

## Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Held April 6, 2016**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 March 23, 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 meetings he will be attending: MORPC meeting, Franklin County Planning meeting to formally approve our changes and Blendon Zoning Commission to review during a public hearing and then to our Board for consideration.

**Communications:**

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

**Old Business:**

1. **Project Updates-Mr. Rhoads** presented the Board with the following updates: Harbin Park is almost finished and looking good, meeting with OHM on the complex projects and Westerville Road project, and the signals will be ordered for Buenos Aires and Paris Blvds. OHM is meeting with several contractors regarding the concession stand at Ridgewood Park.

**New Business:**

1. **W.A.R.M. - Mrs. Heichel** introduced Ms. Rockwell with WARM to discuss the summer program at Ridgewood Park. The program will run from May 31, to August 12, 2016, on weekdays, with this being the 6<sup>th</sup> year. A nutritional meal is served followed by an hour of enrichment activities. 40,000 meals were served at 10 sites in the area, in the past. Mrs. Heichel noted that the Board is certainly happy to have WARM back again, as it is so positive for the community. Mr. Flaherty noted that this started in Blendon Township and is so well received. Mrs. Heichel moved to authorize WARM to provide recreation and lunches at Ridgewood Park, May 31, to August 12, 2016, with their insurance received. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
2. **ODNR Natureworks Grant- Mr. Rhoads** stated the funding for the 2017 ODNR Grant is available and asked the Board for permission to apply for the 75% grant for future park ideas. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and authorize Mr. Rhoads to apply for the 2017 ODNR Nature Works Grant. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
3. **Extra Help for Summer Events- Mr. Flaherty** made a suggestion of discussion regarding a very busy summer coming up and hiring part-time help and internships to help cover the increased work load. Open communications with the residents because of all the road work scheduled this summer will be very time consuming. We also have a need for a daily monitored website, so an interest in bringing in help with our website is also important. After much discussion by the Board, the Service Department needs part time help, under 30 hours a week, along with an intern web tech with an artistic flare, will be posted on Monster.com. Mr. Rhoads will check with MORPC, local colleges, and Monster.com as a source for hiring additional help.

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DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held April 6, 20 2016

**Director/Staff Updates:**

**Mr. Giamarco** discussed gearing up for the street tree and sidewalk program, sending letters out, and plans to have it in full swing in 6 weeks. Mowing and still snowing, so busy with weather changes. Not to mention the building work in maintenance area. Traffic signals will be ordered next week.

**Mr. Rhoads** presented the Board with a tree program brochure for the Board to review. Mr. Flaherty noted communication is vital. Mr. Welch and Mr. Flaherty mentioned alternatives such as a set price and offering additional sidewalk squares to residents at our pricing.

**Mrs. Jordan** discussed the Senior Center Garage Sale and collected about \$2,700.00. This amount was a little lower this year as they received no furniture donations. They did have a lot of traffic and they still have several items on Craig's List, E bay and sales of some collectables yet to add. Mr. Flaherty suggested bringing in an appraiser to help decipher the pricing next year before the sale to get a handle on their values.

**Lt. Lephart** discussed meeting with Minerva Park Police Department, ODOT and City of Columbus concerning the cross traffic and accidents along a small strip of 161. Lt. Lephart mentioned the fact that when Blendon Police Department is called, it takes our department away from Blendon problems. They are working together to see that when our department is in the area they will help. Summer months are our busiest time in that area. ODOT has plans to help out starting in July.

**Open Floor:**

**Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3724 Caracas Drive**, updated the Board on the Plant Swap Sale on Saturday, May 7, 2016, and a two Community Garage Sale, Saturday, May 21, 2016. There will be no Ridge-A-Paloosa this year, but last year's was very popular, so it ended on a good note.

**Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive**, discussed with Lt. Lephart, traffic issues at 161 and Buenos Aires. It was suggested that to try ODOT website, District 6 and report issues. Lt. Lephart and Mr. Flaherty suggested getting the message to Google Maps to change directions to help with the situation.

**Pay bills:** Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch 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 7:07pm.

**Mr. Flaherty** noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:   
**Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer**

Approved by:   
**Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman**