

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 8, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Richie Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Robert Coleman	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Jason Foltz, Chip McNeer, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns,

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the May 2022 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she and Trustee Coleman took pictures of the signage at the park and she submitted for the final request of \$7,500.00 (seventy-five hundred dollars) from ODNR, which they should receive in 2 to 4 weeks.
- Reported that she called about the unemployment fraud issue on Jason and they told her that he would have to contact them, not the employer.
- Emails from Chief Weekly regarding staffing, she stated that she printed the information off and it is in your packets for review.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Gave a brief summary on the recommendations that OTAMRA had for the township to make.
- Stated that they need to have someone start working on Chris Parks issue with the junk cars. Zoning Inspector Corns said that he has received a complaint on a possible junk yard in Ziontown but he is still working on it and he will keep us advised.

Trustee Wilson:

- Report that they have been working on getting the roads ready for chip and seal. They put 350 feet of drain tile in on Township Road 37.
- Asked about doing level coating on Township Roads 28 and 390. This would be in addition to the chip and seal that they already will be doing and the cost would be around \$140,000.00 to \$145,000.00 and he would like to put advertisement out for bid. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she would like to take a look at the numbers first and she will get back with him on this.

Trustee Coleman:

- Stated there was a discussion at last meeting regarding ODNR putting their pump on the park property and he did some research and the trustees did agree to lease a section of property to ODNR for their pump at the May 8, 2019 meeting.
- Attended a BLRC meeting – discussion on the governor coming to the region in the fall to take a tour of the townships and counties around the lake. BLRC is in the process of forming their own CIC (Community Improvement Corporation). This should help with more funding for the three counties and townships.
- Reported that BLRC had suggested a date of June 22, 2022 for Grand Opening of the Park and he sent out emails to trustees and fiscal officer regarding the date. They did not agree on the date so he sent back an email to them to cancel that date.

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- Talked with Dave Snider from the Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District about working on diverting the storm water off of Boundries Road into the lake.
- Attended a meeting at Lakewood regarding Intel coming and the impact it will have on the area.
- Reported that the signs are up and they had the soft opening of the park. He thanked Jason Foltz for his help putting the sign up.
- Asked about setting a time up for the Grand Opening of the park. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she just wanted to clarify that my response to your email was that “at the last meeting we agreed to a soft opening for now and would plan for grand opening at a later date, and I am not sure why BLRC would plan a grand opening for our park, did I miss something”. Trustee Coleman stated that BLRC wanted to do this and sent it out to him. A brief discussion was held and they decided to have the opening on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.
- Stated that at the park there is a little hill just right of the railing between the 2 yellow posts and the launch area. He and Fiscal Officer Dearlove think they need to have a fence up to keep someone from falling into the water. Trustee Wilson asked if they still had money available to purchase a fence. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated yes. Trustee Coleman asked what type of fence did they think should go up? Fiscal Officer Dearlove said something that is low maintenance.
- Trustee Coleman stated that at an earlier meeting he brought in a brochure for them to look at and they discussed putting benches at the park. He asked if they were still going to do this? Brief discussion was held and they decided to get two 5’ benches. The cost will be \$589.00 each and installation charge of \$80.00.
- Trustee Coleman said he thought they should put some sand on top of the limestone between the two yellow posts at the dry launch. He thought maybe we could get some donated and asked Trustee Boring if Shelly Company did anything like that. Trustee Boring said he would ask and see if they would donate some sand.
- Stated inside the parking area to the left there are two grassy areas that people have already been driving their trucks thru and he thought maybe we should put some heavy duty rocks in that area to keep them from driving thru the grass. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring stated that he has several large rocks that he can bring and put in the area, but according to the map that they were given this area is an easement, so they will have to check with the owner of the property on this. Trustee Coleman will check with the owner of the property and if he is ok with them putting the rocks in, he will let Trustee Boring know.
- Reported that BLRC is trying to find funding to do rest of curbing, asphalt and stripping at the park.
- Regarding A & E Surveying, he stated that he has called them 3 times and emailed a copy of the survey that Larry Rowe had from 2017. He told them he need a price. He has not heard back from them. He asked if he should keep trying to contact them or try and find someone else. Trustee Boring said to keep trying to contact A & E Surveying.

Zoning Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported of an issue across from Honeycreek where someone is adding on to a building with no permit.
- Reported that he has heard that the possible housing development on Township Road 496 is a go again, and they are going to re-file the end of June or first of July on the project. He stated they must have reached an agreement on the sewer tap issue with the county and the Village of Thornville. Chief Weekly stated that they have reached out to them as well for recommendations.
- Reported that he will be out of town from June 20th until June 28th.

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Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Reported they are still up on runs. Reported he renewed the Federal SAM ID.
- Reported that he applied for a grant with State of Ohio to help fund 3 full time employees for two years and also applied for Operation Round Up Grant to purchase new nozzles that better match with our hose.
- Reported they are re-evaluating run cards (due to staffing issues with departments surrounding Thorn Township).
- Working on a facilities assessment: Front Lobby entryway; Flooring; Door/security system and lockers
- Reported FF Kurtz is off on FMLA until August and will return contingent
- FF Berkley has requested to drop his assigned position and work contingent.
- He stated keeping shifts staffed has become an issue not only here but at other departments as well. He said that 19 of their shifts have not been fully staffed, they have had only 3 on duty instead of 4. He sent the trustees and fiscal officer a proposal on wages to hire 3 full time FF/Paramedics; one per shift. He stated that another option to keep shifts staffed might be to look at allowing part time employees to work over 212 hours. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson asked what the process is to hire a full time person and will it create a problem with current employees if one them does not get hired full time. Chief Weekly stated that he did not think this would be problem. Trustee Boring said he thought we should move forward on this. Chief Weekly will look at finding candidates and put together job posting and wages they can pay and he will get back with further information and interest from current employees.
- Reported that the cot is in truck.

Public Comments:

Chip McNeer:

Chip McNeer said that he is sure where Trustee Coleman wants to put the large rocks at the park is not on an easement and he doesn't think it will be a problem to get the owners approval to put rocks in that grassy area. Mr. McNeer read from a prepared statement and presented a large stack of documents that he requested be made part of the "record" and to accompany the official minutes of the meeting. After consulting with Township legal counsel, Fiscal Officer Dearlove requested that Trustee Coleman return the original documents to Mr. McNeer as they were neither solicited, reviewed or considered by the Board of Trustees. Mr. McNeer was informed that the documents will not be made a part of the record. Mr. McNeer also stated that they would like to erect a 3 x 4 Commemorative sign at the park where the Promenade area will be along the north edge of the round-about, and asked if the board would consider this? No action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

All of the formal actions of Thorn Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/ or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.