

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 10, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, F.O. Norman Kennedy, Melanie Schott

Guests: Drew Bennett, GACC
Rob Cathcart, GACC
Larry Strayer, GACC
Dave Getreau, GACC
Drew Bennett, GACC
Evelyn Frolking, GACC
Seth Patton, Denison University
Steve Mershon & Candi Moore, E. College ST
Paul Jenks, Pinehurst Dr
Ed Martin, Candidate for County Commissioner
Mary Fitch, LLT
Tod Frolking, LLT
Doug Spieles, LLT
Brian Miller, Granville Sentinel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence

F.O. Kennedy read a letter from Dr. John Weigand regarding his concerns about the intersection of State Route 16, Granview Road and the driveway leading to Kendall. Dr. Weigand described an automobile accident which occurred at this intersection on November 30th. F.O. Kennedy stated that the letter asks for the Trustees' to encourage ODOT to install a light at the intersection. Trustee Mason had for several months been in contact with various public officials and accepted responsibility for continuing to pursue this matter in the future with all stakeholders in the matter.

Public Comments:

Ed Martin was present to introduce himself as a candidate for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket against Dwayne Flowers and Doug Smith.

Elected Official Reports

Trustee VanNess stated he attended an Open Space Committee meeting and they are in the process of organizing for the upcoming levy campaign to renew the existing 2.5 mill levy. Trustee VanNess indicated he is working on downloading information on the various criteria used by the State to evaluate properties for possible Conservation Easements.

Trustees Mason and Abraham both indicated their respective meetings were canceled due to inclement weather.

Roads Department:

Trustee Abraham reported the Township employees have worked many hours on snow removal from Township roads and he thanked them for the great service. Larry Strayer

also thanked the Trustees' for the good work done on the roads during the recent snowy weather conditions.

Trustee Mason stated he received four telephone calls from constituents who didn't understand the Township priority or process for snow removal. He indicated to callers that there was a delay when a plow truck was out of service and during a Level 2 Emergency, snow removal and ice control is hard to keep up with. Trustee Mason stated overall the Township work crews did a great job on plowing/snow removal.

Fire Department:

Trustee Mason stated the fire department has received its preliminary Insurance Services Office rating report which is based upon an onsite evaluation conducted last year. This evaluation has not been done for almost 20 years. The Fire Chief has some questions about several areas of the evaluation and anticipates having them answered in the near future. The report will be issued when these questions are answered and the report is finalized.

F.O. Kennedy stated the Fire Department responded to a fatal vehicle crash involving a small car and tractor-trailer last Monday on SR37 near the golf course.

Cemetery Department

No Report.

Parks Department

No Report.

Comprehensive Plan

Trustee VanNess stated there will be a public hearing on March 1st for the public to provide input to the draft plan. Copies of the draft are available on the Township's website under the Zoning tab.

Emergency Notification System

F.O. Kennedy stated the system is being populated with community information.

GACC Presentation:

Rob Cathcart, Granville Area Chamber of Commerce, stated they are requesting the Trustee's financial support for the operation of a new Granville Visitor Center not to fund the Granville Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cathcart described the Chamber and why they feel a welcome center is necessary for the community. They believe a viable Visitor Center can be created only with the joint assistance of the Township, Village, Denison University, Chamber of Commerce, and the Granville Recreation District. Mr. Cathcart stated the GRD passed a Resolution of support and plans to share office space with Chamber and the proposed Visitor Center at 125 E. Broadway. Mr. Cathcart went on to explain a welcome center in the community will not happen without cooperative financial support from these mentioned stakeholders. He also stated the Chamber will continue its joint office location with the GRD regardless if the welcome

center is financially supported. Mr. Cathcart indicated Denison University has offered a commitment to support the welcome center program contingent upon everyone else's support. Mr. Cathcart explained the Chamber is spearheading the creation of the welcome center as a comprehensive resource/information center - both physical and Internet accessible. He went on to say they want to share information from not only Chamber members, but also all clubs, organizations, and businesses in the Granville Community. Mr. Cathcart said the welcome center would be run by an independent board of directors based upon the proposed two year operating budget which was submitted to the Trustees several days ago.

Trustee VanNess asked about the 'Preserve America' program funding. Dave Getreau explained this is a 50% governmental match based upon reimbursement for marketing and promotional activities. This funding could be acquired by the Village, but it hasn't yet applied and it is unknown if this Federal program will be continued. Trustee VanNess asked what kind of outside marketing would be done to get people into Granville. Mr. Cathcart stated Granville is fortunate to have a good brand name within a 50 to 60 mile radius. He stated they will have a marketing initiative to utilize area travel information centers to distribute brochures and the Granville magazine. He said they will also look at ODOT highway centers and possibly co-op advertising in Ohio Magazine. He stated this could attract people to the visitor center website.

Trustee VanNess said the material he received for this meeting said under the caption weaknesses "the Visitor Center faces negative attitudes and past practices" and he asked Mr. Cathcart to elaborate. Mr. Cathcart said a board of representatives would be established and they do recognize there could be political issues. He went on to say a Granville welcome center, for instance, is not intended to attract people to move to Granville so no additional burden would be created on the school system. Trustee VanNess asked if there was a particular welcome center they visited which they are planning to use as a model. Drew Bennett stated they found welcome centers were typically set up on a County level. Some of the communities having desirable welcome centers included Chagrin Falls and Westerville. Mr. Cathcart noted they do not envision the Chamber being connected to the potential welcome center forever, rather only to help get it started. Mr. VanNess asked if they are aware of any communities having a self-sustaining welcome center. Mr. Bennett stated it is possible Westerville has become a self-sustaining welcome center. He stated they believe it will be hard to be self-sustaining and they are currently looking only at a two-year plan. Toward the end of the two year trial period all of the stakeholders would have to reevaluate if they deem the center to be a success.

Trustee Abraham noted the two plus year request for financial assistance from the Village (\$52,206) is greater than the amount being requested from the Township (\$27,360). Mr. Getreau stated the Village stands to gain more from the establishment of a welcome center as it would receive income tax from additional employee wages and business profits. Trustee Mason asked how many businesses the Chamber estimates are located within the Township. Mr. Cathcart stated he doesn't have a specific number, but the Chamber has 165 members that employ 2500 employees and over 50% of these

employees live in the Township. Mr. Bennett stated the latest 43023 zip code census shows there are 264 businesses. He said close to half of those businesses are members of the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Frolking added the GACC had fifty members two years and has grown dramatically. Trustee Mason indicated he likes the new direction the Chamber is heading and the idea of a welcome center. He questioned if the Trustees were to fund this endeavor, how do they quantify what benefit their constituents would receive because it is their tax dollars the Trustees would be spending? Trustee Abraham agreed and said the Village has more to gain from the Visitor Center than the Township and there are some people outside the Village who look at this expenditure differently. Mr. Cathcart agreed it could be hard to quantify the gains and it is an investment, rather than the immediate return the Village might see. Ms. Frolking stated participation by the Township adds value to the community and the value is intangible. She went on to say if the other four entities do not have the participation of the Township it could be detrimental in making this Center a reality. Trustee Mason stated this is the first time the Township Trustees have talked about funding a Chamber effort other than the payment of annual Chamber membership dues. He stated the handout mentioned political tensions. It appears there has been some between the Township and Village. There will always be residents in the unincorporated area of the Township who want nothing to do with the Village. Trustee Mason went on to say the Township Trustees have worked hard to diffuse those kinds of feelings or political tensions and he added the Township works well with Village management. Trustee Mason said they try to promote the concept that everyone is part of the greater Granville area. Mr. Bennett asked if the Township tracks vacancies at residential or commercial properties and was told no. He explained one of the biggest benefits to the Township could be a reduction in vacancies. Trustee Abraham stated they don't really know of a lot of vacant commercial sites in Township, except along part of SR16. Trustee VanNess questioned if the proposed visitor center could be funded for just one year. Mr. Getreau did not think one year was a feasible option as he didn't think it was enough time to evaluate the success of the center. Trustee Mason questioned who would carry the welcome center after year two. Mr. Cathcart stated the stakeholders would have to re-evaluate at that point, determine if any revenue streams were created and who benefited. He stated it is possible they could request additional support from all of the stakeholders after two years if the visitor center is not self-sustaining. Trustee Mason stated this would be of particular concern to the Trustees because of limited money available in the Township's General Fund.

Trustee Abraham suggested tabling the matter for the Trustees to have time to consider this request and talk with various people. He anticipates a decision can be reached at the next meeting. He said he has had some discussion with F.O. Kennedy about how they could potentially move some money around to pay for this request. Trustee Abraham added they would rather look at potential ways for funding this endeavor, rather than being forced into saying no. He added he supports this project but they are also trying to look at it from a business standpoint and this is a very difficult decision to make. Trustee Mason stated he supports being helpful any way the Trustees can and they need time to explore their financial structure. Trustee Mason stated if they can't financially support this they owe it to them to tell them immediately. He added if the Township had a healthy General Fund with adequate future cash flows this probably

wouldn't be questioned. Trustee Abraham stated the Trustees will give this serious consideration.

Seth Patton, financial officer at Denison University, stated the University finds itself in the same boat as the Trustees. He is not totally convinced there is a financial reason for Denison to participate because there is really not a direct connection to student recruiting. He believes the strength and health of the community affects the strength and health of Denison. He said they made a decision on the basis to support a trial visitor center because it is an opportunity for Denison to tell their story to the Village and Township and for them to cooperate. He views the welcome center as a two year trial effort and is skeptical it will become self sustaining. It can't hurt to welcome people to the community.

Trustee Abraham stated they would provide an answer to the GACC at their next meeting. F.O. Kennedy clarified that Dave Getreau should be the person to contact with questions.

Surface Water Improvement Fund Grant Application:

At their December 28, 2009 regular meeting the Trustees authorized Licking Land Trust members to prepare an application to the Ohio EPA to apply for a Surface Water Improvement Fund grant. This grant would provide funding to assist in the restoration of Salt Run Creek thru the Township's Spring Valley Park. The Township Trustees agreed to be the public sponsor for this grant request. Mary Fitch was in attendance this evening to present the finalized application, answer questions and obtain a signature in order to file the grant application. The grant request amount is \$40,847 with an additional \$5,000 and \$1,000 being contributed toward additional costs, by the LLT and McDonald & Woodward Publishing, respectively.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote the Trustees' agreed to move forward by executing the proposed Township Resolution prepared by the LLT, after deleting part 3, to submit the LLT prepared SWIF Grant and execute the grant application.

Renewal of Open Space Levy:

F.O. Kennedy reported he received the required Open Space levy information requested from the County Auditor at the last Trustee meeting. The Auditor certified the property valuation for the Township is \$310,101,680 and the total dollars raised by renewal of the existing 2.5 mill levy would be \$720,470. Trustee VanNess stated that the Open Space Committee includes: Deb Tegtmeier, Leonard Hubert, Bill Wernet, Doug Wagner and himself. He asked if anyone present at the meeting would like to serve on this committee to support the upcoming levy and several individuals signed up to help. After a short period of discussion the following was passed:

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION

5705.19(HH)

The Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, met in regular session at the Granville Township House on the 10 day of February, 2010, with the following members present:

Fred Abraham William Mason Daniel VanNess

Mr. Mason moved the adoption of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby determined, by the Board of Township Trustees of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Granville Township, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation for the purpose of acquiring, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands, or to restore or maintain land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for the purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use, as provided in Section 5705.19(HH) of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT RESOLVED that a renewal levy of two and one-half mills (2.5 mills) for each year be placed upon the tax duplicate for such purposes, pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, said levy to be for a period of five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said levy be placed upon the tax list beginning with the tax year 2010, and for the tax years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 to be first collected in calendar year 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of such levy be submitted to the electors of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio at the same time as the Primary Election, to be held in the usual voting places within said Township on the 4th day of May, 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be:

A majority vote shall be necessary for passage.

A renewal of an existing tax of 2.5 mills for the benefit of Granville Township, Licking County, Ohio, for the purpose of acquiring, other than by appropriation, an ownership interest in land, water, or wetlands, or to restore or maintain land, water, or wetlands in which the board has an ownership interest, not for purposes of recreation, but for purposes of protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use at a rate not exceeding two and one-half mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each one hundred dollars in valuation for a period of

five years commencing in tax year 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

<p style="text-align: center;">FOR THE TAX LEVY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Granville Township be, and hereby is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, along with copies of the Resolution and certified information from the Licking County Auditor pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B), and cause notice of the same to be given as required by law.

Mr. VanNess seconded the Motion, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Yea: Abraham, Mason, VanNess

Nay: None

Dated this 10 day of February, 2010.

Solid Waste District:

F.O. Kennedy updated the Trustees' regarding the Coshocton, Licking and Fairfield Solid Waste District proposed fifteen year plan which had been approved by the Trustees at their December 9, 2009 meeting. He stated the Ohio Revised Code requests Solid Waste Districts update their fifteen year plans every five years. The revised plans must then be approved by 60% of the population centers within the four county district in order to become effective. F.O. Kennedy stated the Village staff has raised some issues which they believe should be addressed before the Village Council approves the plan. There was discussion that perhaps the Trustees should withdraw their previous approval of the plan. F.O. Kennedy clarified the Trustees' can pass a Resolution rescinding any previous action they may have taken. Upon reflection it appears there are some questions which need to be answered. Trustee Mason stated he feels the proposed fee increases should be investigated.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS ACTION

WHEREAS, in December 2009 the Board of Granville Township Trustees received a request from the CFLP Solid Waste District, of which the Township is a member, and

WHEREAS, the request asked that the Township Trustees review and ratify the District's proposed new five year plan, and

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting on December 9, 2009 the Board of Trustees did ratify the plan and so notify the CFLP Solid Waste District of this action, and

WHEREAS, the Board members have subsequently more thoroughly considered the pricing changes included in the District's new five year plan, and the possible financial impact on the community and specifically the Township's sole residential trash hauler program, and

WHEREAS, the Board members believe that there should be more discussion with respect to the need to increase rates as proposed in the five year plan which was previously approved, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Granville Township Trustees wish to take this action to rescind its approval on December 9, 2009 of the new five year CFLP Solid Waste District plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Granville Township Fiscal Officer is directed to notify the CFLP Solid Waste District of this action.

State Route 16 Intersection/Kendal/Granview Road:

Trustee Mason reported in January of last year he contacted Senator Tim Schaffer and Representative Jay Hottinger regarding the possibility of installing a traffic light at the intersection of State Route 16/Kendal Drive/Granview Road. He was told ODOT is opposed to impeding traffic on any state highway and the speed limit had already been reduced to 45 mph on both sides of the intersection. Trustee Mason stated Kendall is willing to help finance any control system to slow down traffic moving through the intersection. Mason believes the Trustees should explore the installation of a warning system with Representative Hottinger, Senator Schaffer, Licking County Sheriff Randy Thorp, and possibly Kate Stickle at ODOT. Trustee Abraham indicated he would also support this action.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees agreed to further explore ways to make moving through the intersection at Route 16/Granview Road/Kendal Drive safer for everyone passing through it.

Financial Matters

F.O. Kennedy presented the 01/31/10 bank reconciliation for the Trustees review and approval.

F.O. Kennedy commented an unusual number of appropriation transfers are needed this early in the year because the Township's 2010 Certificate of Estimated Resources has

not yet been received from the County Auditor for use in establishing permanent appropriations for the entire year. On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From 2191-220-599-0000 Fire – Other	40.00
To 2191-220-599-0009 Fire – I Am Responding	40.00
From 1000-110-599-0000 General – Other	200.00
To 1000-110-519-0000 General – Dues & Subscriptions	200.00
From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	1,000.00
To 2031-330-360-0004 R& B – Snow Fence	1,000.00
From 1000-110-599-0000 General – Other	1,657.60
To 1000-110-599-0007 General – Real estate taxes	1,657.60
From 1000-110-599-0000 General – Other	23,420.53
To 1000-610-599-0007 General, parks – RE taxes	23,420.53
From 2031-330-599-0000 R&B – Other	2,900.59
To 2031-330-599-0007 R&B – real estate taxes	2,900.59
From 2041-410-599-0000 Cemetery – Other	12.00
To 2041-410-599-0007 Cemetery – real estate taxes	12.00
From 2191-220-599-0004 Fire – Other	4,902.79
To 2191-220-599-0007 Fire – real estate taxes	4,902.79
From 2195-760-710-0000 Open Space – land purch	15,788.01
To 2195-110-599-0007 Open Space – real estate taxes	15,788.01

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos, EFT's and if applicable, then and now purchase order certificates were approved for payment and processing:

n/a	Abraham	.00	E2831	Barnhill	436.56
E2832	Binckley	1768.27	E2833	Borden	1640.99
E2834	Bowman	1621.01	E2835	Bryan	1152.89
E2836	Butt	764.19	E2837	Clemens	1112.24
E2838	Coyle	119.29	E2839	Curtis	1664.06
E2840	DuBeck	330.10	E2841	Duncan	226.96
n/a	Engle	.00	E2842	Essick	261.77
n/a	Gottfried, N.B.	.00			.00
E2843	Hall	1473.21	E2844	Harrison	106.18
E2845	Henry	678.95	E2846	Hill, B	1117.31
E2847	Hill, J	389.02	E2848	Huhn	786.27
E2849	Hussey	2532.81	E2850	Jones, A	483.45
E2851	Jones, B	559.30	n/a	Kennedy	.00
E2852	Lynn	368.57	n/a	Mason	.00
E2853	May	636.59	E2854	Meisenhelder	577.36
E2855	Monroe	1176.88	n/a	Moore	.00

E2856	Pack	225.11	E2857	Principe	283.04
E2858	Reece	1013.05	E2859	Riley	274.08
E2860	Smith, D.	242.33	n/a	Thomas	.00
E2861	Thompson	1635.76	6808	PNB – IRS	4365.53
6809	Deferred Comp	1500.00	6810	PNB – OPERS	8335.49
6811	OP&FPP	23521.95	6812	Ohio Insurance Services Ag	1678.53
6813	Elan Financial	421.62	6814	MT Business	26.39
6815	GACC	110.00	6816	Kokosing Materials	95.00
6817	Lawson Products	229.44	6818	McDonalds Auto & Truck	1077.92
6819	KPS/NAPA	2143.95	6820	Granville Milling	669.90
6821	ProCare Vision Center	99.49	6822	Certified Oil	3021.92
6823	Lakes End	324.90	6824	ELM Recycling	3040.62
6825	Lifelink	200.00	6826	Nightingale-Alan Medical	218.00
6827	Wince Welding	99.45	6828	Boundtree Medical	630.36
6829	Granville Lumber	120.05	6830	Jan's In Stitches	145.00
6831	Finley Fire Equipment	44.20	6832	Ohio Health/Behavioral Health	117.30
6833	Ohio Fire & Emer Serv Fund	1600.00	6834	Emer Services Mkt Corp Inc	7.95
6835	Homestead Farm Inc	65940.00	6836	Joseph & Terese White	21430.00
6837	Raccoon Valley Conservation Club	17700.00	6838	L/C Treasurer	48681.52

I hereby certify that the funds were on hand or in process of collection and properly appropriated for payment of the aforementioned warrants.

Norman S. Kennedy, Fiscal Officer

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee Mason, with Abraham yes, Mason yes, and VanNess yes the meeting was moved into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(2) with respect to possible property acquisition.

After a period of discussion on a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess with Abraham yes, Mason yes and VanNess yes the meeting was returned to regular session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.