

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 28, 2007

Present: Trustees Havens, King and Sargent, Fiscal Officer Kennedy

Guests: Frank Annarino; Jeff Hussey; Chuck Peterson, the Sentinel

Grace Gordon, 2100 Lancaster Rd; Craig McDonald, 211 Sunrise St

Don Andrews, 197 Louise Dr

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

Ms. Gordon and Mr. McDonald were present to discuss trail maintenance specifications for trails thru the Spring Valley and Salt Run Park properties as well as to seek approval for location of trails on the properties. Mr. McDonald presented the following primary steps to be followed for trail maintenance: a) unless otherwise noted, the Treadway should be maintained between 18 and 24 inches wide. All debris should be removed from the trail. B) Clearing limits – 2 to 3 feet on either side of the treadway centerline and approximately 8 feet high. C) all cuttings should be flush to ground or limb. He also presented some short-term management goals recommended by the township's new management committee as a result of a site visit after the logging operation on October 11, 2006: a) dead tree tops from the logging operation should be left at the site and scattered in a way as to maximize the surface contact of the debris with the soil, thus ensuring quick decomposition. B) logging roads created during the logging operation should have the roadbed graded in such a way as to encourage the natural drainage of water. It was also decided that the width of the roads could be useful if modified for the setting and kept at 10-12 feet. C) the roadways created should be closed to public motorized traffic. Superintendent Annarino indicated he would be able to find some time in the schedule to work on this project. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed implement the trail standards as recommended.

Ms. Gordon indicated that April 21st is Earth Day and they are planning to have a trail maintenance work session that day. She presented a map of existing and proposed trails for the two properties. The Trustees reminded her that they have not yet closed on the purchase of the Spring Valley property and she would need the owner's permission to do work on other than Salt Run Park land. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee King, it was agreed to permit the long-term development of the trail system as requested by Ms. Gordon.

Ms. Gordon also further indicated that they have received a \$6,000 grant from the Granville Foundation. The money may be used toward signs, maps and brochures. They are still looking for funding to pay the salary of a coordinator. They are still planning to renovate the pool house to make a nature center and indoor classroom space perhaps evolving into a community center. F.O. Kennedy stated that when he was out at the property with Ned Roberts and the township's insurance agent he noticed that the pool house roof is in deplorable condition. The insurance agent indicated they may not insure the building until the roof is replaced. Trustee Sargent indicated that as originally stated the township has no extra funds to put into the development of the Spring Valley property.

Ms. Gordon wanted to know what the Trustees plans are for the property. She was advised to contact the Licking Land Trust (LLT) Board. The entire property will have a conservation easement for the benefit of LLT and the plans are for it to manage the property. There is going to be a separate deed for roughly 16 acres being purchased with Open Space Funds.

F. O. Kennedy presented information received from the Ohio Township Association about legislation that has been proposed to eliminate the estate tax. Townships currently receive 84% of the estate tax received from estates of township residents in excess of \$338,500. Unfortunately the proposal does not provide for any new sources of revenue to replace the lost revenue. F.O. Kennedy indicated that estate taxes, while never budgeted, are a significant portion of the township's general fund revenues. Without this money many of the "extras" done by the township would not be possible.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the roads department:

1. Superintendent Annarino reported that there is a problem with New Burg St beginning to collapse at the location where the gas company bored under the road. He has been attempting to contact the gas company but they are not returning his calls. Trustee Sargent indicated he and Annarino should go out and look at the situation and he will try and reach a contact he has with the gas company.
2. The employees have begun work on Cambria Mill ditching but this is going to be a long project. There was a wash out on Hankinson Rd that was fixed and there continues to be an issue with water flow along Jones Road near Pleasantview.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the cemetery department:

1. Superintendent Annarino indicated that intermittent employee Polk will start to work in the Maple Grove and Old Colony cemeteries on April 9th.
2. Superintendent Annarino reported that he and F.O. Kennedy visited the Jobes Henderson (JH) offices to discuss their original proposal and to look at a proposed use of GIS by JH. The original proposal of \$23,000+ has been revamped to include only the surveying project in the amount of \$19,800 plus an additional unit price of \$21 per iron pin set at corners where the existing pins cannot be located. Under this proposal the township is responsible for entering the burial right information on the documents prepared by JH. Annarino and Kennedy also looked at a power point presentation prepared by JH outlining additional services it would provide the township in maintaining all of the transactions related to the cemetery records. JH is in the process of preparing a proposal for this work. F.O. Kennedy recommended that after Trustee Havens has an opportunity to review the contract offered for the first proposal that the Trustees accept the contract in the amount of \$19,800 plus other work to be performed at a cost of \$21 per pin as needed. On a motion by Trustee King and a second by Trustee Havens, by a unanimous affirmative vote, it was agreed to accept the JH proposal as recommended by F.O. Kennedy, subject to a review of the contract by Trustee Havens. Trustee Sargent indicated that the Trustees will

have to seriously study the pending proposal and determine how the township should best proceed to accurately maintain the cemetery records.

The following matters were discussed with respect to the fire department:

1. Chief Hussey reported that the department hosted a daytime county wide ems training seminar put on by Grant Hospital and held at Denison University. A number of the fire department personnel work a 24/48 hour shift schedule and he hopes to sponsor a number of these sessions so these people can attend these seminars to learn something and obtain CEU's for recertification. The seminar was well attended by the Granville personnel as well as a number of personnel from departments throughout the county. The department has been training on Tuesday nights at a house along SR37 that is going to be demolished for construction of the new highway. He plans to have a number of these types of sessions in order to keep the fire department members current on their skills.
2. The Chief also reported that while the grant money for the new turnout gear has not yet been received he has begun to research the terms and conditions of the grant. There are certain procedures that must be closely followed in order to comply with the grant. He also reported that he has been having a number of meetings with people through out the community. He has met with representatives from Owens Corning, the school district, and the Granville Chamber of Commerce. He is attempting to identify high risk areas in order to plan for the future.

There was discussion regarding the presentation made by Nancy Reechie and the township's participation in the Ohio Scenic By-ways program. The documents that would be submitted to the state have already been prepared in conjunction with the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan update and there would be no additional cost to the township. On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to ask Nancy Reechie to proceed with the preparation of the Scenic By-way application.

There was discussion about sending a letter to the editor acknowledging the contribution of former Village Planner Chris Strayer to the Granville Community. Trustee Sargent indicated there were a number of situations where Mr. Strayer helped the township trustees accomplish a project without regard to the fact that it was located in the township and not the Village. Mr. Strayer was always looking out for the total community without regard to jurisdictional boundaries. The Trustees indicated they were sorry to see him leave but glad that he had the opportunity to further himself. On a motion by Trustee Sargent and a second by Trustee King, by a unanimous affirmative vote it was agreed to send a letter from the four elected township officials acknowledging the job performance of Mr. Strayer.

On a motion by Trustee Havens and a second by Trustee Sargent, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following warrants, debit memos and EFT's and any related Then and Now Certificates, were approved for payment:

E435	Annarino	1687.25	E436	Barnhill	582.69
E437	Baucher	196.76	E438	Binckley	1210.78

E439	Bowman	1719.91	E440	Butt	640.41
E441	Coyle	269.39	E442	DuBeck	263.99
E443	Essick	443.76	E444	Giles	1148.52
E445	Gottfried, A	371.92	E446	Gottfried, B	93.35
E447	Gottfried, N	248.21	E448	Hall	1442.97
E449	Harrison	89.42	E450	Hill	123.44
E451	Huhn	640.41	E452	Hussey	2273.48
E453	Johnson	14.43	E454	Jones, A	539.51
E455	Jones, B	369.44	E456	Kenneally	137.20
E457	Lynn	329.81	E458	Main	240.02
E459	McDonald	319.84	E460	Meisenhelder	579.44
E461	Principe	380.89	E462	Reece	200.81
E463	Riley	250.21	E464	Simmons	147.66
E465	Smith, D	334.57	E466	Thomas	228.05
E467	Thompson	1455.05	3932	Anthem BC/BS	6730.15
3933	Anthem Life	220.97	3934	Wilson, Shannon, Snow	4730.00
3935	Frank Gates Company	30.00	3936	Wendy Lewis	60.00
3937	Old Colony	15000.00	3938	Fred Abraham	2000.00
3939	ICI Dulux Paint	128.01	3940	PetroLiance, LLC	425.50
3941	Newark Fire Extinguisher	222.20	3942	Deven Electric	220.00
3943	Kale Marketing	172.84	3944	Working Partners Systems	110.00
3945	Wince Welding	166.25	3946	Ice Mountain Water	30.33
3947	Waste Management	115.00	3948	Treasurer State of Ohio	40.00
3949	Hebron Firefighters Assoc	105.00	3950	LifeLink	160.00
3951	Aaron Hall	175.00	3952	Sir Speedy	85.92
3953	PNB – VISA	61.95	3954	VOID	0
3955	ACS Government Systems	1035.00	3956	Quality Fire Protection	56.90
3957	Verizon Wireless	42.18	3958	American Safety & Health Inst	75.00
3959	Fire Safety Services Inc	2275.00	3960	Granville Recreation Comm	75000.00
3961	United Aggregates Inc	1268.58	3962	Ben Rader	2450.00
3963	James Kennedy	2450.00	3964	EMH&T Inc	2630.25
3965	PNB – IRS	9985.26	3966	OIT	1775.65
3967	SDIT	70.64	3968	Deferred Comp	405.00
3969	Granville Township	1827.57	3970	GVIT	1417.43
3971	NIT	26.42	3972	HIT	436.57
3973	VJIT	15.53	3974	VOID	.00
3975	VOID	.00	3976	PNB – OPERS	144.41
3977	Ohio Insurance Services	53.75	3978	Circuit Rider Mgt	2420.00
3979	PNB – OPERS	7371.66	3980	OP&FPP	9862.92

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 Sargent and a second by Trustee Havens, with King yes, Havens yes and Sargent yes the meeting was moved into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible property acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.