

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

September 4, 2008

The public hearings for Zoning Case 2008-06MA and 2008-08MA were held.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sycamore Township was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Kent, Law Director Miller, Administrator Molloy, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Zoning/Planning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff's Liaison Corporal Fritz. Fiscal Officer Porter was excused.

Mr. Bickford read the invocation from John Bascom of the Kenwood Baptist Church.

Mr. Weidman requested that Chief Jetter take the meeting minutes in Fiscal Officer Porter's absence.

The Minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held August 19 and 21, 2008 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve these minutes.
Vote: All Aye.

Chief Jetter reported to the Board the inquiries from Bethesda North and UC on being included in the camera trial. He also reported that New York President Huspach has also inquired about the use with FDNY.

Mr. McKeown reported that the final Sunday Evening Concert will be held on September 14, 5:00-7:00 pm at the North Sycamore Recreational Facility with music by AJA, a Steely Dan Tribute Band. He announced that the Deerfield Park is coming along well due to the good weather.

Law Director Miller requested an executive session to discuss imminent litigation and property acquisition.

Mr. Molloy requested that item number three on the agenda be tabled. He advised the Board that Tracy Kellums, Greg Bickford, and he will be attending the Stormwater Meeting which is scheduled for 9/10/08 at Springfield Township to discuss rates for 2009.

Mr. Bickford reported that the first draft of portions of the Land Use Plan will be posted to the Sycamore Township web page on Friday, September 5, 2008 for public review and comments. Starting on October 1, 2008 the plan will be updated weekly.

The Zoning Commission will review the Land Use Plan on November 10, 2008 and there will be a public hearing at the Trustees Meeting on November 20, 2008. It will be presented to the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission on December 4, 2008.

Communication from: Kathleen Lay and family; thanking the Township for assistance on Deerwester Drive.

Communication from: Bob and Janet Bright, 5825 White Chapel Drive; thanking Tracy Kellums and the Maintenance Department for storm sewer repairs.

Zoning Case 2008-06MA, Midland Atlantic Property, Mr. Bishop commented on the request for graphics/signage on the building. He also requested the Trustees deny additional dumpsters on site. Mr. Bishop further commented that no additional signage on the exterior of the building. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, to direct the Law Director to prepare a resolution denying all three requests made by applicant, seconded by Mr. Kent. Vote: All Aye.

Zoning Case 2008-08MA, Kids First, A motion was made by Mr. Kent to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution to approve zoning case 2008-08MA with conditions, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop stated that it was subject to the property owner and the neighbor agreeing on brush removal. The Board decided to allow accent color at the entrance subject to the Zoning Director's final approval. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bishop stated that he had been to the Kids First and that is was a very nice facility, Mr. Weidman concurred. Mr. McKeown added that Kids First has been a supporter at the Festival in Sycamore.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Contract was tabled.

Mr. Miller lead a discussion of vicious dogs, defined as a dog that inflicts severe injury to a person without provocation; or a dog that has been trained or kept for dog fighting, or a dog that has been used in a condition of a crime. He stated that several cities, including the City of Cincinnati, are regulating these dogs. So that these dogs aren't brought into Sycamore Township a first reading of the resolution "Banning Vicious Dogs in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept this first reading. Vote: All Aye.

The Receipts and Disbursements of September 4, 2008 were read by Chief Jetter 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: _____
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to pay these bills.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to adjourn the meeting to executive session to discuss imminent litigation and property acquisition.
Vote: Weidman, Aye; Bishop, Aye; Kent, Aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:36 pm.
The executive session adjourned at 8:03 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Richard C. Kent, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Chief Jetter, Ph.D.MIFireE