

Berkshire Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018

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 Special Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Bill made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Rod introduced a Guest at tonight's meeting:

The new Fire Chief of BST&G Chris Kovach. He welcomed the Chief and the Chief greeted the meeting attendees.

Rod introduced Terry Thompson and Victor, the Division Manager of Republic Waste Services. They spoke to the group and updated them on the situations they are dealing with in the trash industry and trying to get our Township trash collection on a regular every week schedule and they ask the public to be patient.

Several ask Terry and Victor questions and made comments regarding this situation

Ellen Ebe, Norm Taylor, Steve Gardner, Dave Weade

The Trustees discussed the situation and ask several questions to Terry and Victor. Bill advised he thinks since Berkshire Township is under contract as of now to let them try to correct the situation. Rod wanted to know a date of a probable fix to this situation and Mike ask what the job expectancy was being a trash hauler. The Contract will expire in May, 2019 and the Trustees are trying to get this problem of no trash pickup worked out.

Public Participation:

Ellen Ebe – Holley Woods Drive

Josh Varble – Blayney Road

Old Business:

Planet Oasis – Bill advised he meet with Delaware County Officials, ODOT, the Fire Department, the Sewer Department and the Delaware County Commissioners at a roundtable discussion. Everything is waiting on a Transportation Study. ODOT will put together a synopsis and it will need approved before anything moves forward on the project. Plans for different parts of the development will be done. He will meet soon with the Development Director and also the Big Walnut Schools once they can arrange a meeting.

Several attendees of the meeting spoke to the Trustees with their concerns.

Miranda Zamarrips – Northstar resident- Concerns about the impact on the township and the jobs after low man power has been a problem in the area. Bill explained the Zoning that is in place and that the Township cannot control the occupant since Zoning is in place. Bill explained in further details that if Planet Oasis has the money and owns the options on the land, they will bring their plans to the Zoning Board and go from there.

Norm Taylor – Dustin Road ask Bills if he was for this since that is what he said on the news. Bill advised he doesn't see it as an Amusement Park.

Tracey Prince – Lakeview Dr. ask if the township had anything in place for VRBO or Airbnb. Bill commented that they are building hotels for the people to stay in when they visit.

Nancy LaMarka – Dustin Road also made a comment regarding the VRBO and Airbnb.

Josh Varble – Blayney Road - made additional comments regarding Planet Oasis. He appreciates Rod's view and is concerned that Gary Merrill, Delaware County Commissioner does not live in Berkshire Township and also the owner of AD Farrow does not live in Berkshire Township.

Ellen Ebe- Holley Woods Dr -made additional comments on the interview Bill had the day of the announcements. She suggests the Trustees publicly state if they are for or against the Planet Oasis.

Shawna Burkham – Rome Corners Road – The Trustees represent the Township and they care deeply about the township. Shawna gave an example of prior resistance on a zoning matter and now the property is annexed to Galena.

Austin Slaugherty – Ask who runs the Zoning Department Dave Weade or Jeff George. The Trustees advised Zoning Inspector is Jeff George and Zoning Assistance is Dave Weade.

Mike spoke to Austin and advised our way of life around Sunbury has changed... He stands behind whatever decision the Zoning Board makes.

Bills advised the big announcement of Planet Oasis is much bigger than the township or county and if the township fights the project, the township will disappear.

Tracey Prince – Lakeview Dr. ask the Trustees to have a voice in the matter.

Road Report

Mike gave a road update: Joe Walker Road -the berm side of the road is down to the culvert. Very narrow will have to close the road for repair. Will notify the residents.

18-7-5 Mike made a motion to approve a purchase order to Bruce Miley, Miley Excavating, to repair the culvert on Joe Walker Road in the amount of 7,000.00. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

Mike advised an REA was needed for Blayney road at 1989 Blayney Road to check on Chevron sign or guard rail needed. The Trustees agreed to sign and send the REA to the County Engineers.

Wilson Road scheduled to be resurfaced this week and no time limit was given on completion.

No New Business:

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 the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.