

# **BOSTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**March 23, 2011**

Present at this regular meeting of the Boston Township Trustees were Trustees Amy Anderson, Jerry Ritch and Randy Bergdorf; Fiscal Officer Joanne Noragon and Legal Counsel Ed Pullekens. Trustee Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Police Protection Report:** Officer Michael Phelps reported activity in the township for the last month, including three assists to the National Park, seven alarm drops, six public assists, two open doors, two OUI and two traffic stops. Trustee Ritch announced the organized events will commence *en mass* shortly and requested special attention be paid to bicycle and jogging violations.

**Zoning:** Zoning Inspector Sulzer reported Mr. DeAndrea, attorney for Pro Tree, presented 11 supplemental exhibits at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> BZA meeting. The BZA heard testimony and will rule at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Their status hearing in court has been postponed. Pro Tree wants to appear at the Zoning Commission's April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss composting as a nursery use.

Assistant Zoning Inspector Doug Mayer reported material is on site at All Ohio/Bencin to begin remediation of the Barlow right of way. The material has been inspected by the Summit County Engineer who says it is not up to standard and needs tested before it can be compacted for the job. The remediation contractor, Mr. Excavator, has no start time for the job because of the additional preparation needed. The deadline for completion is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Legal Counsel Pullekens noted the remediation supervision is the Summit County Engineer's responsibility; it is their statutory duty to repair road right of ways. He also noted the property is going into foreclosure; Mark Malbin will lose it.

Mr. Mayer further reported

- forwarding the anonymous letter to several authorities, but because it is unsigned there probably will be no action taken.
- Suncrest Gardens is installing an ornamental security fence in an attempt to alleviate their security problems. Mr. Mayer told them their property line is in the right of way, and they need to supply prints and get a zoning variance. Mr. Haury of Suncrest intends to ask the County to move the property line to the middle of the road.
- Mr. Pruitt has done some work on his property and said he will follow up with a zoning application.

The trustees reviewed the proposal submitted by Mark Majewski of Northstar Planning and Design for work on a new uses section of the zoning resolution. After discussion, **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the work and fee of \$6,850.00. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0323-01]**

**Correspondence:** The Fiscal Officer reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** The trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2011 regular meeting submitted by the Fiscal Officer. **Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voting: All Voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0323-02]**

**Boston Township Bicentennial:** Trustee Bergdorf reported plans are coming together and a schedule of events being finalized. The 1940's quilt blocks are ready to be displayed for raffle and should appear around town in the next several days, as well as be posted to the web site. Governor Kasich will issue a proclamation congratulating the Township.

**Township Buildings and Grounds:** Trustee Bergdorf reported resurfacing the parking lot and providing handicap parking spaces was discussed at the last Hall Committee meeting.

**Future Planning and JEDD:** Trustee Ritch reported contacting Cuyahoga Falls Finance Director Joe Brodzinski concerning the 3% fee being assessed by Cuyahoga Falls for administering tax collections, but has not hear back from Mr. Brodzinski.

After Mr. Majewski completes his work on the necessary zoning changes the township will be able to move forward with their proposed JEDD with Peninsula.

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Marty Griffith, Zoning Commission member, presented an overview of getting started on writing grant proposals to fund an Akron Cleveland Road sewer project.

**Valley Fire District:** Trustee Anderson reported four department members are going to the instructors' conference in Indianapolis. The Association will underwrite the cost. The season closed with 55 calls to Brandywine and 27 to Boston Mills. Only one call required mutual assistance for a concurrent call in the fire district. The State Route 303 closing, April 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> will not affect the district, which will be provided an emergency crossing at Century Cycle. The road at the station needs some work and Chief Riedel will call Tim Tesmer to arrange some help using the township roller.

**Road Department:** Road Superintendent Tesmer reported winter is ending, they are able to get out and commence scheduling spring work. Brush pick up will commence the first Monday in May.

The State Route 303 closure for railroad repair was discussed. Traffic will be rerouted Richfield to Hudson. Local traffic can use Riverview to Bolanz to Akron Peninsula.

**Other Business:** The Fiscal Officer distributed an overview of revenue and expense for the last ten years showing the Township revenue generally exceeds expense except for years when a large planned expenditure, such as a piece of equipment, is made. While the proposed State budget cuts at the expense of local government will be seriously felt, they will mean the Township will experience extra years between large expenditures, a situation township officials have been dealing with for the last twenty five years.

Trustee Anderson reported being invited to meet with Park Conservancy officials to be presented with a donation of \$2,500.00 recognizing lost tax revenue at Trail Mix. She learned the \$10,000.00 Stanford Road ice control grant will be distributed through the Conservancy. She also learned the Conservancy has purchased the Blubaugh properties on Zelinsky Court, removing six acres and \$1,500.00 in annual property taxes from the tax rolls. The Trustees believe a visitor center will be built there and the Park will make Boston the hub of park activity.

**Transfer: Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the transfer of \$4,000.00 from Star Ohio General Fund to First Merit General Fund, Star Ohio check 8009 signed by Joanne Noragon and Amy Anderson. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0323-03]**

**Payroll: Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to approve the payroll prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0323-04]**

**Approval for Payment of Bills: Motion** by Bergdorf seconded by Ritch, to pay the bills prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Voting: All voting, YES. Motion passed. **[2011-0323-05]**

**Motion** by Bergdorf, seconded by Ritch to adjourn. All voting yes. Meeting duly adjourned. **[2011-0323-06]**

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CHAIRMAN

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