraine, owner of the Greene Farming LLC (previously the Greene Country Club), spoke about what he has done so far with the property and his

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future plans. He has applied for a reinstatement of a license for liquor and beer as he intends to handle weddings and other such events. He hopes to open in December. Ms. Urschel, who is working with Mr. Kidd on food service, spoke about the involved process of obtaining a vendor's license. Mr. Ross suggested that she contact Susan Martin at Greene County Public Health for guidance. Mr. Kidd mentioned other long range plans such as experimental/research farming and 55+ housing. Mr. Miller asked that Mr. Kidd contact him before proceeding with any plans so that he can advise him of any zoning issues that might need to be addressed.

In response to a question from Mrs. Kassie Lester, 750 Herr Road, about when the zoning inspector investigates complaints, Mr. Miller stated that generally his investigations are made after he receives a complaint, but he would still look into any obvious violation that he might observe. She then asked about how long before he investigates. At which point, Mr. Miller realized that he had not followed up on her complaint about a property on Herr Road. At the time the family was dealing with funeral arrangements. Mr. Miller apologized for the oversight.

Mr. David Anderson, 3600 Byron Road, asked if there was a state regulation concerning price increases for cemeteries. The Board was not aware of any such regulation. Mr. Ross talked about pricing, the probable longevity of Byron Cemetery as an active cemetery and perpetual care when it becomes inactive which will be provided by the fund that presently receives 10% of all proceeds from cemetery sales and services. Mr. Anderson also asked about the Zoning Inspector's notice concerning placement of political signs in the road right-of-way that only candidate Michelle Clements-Pitstick received. Mr. Miller stated that the other candidates had run before and were aware of the regulations. There was a discussion about the general disregard that candidates and their committees have about sign placement.

There being no further business, Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Steven E. Ross, Chairman