

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

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-A**

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution appointing Kevin Celarek as Acting Fiscal Officer for the purpose of taking meeting minutes for the Trustees Meeting. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

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

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

Todd Yohey, Superintendent of Oak Hills Local School District and representatives from Oakdale Elementary School were present to request assistance for construction of a Scottie Yard Playground for handicapped students.

Superintendent Yohey, addressed the board regarding their plans for an all-inclusive accessible playground which will be named "Scottie Yard Playground". Superintendent Yohey thanked parents and staff members who have spent a great deal of time getting this project started.

Jeff Harold, Principal, Oakdale Elementary, thanked the Board for giving Oakdale Elementary School the time to present this proposed project.

Principal Harold introduced Emily Buckley, District Public Relations representative; Michelle Bueshart, teacher in the MD room and grant writer for the proposed project; Erin Porzel, PTA President; and Steve Bain, District Treasurer.

Michelle Bueshart stated that the playground, as designed, has one large play structure that is ADA approved, and has a ramp entrance with a variety of slides, climbing structures, and interactive equipment. The playground will be built so that all children with different types of abilities can play together. It also has interactive swings, as well as a free standing musical structure that allows all children with a variety of physical abilities to have access. The playground will have a poured-in-place rubber flooring so that it allows wheelchairs, walkers, and other tools that students with different physical difficulties can access as well.

Chairman Rosiello stated that it is very important that the Trustees support everyone in our community, especially those with special needs and their families. He also stated that this project gives the Township an important opportunity to partner with the Oak Hills School District. Chairman Rosiello also stated that the Township is working on installing a walking trail that will bring connectivity to Oakdale Elementary and surrounding areas.

Trustee Callos stated that he had a meeting with Superintendent Yohey last week to get information regarding the "Scottie Yard Playground". Trustee Callos stated that this is a phenomenal project in terms of the opportunity that it will give students and community members with special needs. Trustee Callos stated that the total cost of the project is approximately \$180,000. However, Oakdale Elementary is asking for grant money of approximately \$100,000.

Michelle Bueshart, stated that in total Oakdale Elementary has applied for a total of 18 grants for a total value of \$229,000. At this point they have heard back from five sources that will not be able to provide funds. They did hear back from the Good Neighbor Foundation which has accepted their Letter of Intent. That grant would give them \$20,000. She further stated that it will take approximately six months to hear from all of the other potential grant sources.

Chairman Rosiello asked if they have contacted any of the State Representatives for support. Michelle Bueshart stated that they have not contacted any State Representatives at this time, but will certainly do so.

Trustee Callos asked if the project will be able to move forward with partial funding or will the project need to be funded 100% for it to begin. Michelle Bueshart stated that partial funding would allow them to begin initial phases of the playground.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that Oak Hills has asked for money previously

for netting around a field for Lacrosse. Trustee Linnenberg stated that if the Township commits to funding for the "Scottie Yard Playground" that it will be the one gift to Oak Hills for the next three to five years. Trustee Linnenberg asked Superintendent Yohey if he is confident that this is the one project that Oak Hills would like to ask the Township for assistance with. Superintendent Yohey stated that he is in favor of the "Scottie Yard Playground" being the one project that they ask for assistance. Superintendent Yohey stated that this project has the greatest impact on the students in the Oak Hills School District as well as the surrounding community. Those factors, combined with the proposed pedestrian trail, certainly make this a priority project.

Attorney Hyle stated that the Board of Trustees and the Oak Hills School District will need to enter into a Joint Development Agreement, which is a contract between the Township and the Oak Hills School District for the playground project.

Chairman Rosiello asked when Oak Hills may be starting the project. Superintendent Yohey stated that they would like to begin the first phase of the project before the beginning of next school year. Chairman Rosiello stated that work on the pedestrian trail will likely begin sometime this year. Development Director Goetzman stated that he will send plans to Superintendent Yohey regarding the timeline for the pedestrian trail.

Superintendent Yohey stated that the grants that have already been applied for will be amended to reflect the Township's support and a dollar amount that the Township will be contributing. The Township's cooperation with this project should certainly increase the chances of some of the grants being funded.

Superintendent Yohey stated that the Oak Hills School District and the Scottie Yard Playground Committee is seeking financial support from the Township in the amount of \$100,000.

On behalf of the children and families of the Oak Hills School District, Superintendent Yohey thanked the Board for their support.

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-B**

Trustee Callos moved to pass a resolution of intent to enter into a Joint Development Agreement with the Oak Hills School District for a donation of \$100,000 for the Scottie Yard Playground project at Oakdale Elementary School. Chairman Rosiello seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-C**

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 #15-0323-D**

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution amending the job description for the Public Services Secretary, establishing pay rate of \$20.22 per hour, effective April 4, 2015. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-E**

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution amending the job description for the Accounts Payable Processor, establishing a pay rate of \$24.98 per hour, effective April 4, 2015. Trustee Linnenberg seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-F**

Chairman Rosiello moved to pass a resolution amending the job description of the Police Administrative Specialist/Secretary and establishing a pay rate of \$22.90 per hour, effective April 4, 2015. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #15-0323-G**

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. 4783 North Bend Road (550-0062-0050), Motion made by Trustee Linnenberg and seconded by Chairman Rosiello. All voted Aye.
2. 6042 Parrakeet Drive (550-0211-0024), (550-0211-0027), (550-0211-0049), Motion made by Chairman Rosiello and seconded by Trustee Linnenberg. All voted Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

The Northeast Green Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m., at the Green Township Administration Building, 6303 Harrison Avenue, to hear the following case:

- a. Case Green #2015-01, Michael Niehaus, Michael Niehaus Homes LLC, Applicant, Bill and Judy King, Owners, 5627 Hickory Place Drive, for approval for approval of a variance to permit the construction of a new single-family home with less front yard setback than required on a residential lot.

Fiscal Officer, Tom Straus, was excused from the meeting.

Township Attorney, Frank Hyle, stated that he had nothing to report.

Township Administrator, Kevin Celarek, reported that Saturday, April 25, 2015, will be Earth Day in Green Township from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. The Township is looking for volunteers who are willing to pick up trash along some roadways, such as Werk and Westbourne. Volunteers will also be working in two parks and will be planting some bulbs. Administrator Celarek also reported that the Township newsletter has been compiled and is now at the printer. The newsletter should be going out to residents sometime next week.

Director of Public Services, Joe Lambing, reported that beginning Monday, March 30, 2015, Rybolt Road will be closed to through traffic. You will not be able to go from Hayes to I-74 using Rybolt Road. The closure is for the purpose of working on the intersection of Wesselman and Rybolt to get the bridge repair completed, as well as removing a major hump in the road. Wesselman Road will remain open for through traffic but you will not be able to access Rybolt Road. There will be detours. If you are heading northbound the detour will be from Rybolt to Hayes to Ebenezer to Wesselman to Harrison. The southbound detour is from Rybolt to Harrison to Wesselman to Ebenezer to Hayes. Mr. Lambing stated that he is hoping that the work will be completed around August 12, 2015.

Chairman Rosiello asked for everyone to be patient during this improvement project.

Trustee Linnenberg stated that the light at Bridgetown/Race/Glenway is very poorly timed. Director of Public Services Joe Lambing stated that he will look into that matter.

Chairman Rosiello asked if an assessment of the roads in Green Township has been completed yet. Director of Public Services Joe Lambing stated that a list is currently being generated, and they hope to have a road rehabilitation list ready as soon as possible.

Chairman Rosiello asked about street sweeping. Director of Public Services Lambing stated that all Green Township streets will get swept as soon as possible.

Trustee Callos asked if there are any updates on the West Fork Park cemetery. Director of Public Services Lambing stated that the flagpole is now installed at the cemetery, two trees that need to be removed have been removed, and once those stumps are removed the fence installation will begin. Mr. Lambing reported that at West Fork Park sand has been installed in the sandbox, and work has been completed on repairing some of the playground equipment. Mr. Lambing stated that mulch should be installed sometime in the next few weeks. Work on all of those projects should be completed within the next few weeks.

Chairman Rosiello announced that there will be roadwork being done this summer on Harrison Avenue near the new First Watch, Dewey's, Graeter's, Tom + Chee area. Work will also be done to widen Lee Court. Completion is estimated to be around the middle of June.

Fire/EMS Chief, Doug Witsken, reported that the establishment of a Township Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been completed at the Nathanael Greene Lodge. The Lodge would be used as an EOC in the event of a disaster occurring in Green Township. Later this year they will also be setting up the Green Township Senior Center as an Emergency Operations Center.

Police Chief, Bart West, reported that the Police Department is working with the local schools and Fire Marshall Rick Bell regarding school safety planning in the event of an emergency.

Director of Development, Adam Goetzman, reported that in conjunction with work on Harrison Avenue, the Harrison Greene project will be experiencing work being done by Duke Energy on substation upgrades and power line transmission upgrades. Duke Energy is proposing new poles on Harrison Avenue and well as Lee Ct. Duke Energy will be crossing property which is owned by the Rueve's and Green Township for transmission line work. Duke Energy is interested in putting new power lines around the edge of the property to make the property more useful. This is important because it will ultimately provide additional power services to the residents of Green Township.

Director of Development Goetzman stated that work has begun on the acquisition of property for the Five Points Intersection Improvement Project. Mr. Goetzman hopes to have those contracts ready for approval at the next Trustees Meeting.

Chairman Rosiello thanked the Wurster Family for once again being a major sponsor for the Concert and Fireworks event at Kuliga Park on July 3, 2015. Chairman Rosiello also thanked VFW Post #10380 for their donation to the Concert and Fireworks event.

Chairman Rosiello asked for residents to support the VFW Post #10380 Annual Golf Outing as well as their upcoming Car Show.

Chairman Rosiello congratulated two Green Township colleges for their NCAA basketball accomplishments. Xavier University has made it to the Sweet Sixteen and the University of Cincinnati had a fine showing against the University of Kentucky.

Triffon Callos congratulated Thomas More women's basketball for their undefeated season and National Championship win.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Rosiello moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Callos seconded the motion. Trustee Linnenberg: Aye; Trustee Callos: Aye; Chairman Rosiello: Aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST: