

Berkshire Township Trustees
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2018

Rod Myers 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 October 22, 2018 Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers, yes; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Public Participation:

Jim Kappenhagen – Carter’s Corner Road

Austin Slaugherty – Hatherton Place

Old Business:

Ted Hardesty from Edge with Scott Overturf to present the Park Master Plan

After much discussion within the Trustees and also public comments the Board made a decision.

18-8-10 Bill Holtry made a motion to approve the Berkshire Township Park Master Plan developed by EDGE. Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, Yes; Rod Myers, No; and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Jeff brought to the Board that the Maintenance Department has been on Summers hours and he did not make them change back on September 1, 2018, to 8 – 5 p.m., as first decided. He is asking the Board to allow the Maintenance Department to continue the hours of Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Trustees agreed to these hours.

Taylor – From Rumpke spoke next to the Group regarding the new Trash agreement and questions from both the Trustees and attendees at the meeting. The price was discussed and the best option for Berkshire Township.

18-9-10 Rod Myers made a motion to approve the New Waste Bid Resolution to award and adopt the contract for removal of Solid Waste to Rumpke in the amount of \$18.95 a month. Second by Bill Holtry. Vote: Unanimous. Taylor will work with Jeff and Republic for the best possible start date.

Rod gave an update on Planet Oasis and the two parties are now in a Court situation and once that is settled they said they will be back.

New Business:

Mike advised he wants to send an REA to the County Engineer for Berkshire Road. He will bring the estimate back to the Trustees.

Mike also advised the Township is looking to purchase a new truck in 2019 and will probably keep the trucks Berkshire has now to utilize all of them. Estimated cost 130,000 to 150,000.00.

Rod gave the Fire board update for BST&G and announced they hired an Assistant Chief, Rob Stanbaugh.

The Trustees were advised by Shawna Burkham and an email to her that Gale Koehler of Galena was not happy with the hall rental. The hall was dirty and she wants her rental fee returned in all or part. The Trustees agreed to refund her \$37.50 of the rental fee.

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New Business Continued:

Rod made a motion to approve to refund Gail Kohler one half of the rental fee since she was unhappy with the hall condition. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Jeff George ask the Trustees to clarify the sick/personal day policy as it was not clear at the Organizational Meeting.

From 1-10 years of employment: 10 sick/personal days per year (80 Hours total). The employees can carryover up to a maximum of 15 days (120 Hours total) of unused sick/personal time. The 15 days can be carried over each year through year 10 of employment. Carryover is not to exceed 15 days total. These carryover days are for personal or family health crisis use. No cash payment other than for health crisis use.

From 11-20 years of employment: 10 sick/personal days per year (80 hours total). The employee can carryover up to a maximum of 20 days (160 hours total) of unused sick/personal time. The 20 days can be carried over each year through year 20 of employment. Carry over is not to exceed 20 days total. These carryover days are for personal or family health crisis use, however, if the employees leaves Township employment in good standing, during the 11-20, they may receive the cash value of the unused time at 50% of their current hourly pay.

From 21+ years of employment: 10 sick/personal days per year (80 hours total). The employees can carryover up to a maximum of 30 days (240 Hours total) of unused sick/personal time. The 30 days can be carried over each year. Carryover is not to exceed 30 days total. These carryover days are for personal or family health crisis use, however, if the employees leaves Township employment in good standing, during years 21+. They may receive the cash value of the unused time at 50% of their current hourly pay.

Holiday Decorations- Rod made a motion to approve the purchase of holiday decorations for the hall. The amount should be less than \$500.00. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

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

Rod made a motion to go to Executive Session under the ORC 121.22 to discuss employment and hiring at 9:13 p.m. He invited Jeff George, Township Administrator and Melody George, Fiscal Officer to the session. Second by Mike. Vote: unanimous

Mike made a motion to return to regular session at 9:44 p.m. second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Second by Bill. Vote Unanimous.