

Jackson Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

Mr. Moyer asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Moyer, at 6:01 p.m. with roll call. Trustees: Mr. Moyer & Mr. DeVilbiss were present. Mr. Gillman was absent.

Visitors: Bob Puterbaugh, Pattie Smith, Jimmy Peters, Ryan Hodson, Eric Sauer, Chief Wallace, Eli Winkler and Melanny Michael

Visitor Comments: Eric Sauer, Planning Manager for Five Rivers Metro Parks, gave a presentation regarding the possibility of connecting the Germantown-Twin Creek Metro Parks. Mr. Sauer presented each Trustee with a map showing the opportunities they are considering. Mr. Sauer stated they are looking at a “Watershed-Based Approach” – leveraging land partnerships and conservation easements to unify the Twin Valley along stream alignments and parcels with high environmental potential within the broader watershed. One opportunity would be an Augmented Trail Network. This trail network would connect to natural and cultural assets within the park, along the waterways, and throughout the watershed. Another idea is making Germantown the “Gateway to the Parks”. Germantown’s location and historical/cultural significance make the city a critical gateway to the parks. Locating the Welcome Center to the Lower Dam Area repositions it to a more convenient location adjacent to the Germantown Dam, the namesake of city and park. This frees up the former Nature Center to be the education and recreation hub. Creative “hubs” are points of connections to other areas of the park’s network of trails. There are two options being considered for the Twin Valley Trail Expansion. Option 1 – Connect to Upper Twin; Option 2 – Connect to Farmersville-Germantown Road along Little Twin. Mr. Sauer stated he is only looking for verbal support of this plan from the Trustees at this time – what do they think- is this something you would like to see happen. Mr. DeVilbiss asked if this is long term – is this something you want to continue - will they cross state lines. Mr. Sauer responded by saying Metro Parks are county based. Mr. Moyer asked how much more land are you anticipating of acquiring? Mr. Sauer responded by saying there is a lack of strong interest in acquiring new ground by the public. Mr. Sauer stated Metro Parks are looking more at acquiring simple strategic acquisitions that allow them to make the connections between our parks. They are not looking to acquire new land at this point. Mrs. Michael asked if the connection of land will be made through easements. Mr. Sauer said this is what they are looking at. Discussion followed regarding the beauty of the parks and the farms in the conservation areas. Mr. DeVilbiss asked if this was a 5 year or more plan. Mr. Sauer stated he guesses it would be a 10 to 20-year plan – depending on levy or grant funding, etc. Discussion followed regarding the map. (The map is on file at the Township Office). Mr. Sauer thanked the Trustees for allowing him to come. The Trustees stated they would like to study the map and will contact him if they have questions. The Trustees thanked Mr. Sauer for coming to the meeting and for the information presented. No further visitor comments.

Review/Approval of Minutes – Trustees Regular Business Meeting – August 14, 2017:

Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of minutes from the Trustees’ Regular Business meeting held on August 14, 2017. Mr. DeVilbiss made a motion to approve the minutes from August 14, 2017, seconded by Mr. Moyer Vote: Mr. Moyer-Yes Mr. DeVilbiss- Yes Mr. Gillman-Absent Motion passed.

Electronic Payments & Warrants:

Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of the electronic payments and warrants totaling **\$132,712.22**. (Payment listing is attached to filed minutes). Mr. DeVilbiss made a motion to approve the electronic payments and warrants totaling **\$132,712.22**, seconded by Mr. Moyer. Vote: Mr. Moyer-Yes Mr. DeVilbiss- Yes Mr. Gillman- Absent Motion passed.

Fire: Chief Wallace informed the Trustees the AED’s are in. Chief Wallace suggested one be mounted in the Township Office and one be mounted at the Community Center or the pool, whichever the Park Board and Trustees decide.

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Chief Wallace suggested strongly to have these AED's placed into cases. They would cost approximately \$331.00 – a glass, pre-made surface mount. Chief Wallace said he would check them, but the biggest thing is to make sure they are insured, especially the one at the park. Mr. Moyer asked how much each AED cost. Mrs. Winkler said the total for both AED's and the hardware was \$3,155.90. Chief Wallace said these are very simple to use and the batteries last 3 years. Discussion followed on how to use the AED's. Mr. Moyer and Mr. DeVilbiss said they planned on attending the Park Board meeting on Thursday and will go over this issue. Chief Wallace had no further business.

Police: Chief Schade gave the following report:

- On August 30th, a burglary occurred on Rhoades Road. Two suspects were identified by the Miami County Sheriff's Office. Most of the stolen property has been recovered. Charges are pending in Miami county. (Engaging in a Patter of Corrupt Activity)
- On September 1st, a known thief eluded Officer Steffano on US 35 near Preble county Line Road.
- On September 2nd, there was a DUI/OVI crash on Farmersville-West Carrollton Road, near Venus Road.
- On September 3rd, the Speedway in New Lebanon was robbed at gunpoint. The suspect was pursued by the New Lebanon Police Dept. The suspect crashed on Mile Road at Church Street. Charges in that case have been filed.
- Homecoming is on September 22nd and the bicyclists will be here on September 23rd.

Mr. DeVilbiss asked if the police will have a car in the homecoming parade. Chief Schade said either the truck or a cruiser or both will be in the parade. Chief Schade asked if Chief Wallace knew about the Twisted Pretzel bicyclists coming through Farmersville. Chief Wallace said this was the first time he's heard about it and will be prepared. Mr. Moyer asked if information regarding the old cruiser listed on govdeals should be placed on the website to which Chief Schade responded by saying they've already had several questions and the bids end tonight. Chief Schade had no further business.

Road: Mr. Pohl gave the following report: Mr. Pohl stated they are working on projects on Havermale Road. Mr. Pohl stated they are going to change out one of the pipes they have already placed by replacing it with an 8 in pipe. The pre-construction meeting for Havermale Phase I will be after the 18th of this month. He does not have an actual starting date yet, but hopefully it will be around the first of October. They are also doing some mowing in between projects. Mr. Pohl had no further business.

Zoning and Refuse: Mrs. Michael stated the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) approved Case #2017-02B for property owner, Sears. Mrs. Michael told the Trustees that Mr. Winkler has mowed the property at 1107 S. Clayton Road and has been paid from the General Fund. A check in the amount of \$600.00 for payment of the mowing came from Safe Guard Properties, who is managing the property for Bank of America. Mrs. Michael stated she has contacted the Auditor's office to have the \$600.00 assessment removed from this property since the payment has been made. Mrs. Michael stated the attorney for Bank of America said they are having problems with the eviction of the property owners. Discussion followed. Mrs. Michael stated she has not heard from the property owners on Havermale Road regarding the mowing of their property. Mrs. Michael stated she wants to go out and take more pictures. Mrs. Michael told the Trustees the refuse bills have gone out in the mail. Mrs. Michael told the Trustees she has put together the agenda for the upcoming Park Board Meeting and she has several issues she would like addressed. Mr. Moyer asked for a copy of those issues. Mrs. Michael stated she received a phone call from "Kyle" at the Mont. Co. Auditor's Office asking to use the Community Center on Sept. 28th and 29th for the purpose of setting up appointments with the residents of Jackson Township to go over any questions they have regarding their new tax valuation. Mr. Moyer asked if the Auditor has informed the residents of these dates to which Mrs. Michael replied yes – the Auditor sent out informational letters.

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Mrs. Michael stated she has the phone number if Mr. Moyer would like to place this on Facebook. Mr. Moyer said he would get the number from her. Mr. DeVilbiss brought up the suggestion of allowing the Auditor to use the Community Center at no charge, but wanted to run this past the Park Board. Mrs. Michael stated she already told the Auditor there would be no charge, seeing this is a service to our tax payers. All agreed there would be no charge. Mrs. Michael had no further business.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Winkler asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the UAN Appropriation and Fund Status reports. No questions. Mr. DeVilbiss asked Mrs. Winkler if she has received the reimbursement check from Solid Waste for the bleachers. Mrs. Winkler said she has not received a check as of today. Mr. DeVilbiss stated he was told the check had been sent and would follow up with this and let Mrs. Winkler know what he finds out. Mrs. Winkler presented the Trustees with **Resolution 2017-26** stating she had to increase the General Fund revenue budget and appropriation account by \$645.79 to cover the \$600.00 paid to Mr. Winkler for the mowing of 1107 S. Clayton Road. Mrs. Winkler stated she has deposited the \$600.00 check from Safe Guard Properties as reimbursement of this fee. Mr. DeVilbiss made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-26, seconded by Mr. Moyer. Vote: Mr. Moyer – Yes Mr. DeVilbiss – Yes Mr. Gillman – Absent. Motion passed. Mrs. Winkler presented the Trustee with **Resolution 2017-27**, explaining this resolution is to accept the amounts and rates for tax year 2017 to be disbursed in 2018. Mrs. Winkler explained the Park Levy amount is not included in these rates due to the fact we have to wait until after the November election to see if this renewal levy passes. Discussion followed regarding the new rates. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-27, seconded by Mr. DeVilbiss. Vote: Mr. Moyer – Yes Mr. DeVilbiss – Yes Mr. Gillman – Absent. Motion passed. Mrs. Winkler asked if the Trustees would like her to enroll in the Check Fraud Protection-Positive Pay program with US Bank. Mrs. Winkler explained this process to the Trustees. The fee for this service would be approximately \$40.20 a month, depending on how many checks are issued. Mrs. Winkler told the Trustees she would like to encourage the seasonal park employees to sign up for direct deposit. Discussion followed. The Trustees agreed this would be a good idea – to go ahead and set it up. Mrs. Winkler informed the Trustees that Emily Bradford from the Human Services Levy Committee will be at next month's meeting to speak to the township regarding their levy information. Mrs. Winkler had no further business.

Trustees:

Mr. Moyer: Mr. Moyer stated he and Mr. Gillman would like to ask the Village to move from 5 Park Board members to 3. Mr. DeVilbiss asked who would be the three. Mr. Moyer responded by saying 2 representatives from the Township and 1 representative from the Village of Farmersville. Mr. DeVilbiss stated he would like to keep it at 5 members because there have been times where everyone couldn't make it. Discussion followed regarding the original resolution/agreement in 1990, as well as the new by-laws which actually set the number of members to be on the Park Board. Mr. Moyer said he wanted to look at the original resolution and possibly discuss this further at the next meeting. Mr. Moyer had no further business.

Mr. DeVilbiss: Mr. DeVilbiss wanted to remind everyone that on Sunday, Sept. 24th, Montgomery County Environmental Services will be having another tire buyback event from 11:00 – 3:00. A person can get \$2.00 per tire with a maximum of 10 tires per vehicle. Mr. DeVilbiss had no further business.

Mr. Gillman: Absent

With no further business, Mr. DeVilbiss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moyer. Motion passed.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Diana Winkler, Fiscal Officer

Attested by: _____
Michael Moyer, President