Minutes of  

Blendon Township Board of Trustees 

Meeting 

March 11, 2015 

Pledge of Allegiance 

Roll Call: Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Estep, here. The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes, as presented, for the February 25, 2015, regular meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief Miller was in attendance. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report: 
1. EDGE Planning Study- Asked Board to review proposal for NE Blendon Area. 
2. MORPC – Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015. 
3. Board of Zoning Appeals- No cases to review. 
4. Phelps Acre- In a couple of weeks and we will have documents for bell monument. 
5. WSOS-City of Westerville- Visited this week with Mrs. Jordan and myself regarding senior programs and opportunities. 
6. Rumpke- With a few recent complaints, staff from Rumpke has visited with us to explain the issue and seems to be with temporary employees and are handling it. 

Township History: With Blendon Township’s Bicentennial being celebrated 1815-2015, Mr. Rhoads plans to read a brief item of history. On December 23, 1815, the taxes collected ranged from $25.00 for studs, $12.50 for mares and cows were $.06 cents. Town clerk was paid $.47 per year. Times sure have changed. 

Communications: 
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed. 
2. Ohio Dept. of Family Services- stating this is going to take some time. 
3. Franklin County Bridge Inspection Report- from Fr. Co. Engineer. 
4. 2014 Homeland Security Advisory Committee Report 
5. WARM 2015- plans to attend an upcoming meeting regarding lunch program. 

Old Business: 
1. SR3 Sidewalks-Mr. Rhoads discussed that work will be starting and sidewalks should be in by fall and we plan to move quickly to add landscaping. 
2. Westerville Road Corridor Study-Mr. Rhoads noted this report was funded by the JEDZ Board of Directors and showed what this area can be, working hand and hand with City of Columbus and City of Westerville. 
3. Ridgewood Memorial-Mr. Rhoads stated with about $2,000.00 donated, we should begin project, as fundraisers are introduced. Mr. Flaherty suggested marking the site so we can choose the best memorial and to include pricing for the pavers. 

New Business: 
1. ODNR Grant Request- Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board several requests to get ODNR’s 75%, 25% Grant. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to apply for ODNR grants for two parks. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. 
2. Cemetery Development Plans- Mr. Rhoads requested permission to authorize him to solicit for future plans for Blendon Central Cemetery to maximize the land. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to proceed with development proposals for Blendon Central Cemetery. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. 
3. EDGE Contract- Mr. Flaherty suggested approval of a conceptual plan for greenspace and development of the northeast area of Blendon Township. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to execute the EDGE contract with a provision that we cap reimbursables at cost. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco noted that after a rough February we are still in good road salt shape. He plans to look into ODOT Road Salt Plan and purchase salt in April, as a backup for next winter.

Fire Chief Miller stated that plans are leading to a 2016 permanent fire levy on the ballot.

Mr. Rhoads noted that he is working with Senator Bacon on legislative changes on O.R.C.’s for townships, which are not as defined as municipalities. This is in regards to CIC’s and what we can and cannot do. The draft will be available for the Board’s review.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed the icy conditions that Rumpke was dealing with in February, in order to collect our recyclables and trash.

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

The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Mr. Welch stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

In celebration of
Blendon Township’s Bicentennial (1815-2015)
cake and coffee was served after the meeting.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: James F. Welch, Chairman