

MINUTES OF THE ROOTSTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Rootstown Township Trustees opened at 5:30 p.m. on October 11, 2016. Those in attendance were Trustees Linda Hankins, Joe Paulus and David McIntyre, JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief Charles Palmer, Road Superintendent Bill Hahn, Zoning Administrative Assistant Jordan Michael and Trustees Administrative Assistant Julie Gonzales.

Resolution No. 2016-170 – Motion was made by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to accept the minutes of September 27, 2016. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Trustees acknowledged receipt that the person renting the house next to the Town Hall will be moving out effective November 1, 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-171 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus to purchase the following conversion package for the new truck.

Cenweld Corp	Hoist and body (Switch & Go Package)	\$15,500.00
Coia's Implement Sales	Plow and stainless steel salt spreader	\$12,400.00
Total		\$27,900.00

Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Bill received a letter from County Engineer, Mickey Marozzi regarding another round of grant money that is available (Issue 2). He said there is no guarantee the money would be awarded. One stipulation is that if you apply for this grant; you will not be eligible to apply for next year's Issue 2 grant. Bill will get more information from the county.

Cemetery

The footers have been completed.

The water will be turned off tomorrow.

Park

The water at Gracie Field will be turned off next week.

Chris Meduri, Portage County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the insurance terminology to the operator's union agreement.

Resolution No. 2016-172 – Motion was made by Dave McIntyre and seconded by Joe Paulus agreed that once the Portage County Prosecutor's Office reviews and approves to form the

Operator's Union agreement, the Trustees will move forward with the park project. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

Dave said there was an incident with reckless driving at the park and damaged the gate. This was all on camera and we were able to locate the person who did it. A police report was made and payment for the gate and the labor has been paid by the gentlemen.

The Board agreed that the Park Rules and Regulations #14 should also be included on the sign at the park (No person shall ride, lead or transport a horse into the park).

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

The Road Crew dug out the walls at the Fire Department and will coat them with asphalt tomorrow. Instead of mulch, crushed brick will be installed.

The defensive driving course will be held this weekend. This is required by the insurance company. Any member driving the vehicles must complete this class.

Gary Abshire scored #1 and Josh Russ #2 on the entrance exam. Gary will be taking a stress test and we are awaiting the results before he completes his medical screening.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

There were five (5) permits issued.

*1 – Pool

* 1 – Fence

* 2 - Sheds

* 1 – Sign

Three members will be attending the Zoning Workshop on November 4th.

Rob from the Zoning Commission is contacting architects to interview for the creation of an architectural regulations and guidelines for the township's commercial district.

Jordan gave the Trustees a current list of projects the Zoning Commission is working on.

The Joint Zoning Boards Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 PM.

The Board thanked Jordan for designing the sign for the Randolph Fair and thanked Bill for delivery it.

Joe reported the utility pole on John Smith Road has been repaired.

Joe suggested getting a list of streetlights within the township to check to make sure they are in working order.

FISCAL OFFICER

Resolution No. 2016-173 - Motion by Joe Paulus and seconded by Dave McIntyre to pay bills on file with the Fiscal Officer. Upon roll call the vote as follows: Linda Hankins, yea, Joe Paulus, yea, Dave McIntyre, yea.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Diane Makebakken of Pebble Circle asked if there is anything the Trustees could do regarding cars speeding on Rootstown Road at the intersection of Lynn Road. When you are pulling off of Lynn Road onto Rootstown Road heading north; traffic coming across the 76 bridge are often going too fast. It could be very dangerous. Dave said he saw the Face Book blog and contacted the State Troopers Office who agreed to monitor the intersection.

Mike Szabo of Rootstown Road suggested a solar powered speed sign. Bill thinks those are expensive but will get a quote. You could also place a stationary speed limit trailer to monitor the speed.

Ralph Paulus of Lynn Road suggested the county do a speed study at that intersection. Joe suggested placing "dangerous intersection" signs. Bill will get a quote.

Mr. Paulus asked since the Trustees agreed to plant grass seed at the park on an additional 18 acres who will be maintaining it. Will they be hiring another employee? Dave said at this time the summer helpers will do the mowing.

Eagle Scout Jeffrey Nelson presented the Trustees with a project his troop would like to do at the park. Troop 556 would like to install two (2) cedar purple martin houses at the park at a cost of \$443.58. The Trustees approved the project and Mr. Nelson will work with Bill Hahn for the specific location for the houses to be placed.

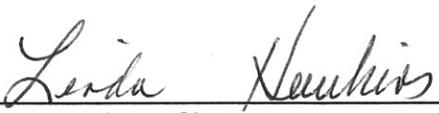
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Linda said the Regional Planning Commission is looking for park equipment lists of all townships in the county to see what is available for potential sharing within the county. The Board agreed they need specific guidelines before participating. Who would be responsible for equipment that would break?

Linda said there was no quorum at the last Park Commission Meeting. Bill attended regarding the Operator's Union. The Trustees agreed to cancel their October meeting.

Resolution No. 2016-174 - There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Chairperson Hankins adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Hankins, Chairperson



JoAnn Townend, Fiscal Officer