

Pike Township Trustees**Regular****Monday, March 15th****10****Regular Meeting**

President Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Paul Mosberger and Don Charnetzky were present as well as Fiscal Officer Steve Knox. Others in attendance were Nancy Cramer, Nancy Collier, Gary Alkire, Louis Grooms, John Miller, Clarence Flowers, Mike Young, Randy McNutt, Richard Himes, Zoning Inspector Sharon Perrine and Road Supervisor Mark Pahanish.

A motion was made by Charnetzky accepting the minutes and financials as presented. Seconded by Mosberger.

1st Public Speaks Session

State Senator Kirk Schuring stated that he was very disappointed that the Ohio EPA only allocated 3 million of the 10 million dollar fine locally. Corlesky told Schuring that this is all part of a judicial court order, it is a part of case law so would take case law to change it. Because the courts have ruled that the monies should be allocated this way, we would have to petition the courts. Mr. Schuring stated that he is just the messenger, and the only way to reverse it would be to go to court.

Today, the EPA has recommended Mr. Schuring be a mediator with another state representative on how the 3 million should be spent, and he said he would be interested.

He finally recommended that we need to work with the EPA on the community benefit fund, and be involved so we are sitting at the table.

A resident that lives at 2285 Ullet Street asked if we could fix the road. He would like to see some kind of patch, rather than gravel. Baum didn't promise anything, but stated that they would look at it. Pahanish said that the bottom part is falling apart, as well as the hill. Baum, along with Pahanish, said that we will see what we can do once the weather turns.

Clarence Flowers asked if we should check into the legal wrangling of why weren't represented in the court case that decided where the monies went. Charnetzky stated that we could at least check with attorney Hall on whether we could move forward.

The monies can be used for non-profit organizations, but also for local government agencies, colleges, and universities.

Randy and Mike from the East Sparta Baseball Association asked if we would possibly be interested in purchasing the Broad property and keep it a baseball field.

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A motion was made by Baum to go into executive session to discuss land purchase.

Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote: Charnetzky – Yes

Mosberger – Yes

Baum – Yes

A motion was made by Baum to adjourn executive session. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote: Charnetzky – Yes

Mosberger – Yes

Baum – Yes

Baum discussed Farber baseball field, and how it was originally \$58K. Strad met with the Broad's awhile back and tried to work out a cheaper deal, but it never happened. They are now trying to finish up the estate and are now offering it for \$40K. We said we never wanted to be in the real estate business, but we also want the youth of East Sparta to have a place to play baseball. He asked Mike if the baseball association could possibly be able to purchase it back from the Township over some years. Mike stated that they can't go to the bank, and although they do have some funds, it's not enough to purchase the field. He added that it would be a perfect use of the fine money if possible, and that they were going to apply for some of it.

Mike said they will need to talk to the Baseball Board about their options.

Knox stated that he would recommend that the Board talk to attorney Hall on our options, because if we purchase the land, we can't just say who we sell it to, it would have to go out for bid and then what happens.

Baum stated that we will go to our attorney.

New Business

Mosberger asked if we could have a site to take leaves, sticks, and yard waste here at the Township if Canton Township. Baum said that you can take your stuff to Canton Township, but if they end it, then we may need to open our own.

Resolution #05-2010

A motion was made by Mosberger to change the speed limit from 55 mph to 40 mph between East Sparta Ave and the Pike/Sandy Township line on Elson Street. Seconded by Baum.

Roll Call Vote: Charnetzky – Yes

Mosberger – Yes

Baum – Yes

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Baum stated that we have a letter of resignation from Carol Barto as of April 30th, 2010. Baum asked if we want to put an ad in the paper for her position. Yes they will.

Baum also brought up about purchasing the Coon Hunters Club, which we were going to purchase for a dollar and use for the cemetery, but at the final hour, the final member of the Coon Hunters Club purchased it for \$1.00, and within a few weeks, there was a for sale sign up and they were trying to sell it for \$36K, in which it did sell. The Trustees were then going to purchase the property from this new owner but he declined. Baum would bug him about selling it to the Township every so often, but to no avail until last Thursday. The resident called Baum saying he would like to donate it to the Township, but it has to stay in the Township name, and that he wants a permanent as well as a temporary sign that he donated the property to the Township. It should be noted that once it becomes a part of the cemetery, it can never be sold. Raymon Creager is the owner, and he is donating it to the Township in memory of his mother, Betty (Sheatzley) Creager. He just wants people to know that he is donating this and not making money on the property.

Mosberger offered \$100 dollars of his own money for the temporary sign. Charnetzky stated that he might be able to get it donated.

A motion was made by Charnetzky to accept the donation of the two parcels from Raymond Creager, aka the old Melscheimer School, which will become part of the cemetery and be that way forever. Seconded by Mosberger.

Roll Call Vote: Charnetzky – Yes
 Mosberger – Yes
 Baum – Yes

Old Business

Nothing at this time.

Sherriff's Report

No report at this time.

Financial Report

Joel Bender from Whitaker Myers insurance will be attending our June 7th meeting at 7:30 to discuss our renewal.

He noted that FlipSide Grill is applying for a liquor license.

Road Report

Pahanish read the road report.

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Pahanish asked if we were allowed to have HS kids do community service for school extra credit. Knox stated that liability wise, they are allowed except they should not drive any Township vehicles. The Trustees all agreed that this was okay.

He also stated that Dale Boston is on light duty, and went through all of the records and organized them on a table in the back. He would like Knox to look through everything and see what we can purge.

Baum would like to rent a roller to roll all the baseball fields. The Trustees agreed.

Zoning Report

Perrine read the zoning report.

She would like to purchase a book for zoning. The Trustees agreed to allow her to purchase the book.

Mr. Hall and Perrine will meet about the apartment building on East Sparta Ave.

The Alborn representatives did not have their documentation to the court, so we will be going back to court for that one.

Also, the four stipulations that were presented have not been met on Cleveland Ave., so per the court order, the buildings will be coming down.

Second Public Speaks

Nothing at this time.