

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Trustees of Sycamore Township
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Weidman.

Present for the meeting were Vice Chairman Weidman, Trustee James, Fiscal Officer Deters, Law Director Barbieri, Administrator Kellums, Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter, Fire Chief Penny, and Lt. Tarr from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Chairman Schwegmann and Superintendent Reutelshofer were absent.

The invocation was read by Mr. Kellums.

Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the May 2, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes

The May 2, 2023, Public Hearing minutes were presented for approval. Mr. James made a motion to accept them, seconded by Mr. Weidman.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent

Approval of the May 2, 2023, Trustee Meeting Minutes

The May 2, 2023, Trustee Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. James made a motion to accept them, seconded by Mr. Weidman.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent

Presentation – Alexander Kanyuck, Eagle Scout Project

Alexander Kanyuck addressed the Board regarding the Eagle Scout Project he constructed at Bechtold Park. Mr. Kanyuck explained the work that was done to install the Pollinator Garden and showed photos of the process to the Board. He stated he has been checking on the plants and they are all growing and doing well. He described the requirements the garden has met to be classified as a Monarch butterfly waystation. Mr. Kanyuck solicited suggestions from the Board for the name of the waystation so that it may be registered. He then thanked the Township for approving his project and Parks Supervisor Jason Petty for his assistance.

Public Comments

No members of the public signed up to speak.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Lt. Tarr stated he had no report.

EMS/Fire Report

Chief Penny reminded the Board of the Silverton, Derr Park, Sycamore Township Memorial Day Parade which begins at 10:00 a.m. on May 29th.

Mr. James asked Chief Penny about magnets for the elderly the Fire Department had and how someone would go about getting one.

Chief Penny answered a vial-of-life contains medical information about the occupants of a residence and is available for pickup at the firehouse.

Planning & Zoning Report

Mr. Uckotter reported he had three resolutions for the Board's consideration.

Resolution – Initiating Amendment to the Sycamore Township Zoning Resolution

Mr. Uckotter stated that the resolution is to initiate a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution clarifying that violations of the Zoning Resolution are misdemeanor offenses and may be enforced through criminal proceedings. He explained that Hamilton County has a Housing Court which is a tool the Zoning Department could use to more efficiently adjudicate zoning cases. Mr. Uckotter explained that this resolution would initiate the process and it would then be heard by the Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees. He said at that time, there would be a tandem resolution to amend the Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. James brought up some changes he would like to see to the text of the resolution and the attached exhibit before the Board. He and Mr. Uckotter reviewed the suggested edits.

Mr. Barbieri stated the Board should make a motion to amend the resolution prior to it being considered.

Mr. James made a motion to amend the resolution in the manner just described. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent

The resolution "Initiating Amendment to the Sycamore Township Zoning Resolution" was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. James, dispensing with a second reading.

A member of the public requested to ask a question. Mr. Weidman invited her to the podium to speak.

Mary Anne Lucas, of 4087 Belfast Avenue, addressed the Board. Ms. Lucas asked if the amendment would change the time interval between when a complaint is made, and a resolution happens.

Mr. Uckotter answered that the resolution initiates a process to change the code to allow for criminal action. He said that from a staff perspective, the goal is always to work with residents before we get to that point.

Ms. Lucas stated she did not want the nuisance resolution process to take longer.

Mr. Barbieri answered this would not change any of those dates. He explained that the whole idea is to expedite the process because Hamilton County has a Housing Court, but they will not allow us to go to Housing Court unless we cite these violations as misdemeanors.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent
Resolution 2023-035 passed this 16th day of May, 2023

Mr. Uckotter brought two resolutions dealing with tall grass and weeds to the Board for consideration.

Resolution – 8472 Wicklow Avenue Nuisance Property

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse, and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8472 Wicklow Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with a second reading.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent
Resolution 2023-036 passed this 16th day of May, 2023

Resolution – 4020 Limerick Avenue Nuisance Property

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse, and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4020 Limerick Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with a second reading.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent
Resolution 2023-037 passed this 16th day of May, 2023

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

Mr. Kellums reported the Pollinator Seminar was a nice event and had a good turnout.

Mr. Kellums reported that the SORTA Grant project for Montgomery Road Sidewalks is getting ready to start. He said signs will be put up in the area, adjacent property owners will be notified, and street sawing will start at the end of next week.

Law Director Report

Mr. Barbieri stated he had nothing to report.

Administrator Report

Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00

Mr. Kellums presented the following purchase order over \$5,000.00 for approval:

23-71-1	Blanket Vendor	Fire Tuition	\$12,000.00
23-132	BWC	2020-21 Group Retro Evaluation	\$5,051.00

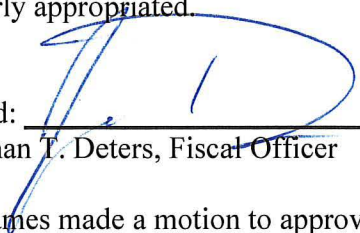
Mr. James made a motion to approve purchase orders over \$5,000.00. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent

Fiscal Officer Report
Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$1,088,596.93 and disbursements in the amount of \$520,842.48 for May 16, 2023, were read by Mr. Deters and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed: 
Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer

Mr. James made a motion to approve the receipts and disbursements. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Trustees Comments

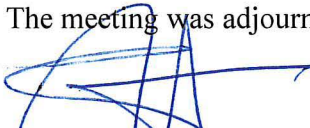
Mr. Weidman thanked Mr. Petty for his help with Alex Kanyuck's Eagle Scout Project.


Announcements

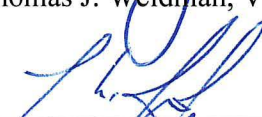
Mr. Weidman announced Yoga in the Park takes place on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at McDaniel Park. He then referred people to the Township's website for information about meetings and events.

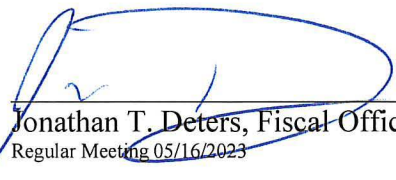
Mr. James made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weidman seconded.
Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: James: Aye; Weidman: Aye; Schwegmann: Absent

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Tracy Schwegmann, Chairman


Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman


Thomas C. James, Jr., Trustee


Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer
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