

REGULAR SESSION
April 27, 2010

Mr. Ferrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Michael Printy, Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell answered the roll call.

The next scheduled meeting is the Work Session on May 4, 2010. This will be Law Day. It is also Election Day. Therefore, the meeting will be held at 9:00 am at Perkins High School in the Cafeteria.

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Dean Frederick. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending April 27, 2010. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Ferrell then introduced Dean Frederick for a presentation on the Bell Avenue Park. He suggested that the zoning be changed to Park and Recreation. He had exhibits that included pictures and sketches that gave the location of present facilities and planned facilities based on current input. Within 2 miles of the park, you have 50% of the Township population.

The majority of suggested uses for the property are hiking trails, nature areas, ball fields, and playgrounds. The park has 28 acres. The plans retain as much of the green space as possible. Some of the other requested activities such as a swimming pool are costly and require a lot of maintenance. The plans call for a community area. The goal is to make this a year round activity center. Another is to maintain as much of the green area. The community would like it developed within 5 years and to use as much recycled materials as possible.

Mr. Frederick was seeking future input from the public, trustees, and park board. Mr. Coleman said that a concern of some residents on Bell Avenue was the speed limit. Mr. Frederick said that if the area is rezoned to park & recreation, then the speed could be lowered. Steve Puckrin, Bell Avenue, suggested a lower limit from the railroad tracks to Ferry. He also suggested a combination of a wider bike and walking path. He also suggested an area for a remote controlled car track. Mr. Coleman agreed with the wider walking trail. Mr. Frederick said that it should be at least car wide for access by maintenance and security. Then the decision becomes whether we pave it now or later. Mr. Coleman suggested a permeable paving if hard paved.

Richard Koch, Ferry Lane, was concerned about the drainage. Mr. Frederick explained that any development would include drainage control as needed to protect the neighboring areas.

Cheryl Best-Wilke, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked about the future use of areas I & J. Mr. Frederick said that they would be grassy open areas such as soccer fields, Frisbee fields, and kite flying. Ms. Wilke asked if the maintenance of the retention pond would be a park responsibility. Mr. Frederick said that since this benefits other areas and agencies, the funding would be completely separate. Mr. Frederick said that there were no suggestions that were completely unexpected. Ms. Wilke suggested a paint ball area. It was agreed that this was a commercial venture, not for the park. Ms. Wilke asked if anyone suggested a skateboard area. Mr. Frederick said that the residents had not suggested it. This becomes a liability issue.

Mr. Coleman asked about connecting local parks and other areas. Mr. Frederick explained that this had been taken into account especially with the schools and the fairgrounds.

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Mr. Frederick hoped to get this out to the steering committee within the next two weeks. There must also be co-ordination between the various existing ball fields.

Ms. Wilke asked about the zoning change. Mr. Frederick said that will be a recommendation in the study. It would seem that would be the logical next step. Mr. Ferrell said that they would discuss this with Mr. Lamb. Mr. Coleman said that they would fast track this.

Resolution #2010-0053

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the following supplemental appropriations for the Highway Department:

1000-760-740 Machinery – Mower	\$986.62
1000-610-420 Supplies	(986.62)

Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Boos explained that a narrower mower would allow them to mow between the headstones and in restricted areas. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2010-0054

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the following supplemental appropriation for the Fire Department:

2283-220-740 Equipment	\$268.00
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The source of funding is from additional funds to be received in Fund 2283. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Captain Wohlever explained that they have amended the grant to allow for the purchase of two additional Knox boxes. He said that the article in the newspaper has increased their request list. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2010-0055

ACCEPT WAL-MART GRANT FOR SAFETY TOWN

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a \$500 grant from Wal-Mart for Safety Town. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Lt. Matthews said that a thank you letter had already been sent. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2010-0056

HIRE CAMERON BRAKE, PART TIME HIGHWAY LABORER

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Cameron Brake as a part time laborer in the Highway Department, effective April 12, 2010, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Printy noted that Cameron had been with the Township before. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2010-0057

APPROVE DEMOLITION OF 205 GILCHER COURT

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the demolition of 205 Gilcher Court. The property has been condemned by the Erie County Health Department. . Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #2010-0058

APPROVE DEMOLITION OF 218 GILCHER COURT

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the demolition of 218 Gilcher Court. The property has been condemned by the Erie County Health Department. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

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Mr. Ferrell noted that both of these would be demolished using Erie County Block Grant funds so there is no cost to the Township.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Department

Lt. Matthews reported that all was going well.

Highway Department

Mr. Boos thanked the Board for allowing him to pursue the Tire grant. He thanked Officers McLaughlin and Corbin and the Cadets for assisting in the collection. He also thanked several Township residents Gary Toll and Tom Eppse who picked up tires around the Township. It was a great success. As of now we are not going to be charged for the extra tires. We collected approximately 23 tons.

They are preparing for Memorial Day. They are also doing daily maintenance of potholes and drainage.

The brush drop off on Saturday was a little slow compared to past years, but the weather was not the greatest.

Mr. Printy noted that Memorial Day ceremonies would be held in the Perkins Cemetery on May 31st at noon. The new highway Superintendent Eric Dodrill will be the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Ferrell noted that there is a planning meeting at OVH on May 4th.

Fire Department

Chief Hodges noted that they had received a FEMA grant that Captain Wohlever will explain. Captain Wohlever said that they had received an EMS grant of \$4,500 from last year and will be submitting invoices for that. They were also officially awarded a FEMA AFF grant for station improvements (\$30,283), computers and other monitoring equipment (\$30,000), and rescue trailer equipment (\$91,000). Mr. Coleman asked if the station would be added to the EMA shelters. Captain Wohlever said that they would be after the improvements are made. The total amount of the project is \$160,158 with \$152,151 from FEMA and \$8,007 matching funds from the Township.

**Resolution #2010-0059
ACCEPT 2009 FEMA GRANT**

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the 2009 FEMA Grant project in the amount of \$160,158. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman congratulated the department for receiving the grant. Captain Wohlever noted that all members of the department participated in doing the research for the writing of the grant. Mr. Printy noted that this was just one in a series of grant secured by the department. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Chief Hodges asked the Board if there was an answer on his personnel request. Mr. Ferrell said that it was still being discussed. Mr. Printy noted that he was in support of the request. He noted that normally the department works 7 full time and 1 part time employees per shift. Currently there are two shifts that are 6 full time and 2 part time. In addition their vacation schedule is going to be steady for the months of May, June, July. He was in favor on moving forward with the request if the Board would entertain the request. Mr. Coleman said that he was not ready to second the motion. There are other items to be considered such as the pending health insurance increase, the decrease of local government funds, and other items. He would like to wait until we have a clear picture of our financial status. Mr. Printy noted that we do anticipate some cost increases, but our revenues and expenses are on target. In addition the appropriations already set for the fire department allow for one additional full time person. Mr. Ferrell

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said that whenever a department head comes to the Board their requests receives worthwhile consideration. Other department heads have requested additional personnel and it has not been granted. The last time this was discussed he thought we all agreed to wait until we knew where we were with the health insurance and some other issues. He believes that it is something that needs to be discussed in executive session between the Trustees before a decision can be rendered. At this time he would not support a second. Ms. Wilke asked if there was funding already in place to support the additional expenses. Mr. Ferrell said that it was, but they are looking at some unplanned expenses such as health insurance that need to be considered. Ms. Wilke asked when they would have an answer on that. Mr. Ferrell thought the end of June.

REPORTS:

The February Zoning collections are \$5,821.93 and include two new homes, one remodeling, and one industrial remodeling. The March Zoning collections are \$4,988.12 and include two additions and one structural remodeling.

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION

Mr. Coleman presented a letter to be sent to the Sandusky Register in support of the Natural Gas and Electricity aggregation issues that will appear on the May 4th ballot. Mr. Ferrell explained that these issues would appear on the ballots of all townships. Participation will be on a Township basis. There is an opt in, opt out provision.

Mr. Coleman expressed concerns over the recent national health care program and how it could affect care to the public.

Resolution #2010-0060

HIRE SCOTT MULARONI, ARCHITECT

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Scott Mularoni, Architect, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, to submit cost estimates to make the Strickfaden, Leisure, and Schiller parks ADA compliant. The estimates are to be submitted to Erie County for Block Grant funds. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Ferrell explained that to submit plans you have to be a registered architect. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cheryl Best-Wilke, Pennsylvania Avenue, asked when the minutes would be updated. Ms. Schaefer said that she had contacted the present website manager and they would be updated tonight. For some reason she had not received any e-mails for the last several weeks.

Ms. Wilke also said that she attended the aggregation meeting. She said that is was very informative. She only wished more people would have attended.

Mr. Coleman moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and a legal matter. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Coleman moved to return to regular session. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Motion approved.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer