

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held April 26

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Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Welch. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chair Welch.

Roll Call

Mrs. Heichel, here. Mrs. Shinaberry, here. Mr. Welch, here.

Also in attendance was John Giamarco, Interim Administrator, Joshua Retherford, Police Lieutenant, Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer

Minutes

Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the minutes as presented and waive the reading for the April 12, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Approve Cemetery Deeds and Purchase Orders**Communications****Mr. Giamarco—**

AEP transmission line rebuilt project to upgrade local power grid. Letter from AEP is on our website.

Mrs. Heichel—

Mrs. Heichel discussed the paving of the park trail idea and expressed her displeasure with false statements shared on the neighborhood area Facebook groups along with the petition that was posted and shared. She stated that she was okay with them posting a petition, but the content introducing the petition was inaccurate and spewed negative remarks.

Director/Staff Updates**Mr. Giamarco-**

Mr. Giamarco gave a summary timeline of the current Board of Trustees' and previous Board's discussions for paving the Ridgewood Park Trails. He noted that in 2010, the Blendon Trustees, Stewart Flaherty, Jerry Ward, and Jan Heichel were very supportive and pleased with the Blendon Community Plan. The Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Health Department, Franklin County Soil and Water Department, and many more county agencies were also in full support. The Community Plan included workshops with the Blendon Trustees and residents for eight months. One of the items in the Community Plan was the desire to have paved park trails in Ridgewood Park. Over the years, this discussion has been brought up; however, funding the project was the reason it had not happened. Some residents previously commented on the lack of transparency on this topic. Mr. Giamarco provided a packet for the residents in the audience that documented openness in the form of the Blendon Township website, the internet, newsletter, and various permanent township records.

Lt. Retherford-

Blendon's Safe Medicine Disposal Day on April 22nd was successful, with 77 pounds of medication turned in.

New Business**Mr. Welch—**

Mr. Welch asked for a discussion about paving the park. After no discussion and Mrs. Heichel asked if Mr. Welch was making a motion, *Mr. Welch motioned to cancel the contract for paving Ridgewood Park trail and look to another source for re-doing the trail. There was no 2nd, the motion died.*

Mr. Welch asked the trustees to accept donations from Shred-It Day \$1,356.00 cash, \$220.00 metal recycling. *Mrs. Shinaberry moved to accept the donations. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

Mrs. Shinaberry—

Mrs. Shinaberry presented updated Senior Center Rental Policies. This will amend the previous policy from the March 1st meeting. *Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the updated policies as presented. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

Mrs. Shinaberry asked the trustees to accept the Blendon Blooms gift cards donation from Hoover Gardens of \$300.00 total (12 gift cards). *Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the donations. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

Ms. Bury—

Ms. Bury suggested to the Board her desire to change the payroll from ADP to HR Butler. HR Butler payroll quote, saving over \$13,700 a year. Ms. Bury believes the customer service support in addition to the savings is a better fit for Blendon Township. The proposed contract from HR Butler also includes HR services. *Mrs. Shinaberry moved to accept the quote. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

Ms. Bury recommended to the Board to sign an agreement with Clemons Nelson for their Policy manual. Their quote is \$6,750-\$7,250. This policy manual will be for all employees except for safety services. *Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the quote as presented. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

Old Business

None to report

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Open Floor

Several residents came to discuss their concerns about paving the trail at Ridgewood Park and the Executive Parkway building. Many concerns were expressed.

Mrs. Heichel motioned to authorize Mr. Giamarco to put the contract for the paving of the Ridgewood Park trails on hold until further studies and information. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Bills

Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved by:  _____

Jim Welch, *Chairperson*

Approved by:  _____

Joann Bury, *Fiscal Officer*