

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1, 2016

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Pitstick. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Martin, Mr. Heizer, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the revised agenda deleting discussion of surveillance equipment; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18th meeting; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$31,593.98; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none

STAFF REPORTS: Concerning mosquito control, Mr. Heizer reported that he had discussed the various standing water issues in the township with Jackie Gruza, Public Health Sanitarian, Greene County Public Health. Several areas listed as Bath Township were actually in Fairborn. These were corrected. Mr. Heizer asked for the Board to approve summer hours, 6am to 2:30pm, for the road crew. This helps to address air pollution and heat concerns. Mr. Heizer will maintain the regular 7am to 3:30pm schedule. Mr. Martin made a motion that the normal work hours be adjusted for the summer for the road crew; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Heizer also noted that they had done a safety inspection of the park prior to its opening using the guidelines provided by Greg Henneke from Hylant Risk Management. Mr. Henneke's last inspection was in May, 2014.

Mr. Pitstick reported that he has had several talks with JD Equipment about the arm mower. The mechanic, Danny Barron, told him that John Harrison, the service manager, has talked with Alamo. Mr. Barron plans to come to the township later this week. Alamo had suggested a possible solution to the problem. Mr. Pitstick recommended that Mr. Heizer have Mr. Barron do a test run to experience the problem himself.

Mr. Pitstick read through Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. Consideration of price increases for **Sunday and Holiday** Open and Close services was not discussed at the last meeting. Noting that there is rarely a request for these days and the percentage increase is in line with those already approved, Mr. Martin made a motion to increase the Standard O/C from \$1500 to \$1650, Babyland which includes Space and Footer from \$750 to \$850, Infant O/C from \$600 to \$700, and Cremated Remains from \$750 to \$850; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Phillips asked the Board to consider a price break for a double inurnment done at the same time in a cremation niche and also for a double inurnment in a grave space. The Board and Mrs. Brown discussed how this would be presented on the brochure. Mr. Martin made a motion to charge half the price for a second inurnment that is done at the same time; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Concerning the new Brochure layout, Mr. Pitstick made a motion to send it to the printers with the changes; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Brown submitted a draft copy of an analysis on the cost of installing a footer.

Concerning replacement of the tree along Memorial Way, Mr. Apple of Strausburg Nursery recommends staying with the Cleveland Select Pear, noting that the crab apple grows shorter and wider. Mr. Martin made a motion that the township purchase the tree for \$135 which includes planting and a one-year warranty and charge the customer \$135; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Unlike the original trees, the replacement will only carry the one-year warranty provided by the nursery. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mrs. Phillips reported that the new dump truck didn't start this morning and has been towed to Middletown Ford. She has not heard anything yet from the service department. Also Ken Middleton from Greene County Soil and Water will be at the cemetery tomorrow to run the transit before advising us on how to mitigate the water problems.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed arrangements for participation in the Fourth of July Parade. Mrs. Brown will send the reply for all four elected officials. The Board agreed that they would like to use the new cemetery pickup truck.

Mr. Martin made a motion to set the date for the 2017 Budget Hearing on July 6; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick noted that Assistant Prosecutor Stephanie Hayden has set up an informational session on Agritourism at the Sugar creek Township Administration Office at 6pm on June 8th.

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Correspondence:

- Bob Jurick, B-W Greenway: email concerning an Eagle Scout project for planting Shagbark hickory trees. The Board and Mr. Heizer discussed where the best places would be in the park. Scout Evan Clark has 141 trees to plant. Mr. Jurick thought we could have at least 10 and possibly more if we wanted. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the offer of at least 10 planted Shagbark hickory trees; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Heizer noted that Strawser should be applying the mastic on the walking path sometime this month. He also reported that he has been assisting Miami Township. Their backhoe is out of order and he has been called upon to dig five graves. Mr. Martin stated that this is local governments helping each other--a practice that is encouraged by various State officials.

Mr. David Anderson, 3600 S. Byron Road, pointed out that Cleveland Select pear trees can be purchased for about \$15 from stores such as Home Depot. Noting the increase in prices at the cemetery, he asked why we cleared the area along the fence row. He believes that people would rather have the overgrowth than pay higher prices. He mentioned the sign that was being considered last year for the cemetery but wasn't purchased, as a point that too much money is being spent. He also noted that the light on the flag in front of the township hall was on the sign and not the flag. Mr. Heizer stated that he isn't in the area after dark and would appreciate being notified when it is not properly positioned. Mr. Anderson pointed out that on Memorial Day the flag at the cemetery should be raised to the top and lowered to half-staff and then raised to the top at noon. Mr. Pitstick stated that we would check into it.

There being no further business, Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Tom Pitstick, Chairman