

**BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 28, 2017**

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

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

Bill made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

Public Participation:

Sheila Hiddleston, Delaware General Health Department visit

Mark Fowler arrived and Rod advised moving to Executive Session

Rod made a motion to move to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. under the ORC 121.22G1-7 to discuss resuming healthcare reimbursement and Cheshire Woods. Rod invited Jeff George, Dave Weade, Melody George to the session. Second by Bill Vote: Unanimous

Rod made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

Rod advised that the issue with Cheshire Woods was discussed regarding the bike paths. Bill explained to the residents attending the meeting the Trustees could not change the zoning and they would hold to having each resident install a bike path within one year of this meeting. If the paths are not put in, the Township will put them in, using prevailing wage, and the resident would have a tax assessment on their property for payment back to the Township for putting in their path.

Rod also advised the Trustees decided to resume the healthcare reimbursement that was suspended during 2015.

Old Business: Mike advised the township received \$13,399 in Grant money applied for road signs, speed signs etc.

Meadowchase Road is waiting to be striped.

An REA is being sent to Delaware County Engineers for Culvert on Alexander Road.

17-8-7 Mike made a motion to approve a purchase order for the clean out of each end of a culvert on Alexander Road. In the amount of \$2257.20. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

17-8-8 Mike made a motion to approve a purchase order to the Delaware county Engineers for the Second culvert of Alexander in the amount of \$1219.44. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

17-8-9 Mike made motion to approve additional funds for a purchase order to the Delaware county Engineers for work on 3B's and K Road culvert. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous.

Rod explained the Marijuana Growing, Dispensing and Processing issue. The Board discussed this issue and decided to sign a Resolution to not allow this in Berkshire Township.

17-8-10 Rod made a motion to prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana in Berkshire Township. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

The Trustees advised if in the future they need to revisit this issue they will.

Rod explained that in 2015 the healthcare reimbursement to full time employees was suspended due to the Affordable Care Act. The Trustees have been authorized to resume this reimbursement.

17-8-11 Rod made a motion to resume the healthcare reimbursement to the employees of full time, Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

New Business:

Bill advised he would like to make a resolution naming the Park.

17-8-12 Bill made a motion to approve the Name of Berkshire Community Park. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

17-8-13 Bill made a motion to approve 6,000.00 for additional Park expenses in a blanket certificate. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous  
Signs for the Walking Path were discussed and Shawna will look into them.

A Resolution for a Smoke Free Township property was discussed. At this time no action was taken.

Preservation Arborists were discussed regarding tree care. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

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

Bill made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

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