Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consent Agenda: 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 May 3, 2017, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, absent; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Signatures: The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: McCorkle is working out East, so there is construction vehicles causing problems with hauling dirt at Ulry Road. Residents are upset, and contacting Franklin Soil & Water to be sure it is legal. And checking with our attorneys to see if it is legal use of property. Parcels on Walnut are being split off for houses to be built. Plan to meet with Lee Road Residents tomorrow about development. Conference call is scheduled for Friday regarding bids on trash hauling. Researching the medical marijuana laws along with Mrs. Heichel, we do know we have options to restrict per Sen. Bacon’s letter. A recommendation is coming from our attorneys as well.

Communications:

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

New Business:

1. Nuisance Resolutions NU-11-17 to NU-13-17 Mr. Rhoads requested the adoption of NU-11-17, 6482 Jessamine Court and NU-12-17, 3474 Saigon Drive and NU-13-17, 4349 Smothers Road be declared a nuisance due to high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt nuisance abatements NU-11-17, NU-12-17, and NU-13-17, as recommended by Mr. Rhoads for high grass. Mrs. Heichel, seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, absent; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

2. Hire Part-Time Crew Member - Mr. Rhoads requested two additional part-time crew members that will be helping Mr. Way throughout the township for different projects to help make sure everything is taken care of. Mr. Billy Swick and one other applicant to be hired for the summer. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize the additional two part-time positions under Mr. Branch Wayt and to hire Mr. Billy Swick for one of the positions at the rate of $11.00 per hour, under 30 hours per week, starting May 17, 2017. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, absent; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. WARM- Ms. Aimee Horne, Coordinator of Child Nutrition Services-Mrs. Heichel introduced Ms. Horne and associate Mr. Marcus Willis. Ms. Horne has asked for permission to spend the summer at Ridgewood Park for the Kid’s Lunch Club Program, for lunches for kids 1-18 years old, with an enrichment program. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve WARM for the 6th year, at Ridgewood Park for the lunch program, with the provided insurance. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, absent; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Mrs. Heichel noted that it is wonderful to have this resource in Blendon Township. Mr. Giamarco provided a key and any assistance needed.

Old Business:

1. Survey Update - Mr. Flaherty noted the survey report is completed and a copy for all staff along with a reference copy for Administration Office. It will be available online at our website as well. Also, waiting to defer cemetery pricing until Mr. Welch is here to discuss. Mr. Flaherty also would like numbers and dollar amounts for last five years compiled.
Director /Staff Updates:
Mrs. Bowman noted that she is in the process of working on a fashion show and Wesley Woods is decorating. A Pot Luck luncheon is planned for 60+ members with a sign language lesson, and her “new member luncheon” is scheduled for May 25, 2017, at noon.
Mrs. Harter stated that the donation letters for Memorial Day had been sent and donations are coming in. Memorial Day plans come with a few changes. A draft of the program was reviewed along with changes. Breakdown for pricing was presented with local area township pricing for comparison.
Mrs. Heichel invited everyone to the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 11:00 am at the cemetery flagpole. The ceremony will end with a presentation of the Phelps Acre Historical Marker along with a Cemetery Talk and Historical Vignette. Then followed by a free family and friends picnic at the senior center.
Mr. Estep stated that the field audit is almost done and worked with two very pleasant ladies. The report may be ready in two weeks.
Mr. Flaherty gave Mr. Rhoads a street maintenance brochure from the City of Westerville, to review and consider for our street maintenance program to help clarify who is responsible for what, with Q&A. This could be used for snowplowing and other maintenance communications throughout the year. The Board thought it was a good idea.
Mr. Giamarco discussed the signage at 270 and Westerville Road/State Street with ODOT and now have their blessing to put road signage on existing light poles. So we are reapplying for this approval, so there is a delay.

Open Floor:
Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, suggested a way to be able to find gravesites over the weekend. She was reminded that the website has this available. Also, the Westerville Road corridor is looking beautiful, and thought the trees may need straightening.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, absent; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson