

Berkshire Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2018

Rod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Bill Holtry, here; Rod Myers, here and Mike Dattilo, here.

Public Participation;

Lisa – Cheshire Road concerns of obnoxious weeds

Austin Slaugherty – Concerns of the same residence

Kim Hartman – S 3b's and K Road – trash concerns

Steve Mack – Carter's Corner Road – trash concerns

Jim Kappenhagen – Carter's Corner Road – trash concerns and wants bill  
payment summary attached to minutes

Norm Taylor – Dustin Road – Trash concerns

Dan – Republic Trash representative – Dan explained he came in from Texas and is trying to get a handle on this situation. He explained that upper management took away the driver's sign on bonus and they lost 4 drivers. He is trying to work out the issues.

Jeff George explained he had contacted other surrounding townships and they are having no issues.

Ellen Ebe- Holley Woods Dr – trash and recycle concerns

Susie Blessing – Dustin Road – trash concerns

Rod suggested looking at other trash haulers. The Trustees advised Jeff George to get in contact Mark Fowler at the Delaware County Prosecutor's office to check on the township's options.

Ellen Ebe – Holley Woods Dr – minutes and posting concerns

Old Business:

Mike Dattilo gave the roads report.

Joe Walker Road culvert that was collapsing has been taken care of and fixed by Bruce Miley and Sons.

Mike and Shawna let the residents know of the road closing and the repair was made.

Wilson and Plumb Roads are done and resurfaced as planned.

Josh Varbel – Blayne Road commented on the curve on Blayne eroding away. Mike explained that is a constant problem they work with. Josh also ask for a speed limit sign to be put up on the road and even offered to put it in his front yard.

New business:

The Recreational Trail Grant needs signed for the Grant for the Park that was applied for in June. The township received the Grant of \$20,000.00. Berkshire Township will be responsible for \$40,000.00 which was voted on in June, 2018.

Bill made a motion to approve the Grant from the Recreational Trail Grant and the Delaware County Commissioners in the amount of \$20,000.00. Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers, No; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Jeff George explained RPO, LLC, Scott Overturf, has helped create Comprehensive Plan for the Park and also helping them get through the bid process of applying for Grants.

18-8-1 Bill made a motion to approve a purchase order to RPO, LLC, Scott Overturf, in the amount of \$4475.00 to help with the park plan and bidding of grants. Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers, No; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

The Trustees decided they would want to record meetings. Shawna looked into recording devices and found Martel Electronic Inc. They would be positioned microphones around the room. The recordings would be posted to the website. This recording instrument would be for the Trustee meeting, Zoning Board and Zoning Appeals Board use. It would not be for public use when the building is rented to the public.

18-8-2 Rod made a motion to approve a purchase order to Martel Electronics, Inc. 23221 La Palma Ave. Yorba Linda CA 92887 in the amount of 755.71. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.

18-8-3 Rod made a motion to approve a purchase order to Adams Tree Removal Service for removal of 15 trees on Joe Walker Road in the amount of \$1200.00. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

18-8-4 Bill made a motion to approve a purchase order to Cummins Sales and Service for the generator planned maintenance agreement for 5 years in the amount of \$3387.18. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Jeff George advised the Trustees that the JEDD2 agreement is out to the landowners and farmers to sign.

Bill made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to draw upon the funds to pay the bills. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Rod made a motion to go into Executive Session under the ORC 121.22G to have a legal discussion of pending litigation with Attorney Chris Rinehart. The time is 7:50 p.m. and Rod invited Jeff George, Administrator and Melody George, Fiscal Officer to the Executive Session. Vote: Bill, yes; Rod, yes; and Mike, yes.

Rod made a motion to return from Executive Sessions at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Rod advised the Trustees met with Chris Rinehart on a case pending and the Trustees advised him to continue his work on the case.

Rod made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.