

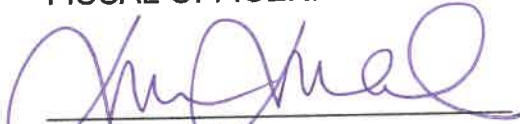
Motion Heidecker to adjourn the meeting. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rita Plata.

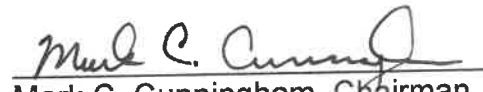
RECEIPTS


CLERK OF MUNI COURT	\$ 75.00
MOSQUITO DUNKS	20.00
ZONING INSPECTOR	9,804.90
RECREATION FEE (PULTE HOMES)	3,600.00
CEMETERY	<u>1,400.00</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 14,899.90</u>

FISCAL OFFICER:


Mandie Andrews

APPROVED:


Mark C. Cunningham, Chairman


Dick Heidecker, Vice Chairman


Tony Manning, Trustee

Chairman Mark Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Columbia Township Board of Trustees on June 20, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mandie Andrews presented the minutes from the regular meeting on June 6, 2022 for approval.

Motion Heidecker to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes as written. Seconded Manning. Vote unanimous.

Andrews presented bills and payroll totaling \$46,900.52 for payment.

Motion Manning to approve the bills as listed. Seconded Heidecker. Vote unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, Notice to Legislative Authority about the transfer of the Class C Liquor License for the Columbia Food Mart, 23373 Sprague Road.

The Trustees have had no complaints, so they did not request a hearing.

Letter from Christin Brandon, Lorain County Planning Commission Coordinator, notifying the Trustees that Greg Modic, Donald Bohning & Associates, has submitted the final plat of the Emerald Woods Subdivision – Phase 4. The final plat will be reviewed by the Subdivision Review Subcommittee on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room A.

Mandie Andrews presented the thank you notes from the 5th graders for the DARE T-shirts. The students also thanked the Township for some of the services provided. The letters will be on the conference table for the Trustees to read.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Brandon Bargaheiser introduced himself to the audience. He the member of the Township Impact Unit assigned to Columbia Township. The Sheriff's goal is to have

Deputy Bargaheiser attend as many Trustees meetings as possible. Bargaheiser wants to build relationships with members of the community and will use strategic ways to address problems.

ZONING INSPECTOR:

Permits – For June 1-17, 2022, Zoning Inspector Bob Eichenberg reported issuing 18 permits for two decks, three patios, two sheds, two pools, one gazebo and 8 single-family homes. Year to date, he has issued 111 permits for new single-family homes.

Violations –

9888 Dupont Avenue

Eichenberg requested a resolution to send 9888 Dupont Avenue to the Lorain County Prosecutor for unlicensed and disabled vehicles.

**Motion Heidecker to send 9888 Dupont Avenue to the Lorain County Prosecutor.
Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 6-20-2022-78**

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one applied for the June meeting. The BZA's next regular meeting is on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission – The Zoning Commission moved their July meeting to Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Subdivision Status – Eichenberg had nothing new to report.

Department Input –

Heidecker asked Eichenberg about the property on Riverview with the tall grass. Eichenberg said he will be sending out a letter tomorrow.

Regarding the moratorium on new houses, Eichenberg was contacted by someone who wants to buy property and split it for two houses. Manning explained they can buy it, split it, work with an architect, and get ready to build and wait because the moratorium won't exceed two years.

For one house on 2 acres and another house on two acres, Cunningham would be willing to make an addendum for less than four houses if they meet the current zoning. Cunningham said, in his mind, that is the type of development we want.

Eichenberg mentioned the hardship exemption.

Chairman Cunningham does not want everybody to have to request a hardship exemption. Cunningham wants an exception in the moratorium for properties that comply with current zoning, do not need any kind of variance and where there will be less than four houses built. Cunningham asked Manning to talk to the Lorain County Prosecutor about the exception.

Wayne Brassell expressed concern about going case by case and penalizing homeowners who want to buy a lot in the township and build a home. Brassell is happy to hear the Trustees are considering an amendment. He asked why penalize single family homeowners who want to build according to R1, R2 and R3?

Brassell mentioned the revenue that will be lost for the schools and the township. He said it is revenue we can't afford to lose.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Equipment – Bob Rundle reported all equipment up and running.

Issue I – The contractor doing the South Boone Road Resurfacing Project should start in approximately two weeks.

Subdivision Status – Rundle thanked Wayne Brassell for overseeing some recent paving to ensure it was done correctly.

MS4'S – No complaints or problems reported.

Department Input – Bid Openings for two projects, Nichols Road Resurfacing and Emmons Road Resurfacing, will be on July 5th at 7:15 p.m.

Rundle will be applying for another Community Incentive Grant offered by the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District. The grant will be used to purchase more picnic tables made from recycled materials.

The road crew will be replacing concrete on Fairway Drive. Next, they will begin replacing concrete in the Redfern Farms Subdivision.

Construction of the sewer on North Boone Road will start June 27th. The road will be closed except for local access for homeowners in the area. Heidecker will contact Chief Anthony.

Rundle spoke to the Lorain County Engineer and they will try to set up a meeting about the Jaquay Road railroad crossing. The crossing is the responsibility of both Lorain County and the Township. Guardrail and signage are needed at the railroad crossing.

Cunningham recently attended a meeting at the Jaquay crossing with representatives from PUCO rail and the Ohio Railroad Development Commission. The railroad sent a technician to the meeting. Cunningham explained there is grant available from the State of Ohio for the work needed at the crossing. The grant will cover tree trimming, the installation of guardrail, stop bars and pavement markings consisting of RXR with the X being exceptionally large.

Rundle said the Township also has the crossings at Root Road, Hawke Road, and Boston Road.

Representing Boy Scout Troop 176, Jim Wright explained how the road department chips the Christmas trees each year so the Boy Scouts don't have to take care of them. Wright wants the road crew to know how much they are appreciated. He presented gift certificates for the road crew.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Personnel – Chief Anthony reported 38 members on file and 36 members on call.

Calls – To date, the Fire Department has responded to 349 calls.

Transport Billing – May billing receipts totaled \$13,375.23. Year-to-date receipts total \$57,301.89.

Equipment – Chief Anthony reported all equipment up and running. Truck 211 will be going in for a front-end alignment. Anthony is checking with JDS to see if they can work on the air conditioning on Rescue 2 and 211.

Mutual Aid – Mutual aid has been given 32 times and requested 21 times.

Station Coverage – All hours offered are being covered.

Department Input –

A Blood Drive will be held at the Fire Station on Friday, June 24th, from 2 to 7 p.m. Donors can pre-register online.

Anthony mentioned a lot of houses have long driveways with low-hanging trees along them. Under these conditions, the Fire Department can't get their equipment, both rescue and fire trucks, down these driveways. Chief requested something be put in the paper and on the website asking residents to be sure their driveways are clear.

Chief Anthony asked the Trustees to hire Ashley Vecchio, Andrew Collins and Jake Gaudino pending passing their background checks and SWGH protocols. Ashley Vecchio is a firefighter and paramedic. Andrew Collins and Jake Gaudino are firefighters and EMT's. Both Collins and Gaudino are enrolled in paramedic school.

Motion Heidecker to bring Ashley Vecchio, Andrew Collins and Jake Gaudino on the Fire Department pending passing their background checks. Seconded Cunningham. Vote unanimous. 6-20-2022-79

Chief Anthony is preparing for the fireworks this weekend. He spoke with the gentleman from Hot Stove about closing A and B ballfields and other fields at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Anthony has to get the fences up and prepare the safety zones for the fireworks.

The department will be applying for a \$10,000 BWC grant for hose rollers. Anthony currently borrows them from Eaton Township.

Department members have been practicing at a house on Nichols Road near the intersection of Jaquay Road. They are practicing at the house but will not burn it down because it is too hard to do now because of asbestos. Today, they are practicing laying hoses.

Anthony expects the property owner will tear the house down by the end of the month.

CEMETERY:

Rita Plata reported the receipt of \$200 for one prepaid burial: \$850 from the sale of 2 graves, and \$350 for two footer fees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Levy – Schedule Workshop Meeting to Discuss Levy – The Trustees, Chief Anthony and Fiscal Officer Andrews will meet in a workshop meeting to discuss the fire levy on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. They will meet at the Fire Station. Plata will post notice of the workshop meeting on the doors of the Town Hall.

SWGHS Renewal Levy – Mandie Andrews is waiting for the Lorain County Auditor to get back to her. The levy has not been submitted to the Board of Elections yet.

Moratorium on Single-Family Homes – Manning reported things are going well and the application for the Steering Committee was on the website this morning. Three applications have already been received. Anyone interested in being on the committee has until July 15th to apply. Cunningham encouraged anyone interested to complete an application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Baseball Fields – Cunningham and Andrews met with members of the School Board to discuss the School Board's interest in working with the Township to make improvements to A and B Fields. The meeting was very preliminary and no commitments were made. Cunningham explained the school would like to put in dugouts, improve drainage, re-do the infield using crushed brick and put in turf.

Wayne Brassell described the School Board's vision for the fields. They hired an architect to come up with some drawings for A and B Fields. The fields wouldn't interfere with anything else in the park. The schools do not want to build fields on their property because it could be needed for future expansion.

After further discussion, it was agreed to have another meeting. Bob Rundle will also attend any future meetings. Cunningham asked Wayne Brassell to talk to Graig Bansek about scheduling a meeting within the next two to three weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cunningham reported the next Lorain County Township Association will meet on July 21st in Olmsted Township. The Rocky River Watershed Council has been doing cleanups in the Metroparks.

The RLCWA Finance Committee will meet on June 29th. The next regular Board meeting is on July 13th.

The final plat for Phase 4 of the Emerald Woods Subdivision will be reviewed by the Subdivision Review Subcommittee on June 28th and the Planning Commission on June 30th.

Heidecker reported NEORSD'S information on how residents can lower their bill is now posted on the Township's website.

NOACA is accepting public comments on the preliminary engineering for an interchange on I-71 and Boston Road.

Manning will attend the next SWGH meeting. Mandie Andrews commented that the list of SWGH Delegates from the community needs to be updated and SWGH would like the updated list returned by August.

There was also some discussion about the Township's cell tower contract and recent correspondence asking the Trustees to renew the contract. Andrews will make a copy of the current contract for Trustee Manning.

FISCAL OFFICER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

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 Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.