

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2012

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Roger stated that he reviewed the draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Roger moved to approve the minutes as written. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, J. Presley, P. Cernava, G. Harrison, C. Mangold, H Mangold, T. Baker, N. Britain, L. Kuzma, D. Rice, D. Hermann, S. Engle

Old Business

Mike reported that he is still researching information on the portable generator. Mike spoke about installing a side walk around the chapel. He is waiting for an estimate from England and Sons. Roger asked if LCA has been contacted. Mike stated that he has not spoken to the LCA, but is looking at the aesthetic look. Mike stated that he met with the Historical Society regarding the house at the Administration Complex. Mike explained that the township cannot afford to keep the house. He offered to build a cabinet in the TH and offered the TH basement for storage of their artifacts. Mike is contacting a few people regarding the cabinet. Roger asked Carol if she had any comments. Carol is happy with the outcome and asked when they can start moving items. The trustees were in agreement that items can be moved into the basement at any time.

Sue has had some zoning issues come to the forefront recently. She wants it on record that when a zoning letter is written it is not a personal vendetta. Sue wants people to understand that Randolph Township is the one enforcing the zoning, not any one individual. People are uncomfortable to complain to the person they have a problem with. Sue stated that more complaints are coming in which is why zoning ordinances are in effect. If people do not like it they have the opportunity to go to the Appeals Board to make a request. Sue wants to see our township be a community of many people working together. Randolph wants zoning and Dan is being very vigilant and will likely talk to the offender or send a letter. Many businesses have been in operation for many years, but some people feel that some are getting special treatment. We have zoning regulations which needs to be enforced. If residents do not want zoning we need to vote on it. Sue wants to see people be successful if they choose to get in business for themselves. Gary stated that he is happy to hear that if a business, which has been grandfathered, changes its operations it needs to go to the ZBA. He is concerned that some people may take advantage of it and it needs to be carefully monitored. Sue feels it is your property and you can do what you want but asks that you be considerate of others. Sue does not like to tell people what to do on their property. Sue explained that Dan gets the hammer because the township has a book of zoning regulations that must be followed and he is the one to enforce it. Paul has complained in writing and attended meetings. He stated that Dan's job is to enforce the zoning whether it took place before his tenure or not. It does not excuse him from enforcing the zoning regulations. Paul stated that his attorney will take the matter to court since the trustees and the zoning inspector will not handle it. Paul commented that it is ok to break all zoning rules and people just have to put up with. Sue feels sorry he feels that way. Sue commented that per her conversation with Paul she understands he planted trees to block the view across the road. She thought they reached an agreement that when the leaves were down and the junk removed, it would be ok. Paul stated that there is more junk now. He stated that it is not the trustee's job, but Dan's job to make sure the rules are followed. Sue stated Paul's neighbor moved the items out of the back to satisfy Paul's request. Sue will look at it tomorrow. Paul stated that we either have zoning or not have zoning and it is Dan's job to investigate complaints. The property is zoned a tree farm not a truck company. Roger stated that if he has an attorney then the trustees have no further comment. Dolores stated one problem with issue of being grandfathered is that each time a resolution is passed the businesses are not updated. There is a form to be filled out but it likely has not been done for many years. Sue asked if people come to ZBA with clean property there would be no problem. Dolores stated that the board does not vote on it, but the form needs to be completed by the zoning inspector.

Roger is happy to report his conversation with Darrin Werbeck regarding the bleachers. Luke Ward is involved with Cub Scouts and the scouts have offered to repair the bleachers at little or no cost to us. Roger has an estimate from English Plumbing for \$600 for renovating water heater in the field house. Roger explained the renovation. Mike moved to appropriate funds not to exceed \$600 for the field house water heater renovation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger reported that the RFD fire training on Waterloo Road went well.

New Business

Mike stated that we received paperwork for OPWC Round 7 grant. He passed it on to Larry.

Sue would like to have a meeting regarding non-conforming use. Dan stated that it might help. Sue asked when the zoning boards meet. Dan stated the first Monday in July is the next quarterly meeting. Sue wants to meet prior to that. Roger asked Dan to investigate and have a meeting date for next meeting. Doug asked who he should contact if he has a zoning problem. Sue stated that he should contact Dan who is the zoning inspector. Doug asked who enforces it. Doug feels if the resolution cannot be enforced it does no good. Roger explained the process the township must follow. Sue stated that zoning, like any other laws, keep people honest. People who care will follow the rules. Common consideration is the way it should be. Sue feels some people may not know they are in violation. She stated that Dan will calmly explain to anyone who needs an explanation. Sue is happy with Randolph and does not want it to change. If someone does not follow the zoning rules and has not for many years, we need to take the next step to rectify the problem. Zoning is in place for everyone to obey.

Roger stated that at the last meeting we moved to hold a public hearing regarding zoning language changes. Roger miscommunicated and the ad was not in the paper on time. Roger moved to change the zoning public hearing from May 3 to May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mike seconded. Discussion: Dolores asked if it falls in within the time guidelines. Trustees stated it does. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger stated that in accordance with Ohio House Bill 61, part-time employees are expected to not work more than 1,800 hours in any year. Sue asked who this affects. Roger stated that it affects part-time employees, which is mostly the fire department. Roger moved to follow HB 61 guidelines. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes;

Mary reported she received a letter from the Portage County Engineer regarding the 2011 certified road mileage. The trustees signed the required form.

Mary presented the trustees with the March bank reconciliation. She asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the March bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 62 – 69 totaling \$15,706.19 and pay warrants 33298 - 33339, EFTs 1160 - 1169, and voucher 37 totaling \$52,046.19. Sue so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. They were able to take delivery of the crack sealing machine this week with plans to crack seal the next two weeks as weather permits. The doors for the wood garage have been ordered and should be installed next week. The utility trailer, water tank and lawn sweeper were sold at the Edinburg Auction last Friday. Larry reported on road work and cemetery maintenance. The tree that was donated by the Randolph Class of 1964 had been planted. They are also planning to furnish a concrete bench to be placed underneath the tree.

Dan presented the Zoning and Trustee Assistant report. Three permits were issued. Dan reported on issues and items he is working on. A ZBA hearing will be held on May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC regarding storage units on the old feed mill property. The ZC will meet on June 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC.

Roger read a letter from Chief Lang regarding the new radio tower. Chief Lang requested \$1,500 to remodel the old generator shed into a climate controlled radio room. Mike stated that he would like Larry and Tim to repair the roof as they have more experience. Roger moved to appropriate not more that \$1,500 to remodel the old generator shed. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger contacted the Stow city mayor regarding the way AT&T handled a prior incident and expressed our displeasure.

Public Comment

Nancy is willing to meet to discuss options for the Historical Society display. She offered some ideas. She knows what is in the old house does not to put anything in the basement unless it is enclosed in plastic to

prevent water damage. She asked if there is any leakage. Mike stated that it has been remodeled and there are no leaks. There was discussion about the cabinet. Sue asked that the Historical Society take an inventory of the items. Nancy is thrilled with the idea and looking forward to working with the trustees.

Terry spoke about improvements that he has made and will continue to make improvements.

Dolores is concerned about gaming parlors that she sees on Canton Road. She understands the township has zero look like this.

Howard looked at cabinets online and could not find anything large enough. Mike stated that it has to be custom made.

Sandy shared a story she heard at work about a water issue due to fracking in Lawrence Township on Easter. It is becoming clearer that there is more evidence that is not reported in the paper. The shale drilling is a danger to all of us and asked that the trustees consider the safety of our residents.

Paul wants people to know that the trustee will not allow him to talk at the meeting. Roger explained that when he (Paul) stated he had a lawyer that ended all discussion. Roger stated that if he had neighbors around him that he hated that he would move. Paul stated that he has the right to voice his concern at a township meeting. Roger stated that when he stated he would sue us, all discussion terminated. Roger stated that the trustee meeting is for the trustees to conduct business.

Doug commented that he is happy to be a Randolph resident.

Bob is happy that he did not have to call the RFD.

Sue moved to go into executive session for personnel issues at 8:02 p.m. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Roger moved to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Roger Blodt
Mary A. Rodenbuscher