Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Estep, here.

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the February 10, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Rhoads discussed the following: The engineers are working on changes in our plans on Westerville Road, Complex buildings and Senior Center to best work for us and then obtain our approval. The Zoning Commission sent the amendment to Franklin County for their technical review and next Thursday, Mr. Matt Brown is meeting to review all the comments. Finalizing the pricing for the concession stand and lighting for Paris Blvd. The County does not want to maintain the water and sewer lines in Cleveland Heights for builder Tom Ford, so we are at another standstill. We plan to look at other options for maintenance. The County will pay for the sidewalk project on Sunbury Road if we will help pay for right-of-way acquisitions, so a letter has been sent to start soon.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.

New Business:

1. Sunbury Woods Playground Equipment- Mr. Rhoads presented the Board with a proposal from Builderscapes for $13,000.00, for playground equipment with installation. This is to replace the removed old equipment, and bond money is to be used. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the proposal from Builderscapes for a cost of $13,000.00. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

2. Landscape Maintenance Agreement- Mr. Giamarco presented the Board for approval, per the proposal for landscape maintenance in multi-areas of the township. Mr. Welch moved to approve the 2016 Miller Landscaping maintenance agreement for $14,461.00 for the township. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

3. Trailer Purchase- Mr. Giamarco presented the Board with proposal for a trailer to haul equipment. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the purchase of the Rocks Trailer Sales, price of $4,824.00. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes, Mr. Welch, yes.

4. Heritage Day- Mr. Flaherty discussed formalizing the plans for startup for the August 27, 2016 Heritage Day. He would like ideas and suggestions to step it up and make it even better than last year. He wants the staff to come up with new ideas and something unique.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco discussed the time limit to complete the new salt barn by July 27th for salt delivery that we ordered for this year.

Fire Chief Miller discussed responding to a cardiac arrest with a bystander starting CPR, and Blendon Police and Blendon/Westerville Fire came to the scene. They were able to bring the patient back with the Lucas Device, with a positive outcome. Suggested CPR classes at Heritage Day, even a Bucket Brigade should be a consideration.

Mr. Bryan Rhoads discussed tearing down the metal maintenance building, either by demolition or knock down with metal recycled for payment. Mr. Welch moved to have Jeff Beard Construction tear down and remove the metal pole barn within 30 days, with scrap metal for payment along with proof of proper insurance. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Welch, yes.
Mr. Rhoads also discussed development out east and building condos that will circumvent Columbus’s water restrictions. Mr. Flaherty noted to avoid a conflict of interest with our attorney and the builder that the Board will bring another attorney in.

Mrs. Harter reminded everyone that we need to sell more pavers for the Ridgewood Park Memorial, to continue to help pay the expense involved. She also reminded the Board of the deadline for attendance to the annual Franklin County Engineers meeting on March 10th. The CIMS program is also halfway complete. Suggestions for the Paver Program is to advertise regularly in our newsletter, with pictures and quality signage at the foot of the Memorial with information to purchase pavers.

Mrs. Jordan discussed the Bunny Breakfast in March and noted the Little League will not be back this year at Ridgewood Park. This frees up the park for other activities. Westerville Fire Department suggested in order to lower and raise the kitchen fire door at the Senior Center, it is being replaced because the old one is inoperable.

Lt Dusty Lephart discussed a recent vehicle stolen from Sunbury Plaza, but recovered from an apartment complex within an hour by our police. Outstanding police work.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, noted the run on Heritage Day is being organized with Mr. Rhoads reviewing the contract. On behalf of HRAA, the Service Department was thanked for their efforts with a whole lot of cookies.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, asked the Board to consider cake with the ice cream social, just recently suggested for Heritage Day. She also discussed the house on Paris Blvd., and street light poles in the community. It is to be looked into by Mr. Rhoads.

Mrs. Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive, thanked the Board for all the landscaping improvements throughout the community, as it really shows.

Mr. Flaherty wanted to pass on a conversation he had with a gentleman that has lived here for 15-17 years, and in talking about the police levy, to make sure people understand it’s replacing an expiring levy. In turn, he sang the praises of living in Blendon Township and how in the last 5-6 years many things have improved and just looks better. It is starting to spread though out Blendon Township, that slowly but surely, its making a difference and we will continue to keep trying. This year our efforts are really going to show.

Pay bills: Mr. Welch moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

The attached list of checks was approved for payment. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: [Signature]
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

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Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman