

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting May 28, 19

HELD AT: Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Ken O'Brien, Trustee Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ken O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Ken O'Brien, Tom D'Amico and Ron Bullard and Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer.

ATTENDANCE: Ray Armstrong, Doug Riedel, Nicki Acker, Larry Harmon, Chris Paykoff and Larry Buell

PUBLIC COMMENT: O'Brien asked if there were any public comment. Nicki Acker said they live next door to a lot that is not being mowed. They have attempted to contact the owner and asked that it be mowed but to no avail. Her husband has mowed it the past several summers but does not want to do it again. They feel the noxious weeds are a health hazard to them and the day care center. Bullard said we have looked at it in the past as noxious weeds and that is how the prosecutor has advised us to look at it. He had heard from other townships that there is a second way to look at it and that is to just mow the lot and send a letter out, but he wants to hear this from the prosecutor. O'Brien said he has talked to them about her letter but has not heard back.

RESOLUTION 19-05-11 APPROVE THE 5/13/2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

Motion: Bullard
Second: D'Amico
Vote: O'Brien yes, D'Amico yes and Bullard yes

Old Business –

Fairview Cemetery Updates – O'Brien said he had our attorney send the receiver a letter about the complaints that they were not mowing and two days later it was mowed. Paykoff said they also put stone on the driveway and did some grading to fix the potholes. They took all the excess topsoil off the graves that had been dug in the past year and fixed the ruts. They have not done any fine grading or seeding. Bullard said we received quotes on mowing, fixing the driveway and grading and seeding the grave spaces, which was looked at prior to them doing the improvements Paykoff spoke about. We are looking at \$30,000 to get it presentable and asked O'Brien to send the quote to the attorney.

Cemetery Rules & Ossuarium Pricing – D'Amico said they received the last revision of the cemetery rules and everything that he and Buell addressed are in there.

RESOLUTION 19-05-12 APPROVE & ADOPT THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHESHIRE AND PEACHBLOW CEMETERIES EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2019, PAGES 1 THROUGH 14

Motion: D'Amico
Second: Bullard
Vote: O'Brien yes, D'Amico yes & Bullard yes

RESOLUTION 19-05-13 APPROVE PRICING FOR OSSUARIMUM NICHES TO BE: \$1,800 FOR TOP TWO (2) ROWS, \$2,000 FOR MIDDLE TWO (2) ROWS AND \$1,600 FOR BOTTOM TWO (2) ROWS FOR BERLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS. THE PRICING WOULD BE BASE PRICE PLUS \$500 FOR DELAWARE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BASE PRICE PLUS \$1,000 FOR OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE COMMON AREA PRICING IS \$600 FOR BERLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, \$850 FOR DELAWARE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND \$1,100 FOR OUT OF COUNTY RESIDENTS

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Second: Bullard
Vote: D’Amico yes, Bullard yes and O’Brien yes

Buell asked if there was a charge for interment, opening the door and putting urn in. D’Amico said he did not think there was and asked Buell if there should be. They said they could change that later if need be. Smith said six urns were ordered last week.

The Cloud – Bullard aid the BZC was meeting tomorrow and Armstrong would be presenting the information to get the process started. He said ODOT is planning on doing a lot of work at 36/37 and in Grove City they annexed the land for the interchange so that all the worker’s paid income tax to Grove City. If we have a JEDD over the area where the interchange will be built, we could receive big money. If we don’t do something one of the municipalities will. Armstrong handed out an article that was published in Columbus Business First.

Cummins Generator Requisition – Smith said she had not received anything from the fire Department.

Indigent Burial – Bullard said he is recommending that no more than \$2,000 be attributed to the cremation or burial of an indigent and to approve the policy.

RESOLUTION 19-05-14 APPROVE ADOPTING THE POLICY FOR DEFINING INDIGENT FOR PURPOSES OF BURIAL AT TOWNSHIP’S EXPENSE AND THE COST ATTRIBUTED TO CREMATION OR BURIAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 AS PROVIDED IN THE TOWNSHIP’S INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY AND ADOPT THAT

Motion: O’Brien
Second: Bullard
Vote: D’Amico yes, Bullard yes and O’Brien yes

O’Brien said the 8:00 p.m. time certain discussion on the employee handbook will have to be moved to the July 8th meeting.

Fiscal Officer Items – Nothing

Fire Department – Nothing

Cemetery – D’Amico said he would like to increase the cemetery sexton’s salary.

RESOLUTION 19-05-15 APPROVE INCREASING THE CEMETERY SEXTON SALARY TO \$500 PER MONTH BEGINNING MAY 1, 2019.

Motion: D’Amico
Second: Bullard
Vote: Bullard yes, O’Brien yes and D’Amico yes

Road Department –

ADA Ramp Replacement Plans – Riedel said he has the plans that need to be signed by the trustees. Bullard said they filed for a grant and it has been approved which will pay in the range of \$45,000 to \$50,000.

RESOLUTION 19-05-16 APPROVE \$151,000 PER THE DELAWARE COUNTY ENGINEER’S COST ESTIMATE, FOR UPDATING THE BERLIN TOWNSHIP CURB RAMPS IN THE PIATT MEADOWS AND OLD FIELD ESTATES SUBDIVISIONS.

Motion: Bullard
Second: D’Amico
Vote: Bullard yes, O’Brien yes and D’Amico yes

Snow Plow Contract – Bullard said we contracted with Mike Stewart to plow snow for us last year and he would like to get that going again this year. O’Brien was okay with it.

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Trustee Items –

Noxious Weed Complaint – Discussed under public comment. O’Brien said he saw three plants of hogweed around the railroad sign on Sweeny Road and it is also all along the rail road tracks. Smith suggested that the road department spray it and Bullard said they are not licensed to spray. O’Brien said we have to do something and he will make some calls.

Paykoff said the former road superintendent Gene Rossi passed away a few weeks ago.

Credit Card Policy In Handbook – Smith said the policy that was passed recently does not match the policy in the handbook and thinks it should.

Old Harbor East & West – Bullard said they have had many conversations recently and he would like to rescind the previous motion. He said Wicks would go to the zoning meeting tomorrow night and explain what is going on. It will be one development. The piece on the east side of the road will be done by Romanelli & Hughes and will be half a million dollar condominiums, the piece on the west side of the road will be probably \$100,000 less, and they don’t know who the developer will be.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE RESCINDING RESOLUTION 19-05-09
19-05-17**

Motion: Bullard
Second: D’Amico
Vote: O’Brien yes, D’Amico yes & Bullard yes

Bullard said they received an email from a resident in Old Harbor Estates complaining about landscaping problems and stated that the Woda Group is not doing anything about them. Bullard will check into it and give an update at the next meeting.

Bullard said he received an email from Ben Collins, Plain Township Administrator regarding reclaiming cemetery lots. The legislation analysis excerpt from the 131st budget bill that read. “Cemetery lots sold before July 24, 1986: Grants townships the right of reentry for burial lots for which the deed of sale was executed prior to July 24, 1986, and for an entombment, columbarium, or other interment right for which the terms of sale or deed was executed before September 29, 2015. Expands the provisions regarding a township sale of burial lots to other interment rights, including entombment or columbarium.”

O’Brien said he was tasked to contact an attorney regarding TIFF’s and JEDD’s and gave an update on what he found out. He also gave an update on what he found out about the permissive tax.

Zoning Department –

Set Hearing Date for Germann Brothers – Bullard asked if this was the landscaping company on Peachblow and Armstrong said it was becoming a boat storage and the BZC approved it with twenty four (24) other NAICS codes and suggested that they read it very closely. Bullard said we could not set a hearing date until the case has been turned over to us.

Late Items – Nothing

Future Meetings -

- 6/10/19 Trustee Meeting
- 7/8/19 Trustee Meeting
- 8/12/19 Fall Roads Meeting & Trustee Meeting
- 9/9/19 Trustee Meeting
- 9/23/19 Trustee Meeting

**RESOLUTION MOTION TO ADJOURN
19-05-18**

Motion: Bullard
Second: D’Amico

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Meeting adjourned by Chairman O'Brien at 9:02 P.M.

Ken O'Brien, Trustee

ATTEST:

Tom D'Amico, Trustee

Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

Ron Bullard, Trustee