

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 25, 2010

Present: Trustees Abraham, Mason and VanNess, Fiscal Officer Kennedy, Melanie Schott

Guests: Travis Binckley
Jeff Hussey
Brian Miller, Sentinel
Anne Ormond, 440 West College Street
Rob Schaadt, 2523 Burg Street
Chris Bunge, River Road
Sandra Boffa, 2165 Welsh Hills Road
Greg Dixon, 128 Sunset Drive

The meeting was opened at 8:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the meeting minutes for July 28 and August 11, 2010 were approved as previously submitted and revised.

Correspondence Sent/Received

F.O. Kennedy stated he sent out a thirty-day nuisance notification letter to Ultra Concrete. Its post office box has been closed and the principal has relocated to another part of the State. From discussions with the County Treasurer, Kennedy determined the company is \$18,000 behind in its property taxes. The property has been listed with Coldwell Banker and a copy of the nuisance letter was faxed to the realtor. F.O. Kennedy indicated the Trustees need to be aware of this situation as money advanced to clean up the property may be difficult to recover.

Information has been received from the Village of Granville regarding its 2010-11 Deer Management Program which runs from September 25 through February 6th. This program has been established on a community wide basis and the Village coordinates it for both Village and Township properties. F.O. Kennedy suggested Rob Schaadt from the Land Management Group assist him in determining which Township properties might be put into the program. Mr. Schaadt expressed a willingness to work on this project. Trustee VanNess asked the individuals renting Township property be made aware of the deer program. F.O. Kennedy said he and Mr. Schaadt would have to work within the terms of the leases.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, Trustees agreed to have F.O. Kennedy and Rob Schaadt of the Land Management Group determine which Township properties should be included in the Village of Granville Deer Management Program.

F.O. Kennedy reported the Granville Kiwanis thanked Trustee Abraham for assisting with their Maple Leaf 5k fund raiser.

F.O. Kennedy stated information was received regarding the Newark-Granville Community Authority Meeting on August 26th which Trustee VanNess indicated he would attend as the Township's representative.

F.O. Kennedy stated he sent Robert Rutherford a copy of the draft minutes from the last meeting related to the Trustee's discussions/decisions regarding the Sawyer property.

A copy of the County Planning Commission Technical Review Committee's recommendation was received turning down the Snow's request to re-plat their property on Orchard Drive. F.O Kennedy explained the Township has setback and road frontage requirements and the applicant was requesting a diamond shape lot along with reconfiguring into 5 acre and 42 acre parcels. The request is now to be considered by the County Planning Commission which may or may not accept the recommendation of the Technical Review Committee.

F.O. Kennedy indicated the Township presently has a Law Enforcement Service Area Agreement (LESAA) with the Village for various school properties and several Denison parcels located in the Village. The Trustees previously requested creating a second LESAA adding Phase II of Raccoon Valley Park and the portion of the Denison Bio-Reserve in the Township. The request was considered by the Village Council and they have agreed to this second request. Trustee VanNess asked if there were any fees associated with the agreement. F.O. Kennedy stated this is a service the Village is willing to provide without charge as the Township is a public entity and Denison is a not for profit. The Village also believes these agreements will simplify requests for law enforcement services in times of emergencies.

On a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, Trustees agreed to accept the LESAA for public safety offered by the Village of Granville for the 28 acre Township property at Raccoon Field and the segment of the Biological Reserve owned by Denison located in the Township.

F.O. Kennedy stated he had sent letters to Candi Moore, Grace Gordon and Ned Roberts regarding the Bath House at Spring Valley to advise them the Trustees' would be discussing the potential demolition of the Bath House at their August 25th meeting. Chip Gordon contacted him requesting to remove the counter if the building were to be razed. He further stated there are trees on the north side of the structure which were planted in memory of John Spray and Mary Roberts which should be salvaged if at all possible.

Public Comments:

Anne Ormond was present to speak about the Spring Valley Property and the bathhouse and barn structures. She acknowledged no plans have been advanced to fund the restoration or ongoing use of the bathhouse. She indicated structure is in poor condition and far from meeting the building code so it probably should be razed.

However, during discussions about the property her group talked about a number of possible uses for a new building which would contain restrooms and have space for public meetings. She thinks more people would use the property if there were better rest room facilities. F.O. Kennedy indicated to use the old bathhouse restrooms, the County Health Department required an onsite septic system to be registered as a Municipal Sewer System.

A group interested in preserving or building a new structure needs to find someone or a group who will use a new building on a regular basis. She said representatives of Ohio Nature Education (ONE), which is a non-profit animal rescue group have visited the site and believe it would be a good location for treating injured and sick animals. The Trustees would need to provide a gate for the property to be locked at night. The organization is presently discussing a partnership with the Licking Parks District, but was not able to report whether or not such discussions included a new building. Trustee Abraham said he did not have a clear understanding of ONE's operations and willingness or ability to pay for use of the property. Ms. Ormond indicated they were a non-profit group and didn't have much money to pay rent. Trustee Abraham also indicated the Licking Land Trust holds a conservation easement on the former Spring Valley Pool property which may limit what can be done in the future. He said the Trustees are focusing on razing the bathhouse and would listen to proposals when submitted if they fulfill a community need and are self funding. Trustee Mason reinforced the Trustee's position and dilemma.

Ms. Ormond stated she has been advised if any building were to be built, it would be good to have an endowment. Greg Nixon asked if this arrangement was free and clear from the Township would the Trustees consider a \$1 a year type of lease. Trustee Abraham questioned who would be responsible for maintenance, insurance and operating costs. Grace Gordon said she hoped the property could have a new building to be used for public functions and used as a gathering place.

Chris Bunge, 1135 River Road inquired about possible plans to tie a Township constructed bikepath along River Road into a proposed bikepath in the newly annexed Lancaster Road property. Trustee Abraham indicated he is on the Pathway Advisory Committee, and at present time no formal plan has been approved for the annexed property. It is only in the discussion stage. The Township has no funds available for the acquisition of right of way and construction of such a path along River Road. The Joint Recreation District is putting together a questionnaire to solicit community opinion to rank various possible projects – whether it is pathways, a school community pool, etc and the taxpayers interest in funding such projects. Mr. Bunge indicated he believes there is a safety issue with kids and families on bikes and runners who use River Road. He suggested looking into a 'Children at Play' sign and the installation of a speed bump to slow down traffic.

Chief Hussey reported he spoke with Mrs. Parks who is back from vacation and she is actively looking for someone to rehab her property after the various buildings were burned down for training. Trustee Mason stated he observed a 'Junk 28' truck at the

property. Chief Hussey talked with Ms. Parks and advised her the debris must be removed as opposed to being buried on site in the basement of the house. He believes she will be making progress on this project shortly.

Mr. Bunge also reported the door to the Benson house on the corner has been left open for the last two days. Trustee Mason stated he also observed the door was ajar. He and Trustee Abraham met with the Benson's cleanup crew and advised them specifically what needed to be cleaned up. He indicated the final date for the cleanup of this property is approaching.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Mason reported since the last meeting he has made multiple trips to review the status of the Benson, Park, Ultra Concrete and Sawyer properties. Specifically, on August 19th he took a shovel as requested by Mr. Rutherford and attempted to dig in the middle of what Mr. Rutherford felt were a pile of wood chips. He stated he found solid dirt. He attempted to dig in several other places with the same result. Trustee Mason stated he and Trustee Abraham looked for the tree Mr. Rutherford described as leaning on his fence and hindering the use of his gate. He explained there is a tree in the back right corner which butts up against Mr. Rutherford's property and there is also a gate in this location. Trustee Mason stated this is a live tree on Mr. Sawyer's property. He further stated the tree is not on the fence nor did they find any cut trees pushed onto the fence. Trustee Mason stated the railroad ties mentioned by Mr. Rutherford were not visible unless someone walked the fence line and looked out over the fence. He stated the weeds and grass on the Rutherford property are high enough one could not view the railroad ties from the Rutherford property.

Trustee Mason indicated as far as he is concerned the Trustees' are done with the review of the Sawyer property on Raccoon Valley Road and it looks better than it has in years.

F.O. Kennedy reported he attended an informative seminar held by the State Treasurer on investments.

Roads Department:

Fiscal Officer Kennedy presented a report from the County Engineer with respect to the speed zone study conducted for the portion of Hankinson Road between Welsh Hills Road and Cambria Mill Road. He reminded the Trustees the study was requested by the Board as a result of a bicyclist being driven off road by a truck. The study indicated a "warranted speed" of 44 MPH which is rounded up to 45. Should the Trustees agree with this recommendation a Resolution should be passed to be forwarded to the County Commissioners who must recommend the change to ODOT which will make the final decision.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote the following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 10 - 0801

Whereas, at the request of the Board of Granville Township Trustees, the Licking County Engineer has conducted a speed zone study for the section of Hankinson Rd between Welsh Hills Road and Cambria Mill Road in Granville Township, and

Whereas, the speed limit study has determined the speed limit for this section of road could be lowered to 45MPH, now

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Granville Township Trustees request the Licking County Commissioners accept this recommendation of 45 MPH for Hankinson Road as indicated above and forward this recommendation on to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Norman S. Kennedy
Granville Township Fiscal Officer

Superintendent Binckley stated Griffin Striping has completed its contract with respect to striping the roads. The road department employees have been working on drainage and surface problems with Glyn Carin Lane. Approximately 300 feet of drain tile have been installed to help remove water from under the surface of the roadway. Roadside mowing continues.

Superintendent Binckley and Trustee Abraham indicated they would like to hold an open house for the new Township Garage on Sunday, September 19th from 12:00-5:00PM. The Trustees' discussed the potential date and ultimately decided September 19th would be a good time. Trustee Abraham asked Mr. Miller to publish an article about the open house.

Cemetery Department:

Superintendent Binckley reported there have been three funerals and two graves were sold since the last meeting. Mr. May continues to work on entering Section Three data from Maple Grove into the computer data base. The seasonal employee will be leaving on September 19th.

Parks Department:

Trustee Abraham and fellow Trustees have had much discussion over the former bath house structure located at Spring Valley Park. He has concluded the building should be demolished and asked if the fire department were to use the building for fire training what needs to be done. Chief Hussey indicated an asbestos inspection is required and recommended the block structure along Salt Run be included in the inspection. Trustee VanNess suggested the relatively new electrical service equipment be salvaged. He also stated there may be someone who would like to the salvage block structure. He will attempt to find out before the next meeting.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, Trustees agreed to:

- 1) Declare the former bath house structure, the old block water filtration system building and the old red barn to be a public nuisance and of no value and have them all demolished.
- 2) Authorize Chief Jeff Hussey to request an asbestos inspection for the bath house, the block structure and the old red barn near the rental house by Peak Environmental Consulting LLC, in the amount of \$1,050. [F.O. Kennedy noted asbestos inspections are required for the demolition of any commercial structure regardless of the method utilized].
- 3) Permit Chip Gordon to have the counter from the bath house as mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- 4) This project is to be completed before the end of the year.

F.O. Kennedy reported application has been made to the US Army Corp of Engineers for work to be done in Salt Creek in conjunction with the SWIF Grant removing the low head dam and retaining wall. He has been advised it can take as long as 90 days to obtain authorization from the Corp, assuming they have no questions about the project.

Fire Department:

Chief Hussey reported he attended a one week Integrated Emergency Management Course in Emmitsburg Maryland. The course was arranged by Licking County EMA Director Jeff Walker, and was funded by a grant through Ohio EMA without cost to the Township. This intensive emergency management course was attended by nearly sixty participants from Licking County, including first responders, County administrators, civilian volunteers and business leaders. The course, offered by FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, included over forty hours of instruction in managing a simulated flood emergency as it would likely impact our county. All instructional materials and media were specific to Licking County, and the current Licking County Emergency Operations Plan was utilized in the simulated exercises.

He noted as a result of this course, several workgroups will be formed to review and revise Licking County Emergency Operations Plans, as well as more clearly define roles and responsibilities for personnel operating in the Licking County Emergency Operations Center.

Chief Hussey indicated the fire department will be conducting its annual fire and safety orientation program for the new first year students in conjunction with the Denison security department.

Chief Hussey presented two purchase requests:

- 1) Finley Fire – Rice Hydo fire hose tester, with 5.5 HP Honda engine having a greater capacity rating than the existing tester. In the amount of \$3,033. Used to perform required annual service hose pressure testing, replacing a 10+ year old

electric unit which has been requiring extensive maintenance. Authorization to include dispose of the old unit.

- 2) Cleveland Corporate Services – a Smart Board training system, with ceiling project, airliner slate, audio system and related software. Includes installation and training. The purchase, in the amount of \$5,008 is to come entirely from community donations to the department.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, Trustees agreed to authorize the purchase of a hose tester for \$3,033, the Smart Board system for \$5,008 (taken from donations) and disposal of the old pressure tester.

Conservation Easement purchase:

Trustee VanNess presented a contract for the Trustees to acquire a Conservation Easement (C.E.) on the 166 acre Tom and Larry Bruce farm on Loudon Street. The C.E. is similar to other easements entered into by the Township. Trustee VanNess also presented the C.E. which would be entered into at the closing which permits the development of two housing sites and the drilling of two working oil wells. The purchase price, based upon an appraisal and after negotiations would be \$935,000 plus incidental costs. The oil and gas developer which already has an unlimited drilling site lease on the property has agreed to limit its drilling to two wells on the 166 acres. The document modifying the existing oil and gas lease would be filed prior to the Township's closing with the Bruce's.

After a short period of discussion, on a motion by Trustee Mason and a second by Trustee Abraham, by a unanimous affirmative vote, Trustees agreed to accept the purchase agreement presented by Trustee VanNess, for the proposed Conservation Easement on 166 acres owned by Tom and Larry Bruce at a purchase price of \$935,000, subject to the filing the a modification of the existing oil and gas lease with Flint Ridge Energy and to authorize F.O. Kennedy and any one Trustee to sign the agreement and any and all documents necessary for the transaction to be completed.

Trustee VanNess requested authorization to order a Phase 1 environmental study on the property by Resource International Inc for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

On a motion by Trustee VanNess and a second by Trustee Mason, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the Trustees agreed to enter into an agreement with Resource International Inc. to conduct a Phase 1 environmental study for the Bruce property.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Trustee VanNess stated that Jackie O'Keefe continues to work on this along with Don Holycross and Alison Terry.

Joint Rec District Agreement:
Trustee Abraham stated they are continuing to meet.

Property Maintenance Issues:
F.O. Kennedy reported Raccoon Creek, LLC has mowed all of the area around the former BP Station and it looks much better.

Fire Hydrant: -
F.O. Kennedy indicated they have talked with Don Holycross on this matter and hope to have an agreement soon.

Humane Society Property Inquiry:
Trustee Mason stated he believes the Trustees should give the Humane Society a better answer to their inquiry about purchasing land from the Township. He explained the Township doesn't yet know what the strategic plan for a new potential public safety complex might recommend and he also questioned if the Trustees would want the Humane Society, with dog kennels, located near Kendal.

Trustee Mason stated he would contact Kendal's CEO to obtain their thoughts and report back to the Trustees' at their next meeting.

Financial Matters:
F.O. Kennedy stated he received the quarterly pooled pledged securities documentation from Park National Bank.

On a motion by Trustee Abraham and a second by Trustee VanNess, by a unanimous affirmative vote, the following appropriation transfers were approved:

From	1000-110-599-0004	General, carryover	1,250.00
To	1000-610-321-0000	General, parks – ref esc dep	1,250.00
From	2191-220-599-0004	Fire, carryover	750.00
To	2191-220-221-0001	Fire, health & wellness	750.00
From	2031-330-323-0000	R&B, repairs	100.00
To	2031-330-352-0000	R&B, water & sewer	100.00
From	2041-410-240-0000	Cemetery, unemployment	100.00
To	2041-410-352-0000	R&B, water & sewer	100.00
From	2191-220-323-0002	Fire, repairs – fire station	327.00
To	2191-220-323-0008	Fire, repairs – station generator	327.00

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

E3304	Abraham	849.38	E3305	Barnhill	261.64
E3306	Binckley	1520.94	E3307	Borden	1366.21
E3308	Boudinot	347.80	E3309	Bowman	1736.39
E3310	Bryan	993.92	E3311	Butt	764.19
E3312	Clemens	1200.16	n/a	Coyle	.00
E3313	Curtis	1563.11	E3314	DuBeck	448.52
E3315	Duncan	451.15	E3316	Essick	796.09
n/a		.00	E3317	Hall	1352.16
E3318	Harrison	357.07	E3319	Henry	678.95
E3320	Hill, B.	1221.16	E3321	Hill, J.	244.65
E3339	Huhn	886.40	E3323	Hussey	2532.81
E3324	Jones, A	230.07	E3325	Jones, B	996.62
E3326	Kennedy	6.60	E3327	Kindell	745.45
n/a	Lynn	.00	E3328	Mason	804.30
E3329	May	645.35	E3330	Meisenhelder	577.36
E3331	Monroe	1376.07	E3332	Pack	410.48
E3333	Reece	961.45	E3334	Riley	137.37
E3335	Schott	130.57	E3336	Smith, D.	377.43
n/a	Thomas	.00	E3337	Thompson	1462.72
E3338	VanNess	1159.84	E3322	VOIDed, used 3339 instead	.00
7269	PNB – IRS	5343.54	7270	OIT	2262.38
7271	SDIT	226.16	7272	GIT	903.35
7273	Deferred Comp	2925.00	7274	AFLAC	648.36
7275	Aetna Health	5952.00	7276	Nextel Communications	195.95
7277	Ohio Public Entity Cons	2440.87	7278	McDonald Auto Repair	198.31
7279	ICI Dulux Paints	43.55	7280	Gutridge Plumbing	160.00
7281	Mount Water Well Drill	64.00	7282	COTC	828.00
7283	The Fire House	225.00	7284	Mathews Ford	2145.88
7285	P&W Paging Service	53.25	7286	Generator Systems	327.00
7287	Verizon	88.88	7288	Finley Fire	6114.00
7289	Pinkerton Real Estate	65.00	DM61	Windstream	407.50
DM62	AEP	1151.39	DM63	Village Granville	194.90
DM64	Columbia Gas	111.14			

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 VanNess, with Abraham yes, Mason yes and VanNess yes the meeting was moved into executive session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the possible discipline of a public employee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.