

**Berkshire Township Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2018**

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

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

Approval of the September 10, 2018 meeting minutes.

- Bill made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Mike. Vote to approve was unanimous.

**Public Participation:**

Rod explained the new recording system is in place and any person that would like to speak should come to the speaker and state their name and where they live.

Tommy Hatfield, Mayor of Sunbury spoke regarding interest in creating a JEDD on Sunbury property near the freeway (known as Northgate) and asking the township to partner with them on the JEDD. Rod asked Mayor Hatfield if there are any figures known at this time as to what dollar amount the township might receive. The Mayor said he would forward those preliminary figures to the Board. After a discussion there was consensus among the trustees to agree in principle to participate in the JEDD.

- Rod made a motion to enter into a JEDD with Sunbury when the proper documents have been prepared. Bill seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Craig Heere, Cheshire Road: stated he has spoken to the Fire Dept. in Mason, OH regarding what Kings Island has with regards to fire and EMT services. Is concerned what Planet Oasis will do. He also shared information with the Board and audience about DCRPC meetings.

**Old Business**

Mike Dattilo – Roads Update: Mike and maintenance staff will meet with the county regarding what roads may need resurfacing in 2019 for the purpose of getting estimates from the county for road work to be performed next year.

Mike also discussed the possibility of beginning to research options for a new truck/s for the township, possibly doing one in one year and one in the next. Board agreed that Mike should begin exploring options with input from the maintenance Dept.

Trustees signed revised Trail Grant Agreement from Delaware County as the Grant funds will now be distributed in 2019, not 2018.

Park Plan Open House Update: An Open House to present the final draft of the Parks and Trails Master Plan is scheduled for Monday October 15, 2018. Final time to be determined, possible hours would be 4:30-7:30 p.m. A postcard will be mailed to residents with details.

Waste Bid Update: The trustees are also going to investigate bidding for a trash hauler on our own as a township, not part of a group of townships, due to Berkshire not necessarily wanting all the same services as Berlin Township, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Monthly Financial Update: There was discussion regarding a previous request by Jim Kapenhagen to have the check postings posted on the website as part of the meeting minutes. Jim addressed his request and trustees discussed whether it should be posted or whether it was more of a records request issue. A decision was made to have printed copies of the check payment document available for interested residents to pick up here at the township hall.

Jim also asked if the trustees could consider a “preferred supplier” vs. a single supplier for trash collection. He also asked if the JEDD would open more land up for annexation and it was explained it would not.

Ellen Ebe, Hollywoods Dr. stated she thinks the check posting should be done online, and thanked the Board for putting the audio files online, and said the quality was very good.

Susan Stanton, Domigan Rd. asked if the Ohio Online Checkbook site would provide the financial check posting document being requested. It does not.

Tall Grass Violations Notices: Jeff explained he is waiting for documents he requested from Mark Fowler so the trustees can take the next steps on formal action for two tall grass violation notices which have already been sent.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded it. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m