

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

March 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on March 22, 2016. Those in attendance were Trustees Linda Hankins and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2016-055 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to accept the minutes of March 8, 2016. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Brad Cromes, Portage County Treasurer was present to inform the Trustees and resident of several projects that are available. The Home Improvement Program is a low interest home improvement loan for Portage County homeowners. Mr. Cromes is also on the Land Bank Board. He handed out a flyer with the 2015 year in review and their goals for 2016.

Charlie Ramer of NOPEC was present to introduce the Trustees to fixed rates which are available for electric through 2019. There is an online enrollment process for sign up. Mr. Ramer said there are also fixed rates for residents.

Andrew Long, a senior at the Bio-Med Science Academy is trying to establish a community garden for a project at school. Andrew has several ideas in mind and the Rootstown Community Park is one of them. There would be no cost to the Township. Linda said currently there are renovations going on at the park. The Trustees agreed for Andrew to attend a Park Commission meeting. The next meeting is held on Thursday, April 14th at the Town Hall.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

A permit was issued for an addition to a house.

Jordan gave JoAnn zoning amendments that are to be filed with the Recorder's Office.

There will be a public hearing on March 31st at the Rootstown High School Cafeteria for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Jordan spoke to the Prosecutor's Office regarding vacant land that needs to be certified.

Resolution No. 2016-056 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins upon the recommendation of Chris Meduri, Portage County Prosecutor's Office to file an injunction with the courts regarding zoning violations against Bob Helmling of Sandy Lake Road. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

6:00 PM Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments 2015-015 and 2015-016

Linda opened the public hearing.

At the February 2, 2016 Zoning Commission public hearing, a motion was passed unanimously to amend Section 150.02B, Section 230.02 B & C – Nuisances and Section 610.12 – Zoning Certificates of the Township Zoning Resolution.

Resolution No. 2016-057 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment Section 150.02B upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

Section 150.02 B – Definitions

Proposed New Definition:

CERTIFICATE OF USE: A document issued by a local zoning department certifying a building's compliance with applicable usage and other laws and indicating it to be in compliance with zoning.

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2016-058 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment Section 230.02 B & C - Nuisances upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

Section 230.02 B & C – Nuisances

Section 230.02 Existing:

A. No use shall be permitted or authorized to be established which, when conducted in compliance with the provisions of this Resolution and any additional conditions and requirements prescribed, may be hazardous, noxious, or offensive due to the emission of odor, dust, smoke, fumes, cinders, gas, noise, vibration, electrical interference, refuse matters and water carried wastes, or which will interfere with adjacent landowners enjoyment of the use of their lands.

Section 230.02 Proposed (shown in bold):

A. No use shall be permitted or authorized to be established which, when conducted in compliance with the provisions of this Resolution and any additional conditions and requirements prescribed, may be hazardous, noxious, or offensive due to the emission of odor, dust, smoke, fumes, cinders, gas, noise, vibration, electrical interference, refuse matters and water carried wastes, or which will interfere with adjacent landowners enjoyment of the use of their lands.

B. Any structure not maintained shall be removed consistent with ORC 505.86 as amended.

C. Any structures destroyed by fire, flood or other disaster in disrepair, shall be removed within one (1) year after the event occurred.

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Resolution No. 2016-059 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to amend zoning amendment Section 610.12 – Zoning Certificates upon the recommendation of the Rootstown Zoning Commission as follows:

Section 610.12 – Zoning Certificates

Proposed New Section:

SECTION 610.12 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATE OF USE.

No commercial or industrial structure shall be occupied without a township certificate of use prior to opening. This certificate will be for all new businesses, including owner changes, tenant changes, and/or name changes.

There were no comments or concerns from the public. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Linda closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Road Crew began mowing the park and Town Hall today.

Bill reported the Storm Water Prevention Plan should be completed next week by Beaver Excavating. He will forward it to Soil & Water as soon as he receives the plan. Bill said he is not sure of the price (if any) at this time. Linda asked why it is taking such a long time to get the plan. Bill said they are working nearly free of charge. Linda asked why we choose Beaver Excavating. Bill said the Ohio Operators Union referred them to him.

There were three (3) funerals since the last meeting. Year to date there has been sixteen (16) funerals.

The Trustees agreed to participate in the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program. This is youth that will work part-time. Bill is requesting six workers. They will be working at the parks and different road projects. Bill will be supervising at all times.

Bill said the ODOT Transportation Day event he attended this afternoon was very informative.

Dave Bosko asked Bill the status of the installation of the guard rail on Campbellsport Road. Bill said he has been in contact with the County Engineer.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2016-060 - Motion by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Al Ballou of State Route 44 asked if he could have a copy of the recycling contract. JoAnn said it has not been signed by the Commissioners at this time. She will forward a copy to him once it has been executed.

Sherwood Truman asked the status of the property on Case Avenue. He is interested in building a house but has had zoning issues and issues with the gate. Bill said if Mr. Truman needs access to the land to contact him. Mr. Truman will be attending the Zoning Commission meeting.

Ralph Paulus of Lynn Road asked when the New Milford Road Recycling Center will be removed. Linda said no date has been set at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

JoAnn received information from the Commissioners' Office regarding the Broadway vacation. JoAnn said there is a fee of \$100.00 that typically is collected by the petitioner instead of the Township. A petition needs to be completed before filing with the Board of Commissioners. JoAnn will contact Matt Baker (petitioner).

Jordan will forward grant specifications to Linda.

NEW BUSINESS

JoAnn will contact Bill of the Solid Waste Management District to schedule a Clean-Up Day for the Township.

Resolution No. 2016-061- There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Chairperson Hankins adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

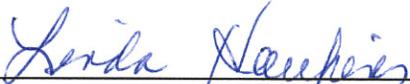
The Board agreed to reconvene the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Resolution No. 2016-062 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Linda Hankins to hire Jordan Michael as full time township employee effective May 16, 2016. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, absent, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Linda will check with the Park Commission to see if they will transcribe their meeting minutes.

Resolution No. 2016-063 - There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Chairperson Hankins adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Hankins, Chairperson



JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer