

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on February 23, 2015 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Chairman Rosiello, present; Trustee Callos, present; Trustee Linnenberg, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Rosiello moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 09, 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Jennifer Vatter of JMA Consultants presented an update on the Sidewalk/Hiker Biker/Pedestrian Access Plan. Ms. Vatter stated that the Green Township Sidewalk Plan was initiated in 2009 to further study the possibility of creating a logical system of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Township in areas where they do not currently exist. In order to accomplish this, an inventory of the entire Township was taken with regard to existing sidewalks, and bicycle-friendly streets. Ms. Vatter stated that previous plans, such as the 1981 Bicycle Plan, the 2007 Parks Master Plan, and various OKI and regional plans, were taken into consideration during the plan's development and update. The plan was crafted so that it can be implemented in phases, and can be easily looked at from a cost-benefit perspective. The plan update contains updated cost estimates for priority projects. The goals of the plan are to provide safe connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and other community destination points; enhance and expand existing sidewalk systems in heavily utilized areas, and build new sidewalks in areas of the Township which are currently underserved; identify an overall bicycle system with local and regional linkages, which will benefit both recreational and experienced cyclists; and identify and prioritize specific projects based on need and economic feasibility. Ms. Vatter stated that the benefits of sidewalks and bikeways are to enhance community viability; recreation opportunities; safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists; and modes of transportation. Ms. Vatter reviewed current sidewalk facilities and recommended several sidewalk enhancement projects. Sidewalk enhancement projects consist of the construction of smaller pieces of sidewalk, primarily in subdivisions, where there is currently a gap in the sidewalk system. Ms. Vatter reviewed bicycle facilities and bicycle facility enhancements. Ms. Vatter reviewed specific sidewalks and one hike/bike trail project for the near future. Over the next couple of years sidewalks may be constructed on West Fork Road between West Fork Road and the library. On Bridgetown Road there are sidewalks planned in three phases. And a hiker/biker trail is planned along Harrison Avenue.

Chairman Rosiello stated that there will be as much sidewalk and hiker/biker trail connectivity as possible.

Trustee Callos stated that sidewalks are a priority of the current Board.

Trustee Callos announced that in 2016 West Fork Park will receive extensive updates and enhancements that will benefit the community.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that sidewalks have been a priority of his since his appointment to the Board in 2008.

Administrator Celarek announced that there will be a hard copy of the Sidewalk/Hiker Biker/Pedestrian Access Plan available in the Administration Department for anyone who would like to review the plan.

John Anevski, 5415 Palisades Drive, was present to discuss free-standing and building signage for property located on Harrison Avenue at the former State Farm site. Mr. Anevski addressed the Board in regards to confusion about the zoning designation for the site. Development Director Goetzman explained that the process Mr. Anevski went through was actually a PUD, not a zone change. The property was zoned "O" Office. Retail uses are permitted in an office district if they are approved through a PUD. The PUD stipulates that the property must be considered a low intensity use, which means under a 60% impervious surface ratio. The property in question does meet that standard. At the time of the PUD "O" Office districts did not permit free-standing signs. Therefore, there is no free-standing signage that was approved in 2003. Subsequently, the County did change the Zoning Resolution to permit free-standing signs up to 50 sq.ft. for Office Districts. Therefore, a 50 sq.ft. free-standing sign would currently be allowed on the property. Mr. Anevski is requesting a 120 sq.ft sign with a height of approximately 17 ft. The property does lie within the Harrison Avenue Corridor Plan which does permit ground-mounted or monument style signage no taller than 12 ft. in height.

Trustee Linnenberg asked Mr. Anevski if he could bring the sign height down to the recommended 12 ft. in height. Mr. Anevski stated that he

wants a 17 ft. high sign.

Development Director Goetzman stated that the request made by Mr. Anevski is substantially larger than what the zoning code permits, and that Mr. Anevski would need to seek a major adjustment to the PUD to permit a sign significantly larger than what is currently permitted under the zoning resolution.

Trustee Callos asked how many tenants are proposed for the location. Mr. Anevski stated that the building is designed for up to 16 tenants, but hopes that that number will be much lower.

Development Director Goetzman proposed a compromise of a 99 sq.ft. sign with a height of 12 ft.

Attorney Hyle stated that the Trustees would be willing to compromise with Mr. Anevski on the size and height of the free-standing sign.

Mr. Anevski opted not to accept the compromise of 99 sq. ft. of signage at 12 ft. in height and stated that he would rather pursue the matter through Hamilton County.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-A

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-B

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the Amended Estimated Resources for 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

Trustee Callos thanked Linda Griswold, Kevin Celarek, and staff who met with each Trustee to review the specific resources, financial reports, and 2015 Budget.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-C

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the Amended Annual Appropriations for 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-D

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution declaring a 2001 Better Built sixteen foot tilt trailer with a VIN number of 4MNFB162411002118 and a 2008 P.J. twelve foot dump trailer with a VIN number of 4P5D7122181114361 and a 1995 Wanda sixteen foot landscape trailer with a VIN number of 4P8U516215500020 as surplus property and authorizing the sale of the trailers through the Hamilton County On-Line Auction Service. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-E

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution authorizing out of state travel for Part-Time Firefighter Mark Walters to attend the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Technician Course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama from April 12, 2015 to April 18, 2015. There will be no cost to the Township with all course fees, travel, lodging and meals paid by the Federal Government. Backfill expenses will not be incurred since Mr. Walters is a Part-Time Firefighter. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-F

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the job description for Special Projects Coordinator (Part-Time) with a salary of \$22.00 per hour. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-G

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution approving the approving the job description for Event Specialist II (Part-Time) with a salary of \$19.72 per hour. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-H

Trustee Callos moved to pass a resolution authorizing permission to advertise for bid for the West Fork Sidewalk project. The Engineer's Estimate is \$165,378. Chairman Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-I

The following properties were declared as nuisances. The Township Attorney was directed to notify the owners of the properties listed below of this resolution:

1. 3640 Robinet Drive (550-0131-0177), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., Hamilton County Administration Building, 138 East Court Street, to hear the following case:
 - a. Case Green #2015-02, Robert G. Rothert, Abercrombie and Associates Inc, Applicant and William R. and Lois T. Nicholson, Jeanette Mazzaro, William and Wanda Cochran, Irwin J. and Lois J. Hauck, Brenda C. Smith, J. Bruce and Pamela Jane Greely Suits, James K. Reynolds, Owners, 4108 North Bend Road at the intersection of North Bend Road and Westwood Northern Boulevard, for approval of a Zone Change from "C" Residential and "E" Retail to "EE" Planned Retail to permit demolition of several commercial buildings and residences and adjacent unused portions of Westwood-Northern Boulevard right-of-way to construct a United Dairy Farmers and associated fuel pumps.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, reported that he worked with the Township Controller and Clark, Schaefer & Hackett to prepare the year-end financial report. The report has been submitted to Ohio State Auditor. He also reported that the Township recently purchased a \$250,000, five-year, 1.8% CD.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated need for executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, announced that there will be a Heroin & Addiction Summit on February 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Clippard Labs on Colerain Avenue. That Summit is open to the public. He also announced that Beau Vita is selling a cookbook for \$15.00 with proceeds to benefit Beau Vita. Administrator Celarek reported that there are several electric aggregation companies that are soliciting within Green Township that are not offering a rate better than the Green Township rate of 5.83 cents per kWh with Duke Energy Retail. However, if you have an all-electric house you may have to compare plans.

Police Chief Bart West stated that there are currently no companies registered with the Green Township Police Department for soliciting electric aggregation within Green Township. However, there is one pending at this time.

Director of Public Services, Butch Nanney, reporting in the absence of Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, stated that the Public Services Department has been out in full force for nine days clearing snow. In those nine days they drove over 6,458 miles, used approximately 1,000 tons of salt, 2,000 gallons of calcium, and 1,900 gallons of diesel fuel.

Trustee Callos, along with the other Trustees, thanked the Department of Public Services for their efforts during the recent snow storm.

Administrator Celarek asked if residents could please move their cars off the streets and into driveways if possible so that the snow plows can effectively clear snow from the roadway.

Asst. Fire Chief, Scott Souders reported in the absence of Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that they are compiling data from 2014 statistics. That report should be available before the next Trustees Meeting. Chief Witsken reminded residents to be careful with alternative heating methods which can be dangerous if not used properly.

Police Chief, Bart West, thanked everyone in the Public Services Department for all recent construction work that has taken place in the Police Department.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, stated that he had nothing to report.

Chairman Rosiello recognized the recent passing of Erv Hoinke. He stated that Western Bowl put the west side on the map. He also recognized the

passing of Mike O'Donnell and Muzzie Manilla.

RESOLUTION #15-0223-J

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution recommending denial of Case Green #2003-03 to the Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye;

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 09, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello made a motion to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of property. Action is not anticipated. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Callos: Aye; Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:40 p.m.; reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST: