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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY:** Tim: 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance lead Tim Pfile

Roll Call Pfile: Chair, present, Bixler Vice chair: absent, Trustee Diehl: present, Bill McCluskey, Fiscal officer, present Jesse Baughman, fire chief, absent, Rhonda Lipply, zoning, absent; Guest: Ryan Lind- Terry Montz

#### I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 3/09/2023

Moved By: Diehl	Second: Pfile	
Mr. Pfile: Yes	Mr. Diehl: Yes	Bixler: na

## **II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

A. Trustee meeting 2/23/2023	3,	
Moved By: Diehl	Second: Pfile	
Mr. Pfile: Yes	Mr. Diehl: Yes	Bixler:

Mr Pfile asked Mr. Montz to proceed with his presentation. Mr. Montz presented 2 checks to the township, offered by an anonymous donor, to underwrite the costs of the new township signs and installation, totaling \$7038.00. Mr. Montz had voiced potential for the underwriting prior to sign purchase and installation.

Mr. Montz additionally shared a schematic of a landscaping design for the town hall building. A landscape company has offered to do the work and supply materials and one year of maintenance at no cost.

(The Park committee has discussed the following items and he is adding their input) Discussed also included the lamppost or clock (potentially donated by Church in previous discussion) donated bench potential placement and painting of shudders and window accents. Further discussion of plant materials and maintenance considered in design. Terry mentioned there have been residents interested in forming a garden club.

Chris discussed that the window cornices were sided so they did not need to be painted. He did not like the painting. Tim mentioned he thought it would look nice. Discussed the doors, shudders, and windows all matching.

Terry asked if there was need for help with the military banners, and he said he has had just a small interest, and he was going to move ahead with 5 or 6. Terry mentioned he also has some decorative banner flags the township could have. Flower baskets also discussed.

Tim Brought up the parade. Route will remain the same for this year, but will discuss a possible change in future. Chris said he would rather keep the route the same, and pay for the traffic control by hire, rather than change the route away from cemetery. Terry mentioned the Park Committee also mentioned if down rock spring road, further activity /events/ could also be held at the Park, expanding the memorial event.

Terry said they were not able to locate the old car magnets. Bill mentioned he had looked throughout the town hall, and the administration building. He spoke with road department and they also could not find. Trustees approved purchase of Grand Marshal (one l) and Trustee award signs for car.

Terry reminded trustees of Easter Egg hunt by the church and said church had not heard back from fire department involvement.

Bill asked about budgeting for the landscaping. Mr. Montz said it is likely to be underwritten by a different donor.

He asked for approval as the company would like to begin work asap before their spring season begins, within the next week or two. Trustees stated they would prefer to wait for Mr. Bixler's input before approval. Terry said he could ask them if they could wait, but it is free. Trustees said they would approve landscape project, if Jeffrey also agreed and would try to get him this weekend. Light at front sidewalk also again discussed regarding

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location, mentioning change in electric if location changed.

### **III.** Correspondences

Tim shared note from County engineer regarding a closure of tallmadge road to March 16th closed for repair 8am 2:30 pm between Stroup and Industry road.

# **IV. Old BUSINESS**

Bill mentioned License for Concession stand came in from Health Department.

Chris mentioned Preschool has day in the park and would like to have petting zoo at the park for event. They are taking care of all activities.

### V. Trustee Report:

Tim mentioned the road department has tried to look at park committee park design, but they felt the materials are very expensive and difficult to work with and would prefer just using wood. Chris said he would like the plastic design but agrees the price is high and if they are going to spend money at the park he would rather it be spent on bleachers rather than playground landscape. Tim suggested the other option might be just to avoid a border material and put stone up to grass line. Back and forth, Chris preferred an edging. Tim mentioned road department is not too happy due to placement and maintenance even though park committee would like a better design look, making it hard to make everyone happy. Tim mentioned they need to decide work at park or at the cemetery fence as a priority. Chris discussed his experience with the plastic material at a playground and that it does not stay in place, and Tim said in Randolph it is also poor results over a short time of wear. Tim said he likes the parks committee design but it is likely impractical. He would look at some other area parks. Bill mentioned that perhaps if they think wood is the best they could still work on a new design with the parks committee so it was more attractive design instead of just a big box. Bill mentioned he has been trying to find grant money for playground equipment and asked what would need done with installation. Tim said footers would need to be put in so everything would need removed and replaced. More general discussion about issues involved. Bill mentioned that when the American Recovery Grant was offered and the trustees set the grant up for the stormwater control at the playground park as well as the road infrastructure, so that is what the money had been reported to be used for to the Government. We used money for the initial stage of storm water control with pipe and stuff and the grant money remains with option to use to work on the playground. Tim wanted to evaluate this more.

### VI. Department Reports.

**1. Roads:** Patching on Porter road, new light at town hall, working on sign grant for road signs, Bill mentioned he has been working with the road department as well on the application site, Trimming trees in park, sold 2 graves, one funeral.

### 2. Fire: no report

### 3. Zoning: no report

4. **Fiscal Officer**: Bill mentioned he would like to contact the donor to assure his request for anonymity and would send thankyou letter with donation information relating to taxes for not for profit. Bill stated he never heard back from Mike Koontz regarding donation of asphalt grindings for park. Tim said he would follow up. Bill presented that he has received in memorium checks for the Fire department for Noreen Brooks and has deposited them into the Fire fund. If the trustees are requesting they be moved out of the

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Township fire department and donated to the Edinburg Fire Fighters association, He would need a resolution from the trustees to remove them from the township fire department fund and donate it to the association. He stated he needed to know as he sends letters to the donators, but if it goes to the Association it would be up to them to respond.

Chris said he does not have a problem with it going to the FFA and mentioned also they (FFA) wanted to put in a bench for Noreen

**Motion: Resolution 2023-008**: Tim made a motion to take money from the fire fund and donate it to the Fire Fighters association. Chris seconded. Both voted yes on vote call.

Chris reviewed Brooks history with the fire department. Bill reviewed how funds deposited would be placed in the fire fund of the township and could only be used for the fire department. Funds that go to the Edinburg Fire Fighters association are no longer controlled by the township trustees, rather the association; however they want to use them. Bill mentioned if they wanted to buy a bench they could, but the township could not purchase a bench for Noreen as it would need to be same for all employees.

Bill said he had given Jeffrey an invoice for the fire department, but since he is not here it could not be paid.

Motion to pay EFT' and warrants 42971-42991

Moved By: DiehlSecond: PfileMr. Pfile: yesMr. Diehl: YesBixler: .

VII. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm.Moved By: PfileSecond: DiehlMr. Pfile: yesMr. Diehl: YesBixler:

Tim Pfile, Chairman

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Chris Diehl Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer