

Motion Heidecker to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

RECEIPTS


LC AUDITOR (MAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT)	\$ 8,300.61
LC AUDITOR (MAY HB 166 LOCAL GOV.)	713.90
ZONING INSPECTOR	14,284.40
RECREATION FEE	900.00
RECREATION FEE (DREES HOMES)	5,400.00
RECREATION FEE (RYAN HOMES)	900.00
RECREATION FEE (GARLAND NEW HOMES)	900.00
CULVERT PIPE	300.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS REQUEST	10.00
CEMETERY	<u>600.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 32,308.91</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Michael G. Musto, Chairman


Mark C. Cunningham, Vice Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Trustee

Chairman Mike Musto called the regular meeting on May 17, 2021 to order at 7:00 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Fiscal Officer Mandie Andrews took roll call attendance and Trustees Musto, Cunningham and Heidecker were present.

Fiscal Officer Andrews sent all meeting reports to the Trustees electronically.

Minutes from the regular meeting on May 3, 2021 were presented for approval.

Motion Cunningham to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 3, 2021 as written. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

Fiscal Officer Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$62,184.78 for approval.

Motion Cunningham to pay the bills and payroll as listed. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

Letter from Christin Brandon of the Lorain County Community Development Department regarding the submission by Greg Modic, Donald Bohning & Associates, of the final plat of Phase 2 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision. This phase consists of 63 lots and will be reviewed by the Subdivision Review Subcommittee on May 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be a virtual meeting.

Copy of the Lorain County Sheriff's April 2021 Incident Report for Columbia Township.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

No one from the Sheriff's Department attended the meeting.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For May 6-14, 2021, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 11 permits for one pool, two decks, three patios, one storage shed and four single-family homes. Year-to-date, he has issued 31 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations – Eichenberg spoke with Vincent Caso on West River Road about the debris on his property. He gave Caso until May 17th to clean it up. Eichenberg did not get a chance to visit his property today, but he will do so tomorrow.

Eichenberg asked the Trustees to approve mowing the grass at the following addresses:

10333 Dupont Avenue

**Motion Heidecker to mow the grass at 10333 Dupont Avenue. Seconded
Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-54**

9948 Colfax Avenue

**Motion Cunningham to mow the grass at 9948 Colfax Avenue. Seconded
Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-55**

9990 Colfax Avenue

**Motion Heidecker to mow the grass at 9990 Colfax Avenue. Seconded
Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-56**

19556 Rollingbrook Drive

**Motion Cunningham to mow the grass at 19556 Rollingbrook Drive. Seconded
Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-57**

Eichenberg received a complaint about a fence at the corner of Osborne Road and Hawke Road. The fence has been there for years. The complaint is that the fence is obstructing the sight line when drivers are turning onto Hawke Road. There is a discrepancy about the road right-of-way between the old list of and what Lorain County shows on line. The older list shows a 40 ft. road right-of-way while the county currently shows 60 ft. Eichenberg will talk to the property owners. Because this the same property with the failed septic system, the Trustees think that when they tie into the sewer the fence can be dealt with then. Bob Rundle will contact the Lorain County Engineer's Department for a legal description of the intersection. They will have to have a 30 ft. clearance.

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, March 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to hear Case 2021-04. This case is request for a 60 ft. road frontage variance for a lot split. The first lot would have 140 ft. of road frontage. The second lot would have 298.86 ft. of road frontage. They are asking for the variance to accommodate existing buildings on the wider lot. Eichenberg commented there have been more of these requests due to sewers located in the area.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

New Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4'S – No problems or complaints reported.

Department Input – Eichenberg reported there is another hoarder in the Westview Subdivision on Aldridge Avenue. The gentleman is currently recovering in the hospital and his kids are getting a dumpster to clean it up. A landscaping company will be mowing the lawn.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Service Director Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running.

Issue I Status – Rundle expects to be getting notification of the availability of funds for the South Boone Road Project. Rundle asked the Board to let him know what project they would like submitted on the 2021 application. The Trustees suggested Redfern Road. Rundle said he will have work with the developers on Redfern Road. They Board also mentioned Snell Road and the possibility of repairing it if the Township gets infrastructure money.

Subdivision Status – Nothing new reported.

MS4's – No complaints or problems reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 37 members on file and 34 members on call.

Calls – To date, there have been 89 Fire calls and 275 EMS calls.

Transport Billing – April billing receipts totaled \$15,414.84. Year-to-date receipts total \$44,777.78.

Equipment – Chief reported on repairs made to Rescue I. These repairs were recall work and under warranty. Repairs made to the turbo on 212 were also recall work and under warranty. The cooler on 212 was the only repair that was not under warranty. Air conditioning work was done on 213 and the tanker. During the next few days,

all three trucks will go in one at a time for pump testing and ladder testing. Department members are currently hose testing.

There will be a Blood Drive at the Fire Station on June 25th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Chief Anthony asked the Board to hire Thomas Pettry, Carson Hengst, and Ali Al-Rousan. Thomas Pettry is a firefighter and paramedic, Carson Hengst is a firefighter and EMT, and Ali Al-Rousan is a firefighter and EMT.

Motion Cunningham to hire Thomas Pettry, Carson Hengst, and Ali Al-Rousan pending passing all background checks. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-58

Department Input – Chief Anthony got in touch with a couple of contractors to see if it would be feasible to change the roof line on the Fire Station. They really couldn't give him a price until an engineer designs the roof and provides the specifications. Chairman Musto noted right now there is a problem because the cost of materials has increased so much. Musto advised waiting on the roof until the cost of materials goes down.

A tactical rescue class was held at the Fire Station. Thirty-one people attended, six of were from the Columbia Fire Department.

Chief Anthony suspended Kaci Ward for getting the squad stuck the other night while on a call.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$600 for two burials.

OLD BUSINESS:

StoryWalk in Township Park Proposed by Columbia Branch Librarian – Branch Librarian John Guscott reported he has received all of the equipment for the StoryWalk. He unpacked everything to check it and packed it back up and it is now stored in the Library's meeting room. He has reserved pavilions for Story Time in the park as well. Guscott would like to meet with Bob Rundle. Guscott said he needs to call 811 to have the area marked by OUPS. Guscott said their Facilities Manager is working on specs for the cement company. He said the library will pay for the entire cost of the StoryWalk.

Guscott said the Children's Librarian has already picked out the first 6 months of stories.

Chairman Musto said if the StoryWalk isn't kept up, the Board will take it out.

Guscott said Marilyn Fetchet and Helen Walkden (both deceased residents) gave money towards children's programs so the money will be used for the StoryWalk.

Fire Station Roof – See Chief Anthony's earlier Fire Department report.

Mini-Excavator – Bob Rundle explained the Township needs an MOU with SWAC for the mini-excavator. Rundle said he never got a grant like this one so he isn't sure of the procedure.

Cunningham said Don Romancak is working on the paperwork.

Zoning Violation – William Markosky, 9992 Fremont Avenue – During the last meeting on May 3rd, Mr. Markosky requested the definition of nuisance. Bob Eichenberg reported that he sent him the definition.

NPDES PERMIT – Chairman Musto reported this permit has to do with the MS4'S. He said we have to get with Lorain County so we are on the same page. Musto said the form is very easy to complete.

GIS Administrator –

Musto nominated Bob Rundle to be the GIS Administrator. Cunningham seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

5-17-2021-59

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Individual to Shoot Fireworks in the Park – Gary Koniieczka owns Lite the Night, a fireworks company located in Parma, Ohio. For his 65th birthday, he requested permission to shoot fireworks in the Columbia Township Park on August 28th in exchange for his use of a pavilion that day. Koniieczka said he does not care if the Township uses the fireworks for a fundraiser. He asked for a decision from the Trustees tonight because he needs 60 days to get the necessary permits and to talk to Chief Anthony.

Heidecker brought up safety and security because it is necessary to have the perimeter fence patrolled. Chief Anthony said that school property is used for the Homecoming fireworks display and he works with the schools on the use their property. Anthony also said an evacuation plan is required. There was also a discussion about the diameter of the fireworks Koniieczka would shoot, if permitted.

Musto told him the Trustees cannot make a decision about school property. Heidecker said we would have to check with our insurance company to see if they would even cover it. Cunningham said, if you have to have us make a decision now, the answer is no.

Musto explained the Township does not arrange for the Homecoming fireworks and it is the Chamber of Commerce that does everything, including the insurance and security through the Lorain County Sheriff's Department. He said there is a lot of work that goes into it.

Konieczka suggested using bounce houses for a fundraiser in conjunction with the fireworks. Fiscal Officer Andrews plans the Community Fun Fest in September. She said they will not be using bounce houses this year because people are still not really comfortable with their kids jumping in bounce houses with a lot of other kids because they are not sanitized.

Heidecker said he would have to say no right now.

Konieczka persisted. Musto told him that he does not understand that the Township does not do anything with fireworks. Musto suggested he talk to the Chamber of Commerce. He also noted alcohol is not permitted in the park.

Musto said we will research this further and one of us will give you a call in a couple of days.

Approve Purchase of a John Deere Z960-MZTrac Mower for the Park – The list price for this mower is \$13,914. Bob Rundle reported the State Contract price is \$9,818.13.

Motion Heidecker to purchase the John Deere Z960-MZTrac mower for the park. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-60

Hire Board of Zoning Appeals Member – Chairman Musto reported the Trustees recently interviewed five good applicants for this position.

Motion Heidecker to hire Kathy Kortan as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-61

Chairman Musto thanked Kathy for her generosity.

Taking the violation to court was discussed. Cunningham said the issue is if we take it to court it will be in court for a number of years.

Musto made a motion to take the violation to court, but there was no second to his motion.

Musto said he would not go into somebody's property by himself. Cunningham suggested Musto should take someone from the Health Department and the Fire Chief along with him.

Heidecker will call the Health Department.

Ms. Solomon agreed to the inspection. The time was set for Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 9 a.m. Musto said he wants to see a lot more progress

Discuss Allowing Reserving the Basketball Courts in the Park for a Fundraiser for the Columbia Local School District – Mandie Andrews explained that she has been approached by the Varsity Boys Basketball coach who wants to run a 3 on 3 basketball tournament like they do in LaGrange. The coach wants to reserve the courts. This tournament would be fundraiser. She explained there is currently no policy for taking reservations.

She said she is asking the Board to allow the Columbia Local School District only to reserve the courts as needed on a Saturday and Sunday, depending on how many students sign up.

Musto said we will work with them. Cunningham said he would be okay with Saturday and Sunday, but they have to post notice well in advance that the courts will be reserved by the High School.

Mrs. Andrews said there be no adults participating. Cunningham asked did they set their dates? She said July 10th and 11th or July 17th and 18th. She also said they need time to send fliers out.

Both Cunningham and Heidecker emphasized that signage has to be posted well in advance. Andrews said she would be happy to post laminated signs well in advance of the tournament.

Cunningham said his is okay with up to two days. Andrews thinks it may just be a half-day on the second day.

Motion Heidecker to allow the Columbia Local School District to reserve the basketball courts in the park once each summer for a 2-day 3 on 3 fundraiser in July. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 5-17-2021-63

Chairman Musto said he wanted to mention a couple of items regarding the new subdivisions. He said in the Emerald Woods Subdivision they are having a lot of problems with the concrete curbs. They have about 30 ft. of curbing that needs to be replaced because concrete trucks are breaking it up.

At the MLM subdivision, vehicles are parking on Snell Road because their construction driveways are inadequate. The developer needs to put down more gravel.

Musto said we have problems and I am hoping we are going to get them resolved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the Lorain County Township Association will meet on May 20th at the Transportation Center in Elyria. The RLCWA Board will meet on June 10th. The Rocky River Watershed Council has nothing scheduled at this time.

Heidecker reported the SWGH Board will meet on June 23rd. Heidecker isn't sure if it will be virtual or in person. The NOACA Board will meet virtually on June 11th. The Lorain County Community Alliance will not meet again until December.

Musto reported the Stormwater Phase II MS4 activity was addressed earlier under NPDES permit. The Trustees are waiting for NEORSD's report on the recent flooding. The NOPEC grants are available.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REQUESTS:

Mandie Andrews did not have any financial requests.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

The Trustees gave everyone present the opportunity to ask questions and/or offer comments.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.