

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Bixler 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Bixler: Chair, present, Vice chair:, Diehl present Trustee Pfile: present, Bill McCluskey, Fiscal officer, present , Jesse Baughman, fire chief, absent. Rhonda Lippy, zoning, absent.

Guest :Maureen Haska, Ms. Beverlyl Nissle, Peggy Ms. Coy

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 7/25/2024

Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

a. 6/27/2024

Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: abstain

b. 7/11/2024

Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Jeffrey opened the floor to the guests in attendance.

(this report is a summary of the conversations relating, at times, to specific statements as well)

Ms. Nissle addressed the trustees regarding her work in the Edinburg Cemetery and preservation, interactions with Ms. Paris, and expressed concern with the statements Ms. Paris had made about Ms. Nissel and her work and conflicts in their procedures. She introduced her co-volunteer Peggy Ms. Coy and reviewed credentials relating to their work and her experience in research. She asked to cover statements she felt were questionable. She shared some history of her credentials in research and cemetery preservation, and reported she is able to report she is an expert in Cemetery Restoration. She referred to her history with Ms. Paris, and then there more recent meetings. She expressed she has shared research information at Ms. Paris' request but at present the relationship is not as good as in the past. She reported some of the activities she and Peggy have been doing in the cemetery, with over 225 hours working in the cemetery, research, walks puts on spreadsheets. She wished to correct statement in record (per Ms. Paris 6/27/24) that she told Kevin he could not move a stone (as stated but out of context) as it did not include because it was over 100 pounds. Kevin as a sexton can do whatever he wants there. She stated Ms. Paris wanted to cleanasked clarification.....spray....stones. Jeffery responded all she wanted to do was..... Jeffrey stated the way he understood it was Ms. Nissel was cleaning the stones and taking care and making them look better for the township. He said he did not know the data Ms. Nissel was collecting, but summarized he understood the data Ms. Paris was taking was on smaller stones that were not in our cemetery logs, and she was asking Ms. Nissel for some chemical to spray on the stones so she could read them and get data. Ms. Nissel said for all interactions with Ms. Paris, Peggy was present. She reported she has given Ms. Paris over \$200.00 worth of supplies and D2, that Ms. Nissel has supplied, at personal expense. They walked with her and cleaned 4 stones with her to show here how, and offered training. She said Ms. Paris wants her to clean all those stones for her, and she (Ms. Nissel) can't do that. Chris/Jeffrey interjected that he did not have that impression from what Ms. Paris said. Ms. Nissel said she has text messages to prove this is the case. She stated the women who works with Ms. Paris is an employee of Ms. Paris. Has been in touch with Ms. Nissel. Ms. Nissel stated that when cleaning the stones of mold and lichens the spores released in the process if inhaled can be a problem for people with respiratory issues and can even lead to mold in the lungs. Summarizing the point that Ms. Paris coworker has contacted Ms. Nissel with personal safety concerns. Ms.

Nissel wants this to be what's best for the people Edinburg and the safety of the people at the cemetery as it is "a liability you guys all share". The use of D2 is to kill biologic. She then shared maps she prepared, diagrams of plots and unrecovered stones. She summarized the process of cleaning and photographing and procedures.

Chris voiced concern that is the chemical was actually this toxic, then they would have to consider its use at all and relating to an open space if they could get bacteria in their lungs. Ms. Nissel said she provided MSDS sheets. Chris said he did not care, if the chemical is that strong, that it can give people bacteria. Ms. Ms. Coy responded it is the lichen spores being dispersed, not the chemical that relates to bacteria. Chris said relating to the bacteria, "that aint going to happen" as he has 34 years of experience and presence there without any problems. She discussed further and said this can be the case as it was presented in training at the National Parks Service and trained by Jonathan Appel (sp) that is what was presented for precaution.

Jeffrey interjected. Discussion regarding his understanding of the projects they are both working on and being different. Asking why she cannot do her data collection. Ms. Ms. Coy stated Ms. Paris just went in and sprayed four rows without any collection. more discussion of why this is not an appropriate use but quite confusing. Basically, summarized is that the way Ms. Nissel would like to proceed, is quite different that what she sees Ms. Paris doing. Ms. Haska asked to speak. She summarized that the approach seems to differ in the manner and goals of moving forward in standardized procedures of National Park to maintain the historic preservationist values and integrity of the work. When Ms. Paris just goes about it her way and sprays the D2, it creates a problem because now those stones, if they had damage and now the D2 creates another issue with the piece, you lose that historic piece. As a residents of Edinburg I want it to be historic, have boy scouts involved, the school kids involved, I want this to be something to be proud of, this is our place, this is our documentation, not just a map of the cemetery, but is you go about it the wrong way, you screw up the historic part.

Chris asked what is being screwed up. Ms. Nissel expressed here concern of how the present random use of the D2 on stones can affect the overall repair project if used before assessing, as it has effect on final outcome of the bonding and final appearance of the stone if proper control not followed. Various issues addressed regarding stone angles relating to ground, weight, stone and foundation repair, whitening shades. D2 only for stones with biologic growth, otherwise cheaper soaps. More discussion on how many stones were being cleaned by Ms. Paris.

Ms Nissel and Ms. Coy, reported there was a Facebook page post, on Palmyra historical Society page, inviting people to come to join her (Ms.Paris) at the Edinburg cemetery for a cleaning event. Jeffrey asked for details. Maureen Haska (unsure) stated she contacted the site and asked that this type of activity be brought to the Edinburg trustees for approval first. Trustees may hear from Della Evans, president of that historical society. She said she was contacted by Ms. Evan who apologized for not getting the information checked first, and that the post has been removed. Screen shots however, were recorded by Ms. Ms. Coy (perhaps others, hard to hear). Jeffrey asked for Ms. Evans Phone number. Ms. Haska said this groups is interested in taking volunteers as well, however, wants to train them first in historical preservation. More general discussion about this and 5 year plan, training, releases signed by parents, and process.

Jeffrey stated he would get in contact with Ms. Evans and get more information about this individual. He said that after the meeting with Ms. Paris, he saw no reason that the groups could work together, as they were doing 2 different things. He struggles with the fact that they couldn't work together but does not want this to get out of hand, so before they move forward on anything, he will let them know.

Ms. Haska and Ms. Nissel voice more concerns again regarding procedure. Tim asked that the volunteers only work on one stone at a time, which was in agreement. Some further conversation regarding the stone and sand used for the stone base on fallen or leaning headstones, and procedures and suggestions for stabilizing stones. Jeffrey asked to move forward as he feels he has 2 groups with good intentions but seem to be in

conflict. He wishes to help resolve this.

Ms. Nissel asked, as part of Edinburg Ohio historical Society can meet at the town hall. Was told yes and to schedule with Debbie deal. More discussion of gravel and number 8 to be used suggested. Ms. Nissel shared more information regarding D2. Jeffrey said he is satisfied with MSDS Sheet. Ms. Nissel said she will email the Boy scout release to Jeffrey.

Shannon Paulus came in to meeting and shared some information regarding zoning questions with Chris to forward to Rhonda, he gave her number to her, regarding a permit procedure.

Shannon shared Woodsy has still not gotten a bill to township.

III. Correspondences. Tim Shared email from Dean Reek (sp) from Buckeye firearms association reporting we are not allowed to post firearm prohibitions in the park based on current gun control rulings, people are able to carry firearms in the park. sec 9.68. Shared letter with trustees. Bill also received and shared with County Prosecutor and that he was still working on this.

Shared letter with Solar panel street lighting with trustees. Bill asked of cost as it might be able to be included in NOPEC grant. Cost unknown.

Mr. Moyer reported complaint regarding a septic overflow. Tim talked with him and forwarded information to contact Health Department. He agrees there is a problem with the present septic system.

Bill reported email from Prosecutor to inform trustees, that the order was granted to property on 14, but was a clerical error, regarding date to have work completed/resolved. He has clerk at court correcting error and it will be refiled.

Ms. Haska reported that she has been having trouble with drones, following her on her property and farm and has called Sherriff and bottom line refused to come out as he said he cannot charge anyone with anything. She reported three weeks ago she was out on her patio about 10:30 and 2 drone came to visit her literally down to see her and she was frightened, and has now had to add covering to all windows, and she called Pavliga office with response and Vern Swites (sp) office no response, and also a congressman at the State who is working on legislation but not sure how to track by getting number off them. Also, they're chasing animals at farm. Voice concern personal and to other residents, and coming so close to person. Discussion regarding illegality of damaging the drone due to aviation law. Discussed that a search seemed to possibly be at boat dock at at West Branch. Discussed that she felt a line was being crossed between use of drones and harassment, supported by Jeffrey.

Jeffrey shared letter regarding ability of Trustees to act against liquor sales in Edinburg, but trustees did not feel need to comment against present sales. He also received an information form from 411, to share with Fire department. He shared the Annual report from OTARMA informational brochure with trustees. Ohio Auditor of State memorandum regarding Senate Bill 91 regarding Fraud. Bill reported he would explain. The information was sent to trustees in email a few weeks ago. He printed out the information sheet from the auditor, as the same question was brought up at our Township Audit in place presently, regarding Fraud policy. Basically, he gave each trustee forms that show they completed a short 7 minute YouTube video (provided by the State Auditor, educating employees on the need to report any Fraud they are aware of.) Once the individual signs up for and views, they will receive a certificate, and need to complete a statement form of attendance. That form and certificate can be given to Fiscal officer who will document it on the excel spreadsheet and put forms in employee files. All public employees are to complete by 9/29/2024, as well as trustees. Every 4 years. Every new employee will be required. Bill reported on his participation as

well as Shannon Paulus, who both completed.

Chris asked what he needs to do, and that he does not use his email. Discussion on assistance to help Chris was offered.

Jeffrey got letter from OTARMA board of directors, thank you.

Call from Ms. Nissel McGowen and wanted copy of article regarding fire department in the Portager, and also any information on the deed/title/regarding the property donation.

Chris said he did not believe there was anything formal ever done in a contract. Bill said he would try to review Township files to see if he could locate anything, but the County recorder should have information

Chris said the trustees were there and they handed money over to the Sherriff, but not sure how all occurred on paper. More discussion about title about 96-98.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

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IV. New business: none

V. Trustee Report: none

VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Tim read; Spreading asphalt getting ready for Chip and seal, cleaned up in front of salt shed, been mowing, replaced tires on truck, Jeffrey mentioned concern that the new back ho is sitting outside. Tim discussed reasons it is out as there is no place to put it. Discussed options and also concern of being so close to the salt. Thought of car port also. Road department will look into it and Jeffrey to contact prosecutor about it as well

2. Fire: new truck has lights, radios will be put in, waiting for decals, Jeffrey said should be in service soon. Bill mentioned an invoice, he has paid regarding lights, but noted Jesse highlighted a portion not to be paid. Shannon mentioned the fire department needs a new TV.

3. Zoning: No report. Chris mentioned the place on 14 has a dumpster and they are cleaning up. Jeffrey expressed to guests and staff that the zoning inspector is a part time job and she cannot always respond immediately, when he talks with people calling him regarding zoning inspector response time.

Jeffery asked about zoning assistant applicants, suggested interviews be set before the next meeting. Trustees in agreement.

VII. Fiscal Officer: Bill mentioned problems were identified in the Billing from Spectrum. It appears the fire department is incorrectly being billed for 2 internet lines. As it was identified that it was not for actual cable, but internet, as the cable is provided as a separate free service. He was just this week made aware of this service, Bill voiced his interaction with spectrum was not very helpful, as they said they could randomly shut off one line, however, if it were the wrong line, and to turn it back on, then we would lose the Multiplan discounts. So they have been over charging for at least 1 year. He will continue to work on it. But must be physically present at the fire station to monitor any internet activity on the 2 lines. Shannon discussed tv specs and pricing, requests.

Bill mentioned review of the Charles Harris Bill for Audit.

Chris made motion to pay Charles Harris Auditor, seconded by Tim.

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Jeffrey made motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants; 43537-43551, Tim made motion seconded by Chris.

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Mr. Pfile made a motion to Adjourn the meeting 8:37 pm seconded by Chris.

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

Tim Pfile, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer