

**Parkman Township Trustees
Regular Meeting of April 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Parkman Township Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were: Trustees-Roger Anderson, Dennis Ikeler, and Henry Duchscherer, Fiscal Officer- Susan Wojtasik, Zoning Inspector- John Spelich, Fire Chief- Mike Komandt, Stacey Raymond. (This meeting was virtual and in-person.) Diane Ryder- Maple Leaf Reporter, Russell Spencer and Danny Spencer were present virtual.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and an agenda was made available.

Meetings Resolutions:

Roger Anderson made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 54-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to pay the April Bills and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 55-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to pay OTARMA \$1,000 for 1,000,000 for insurance addition on rental items and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Resolution 56-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion for a blanket purchase order \$25000.00 for Soltis rd. culvert replacement and Roger Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 57-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion for Door repair on Road garage for up to \$20,000. All the doors replaced, and one door widened (It is too small to maneuver equipment in and out without hitting the door.) and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 58-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to pay Liberty Welding \$3,020 for custom drain grates in the garage floor and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution 59-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion for S& S Landscaping to do all landscaping for \$2880/ mo. for eight months (April- November) and Roger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 60-2021)

Henry made a motion to accept a bid of \$3760 to pain the fences and backstop at the park with coating paint and Dennis Ikeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 61-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to buy back 4 cemetery plots of Don George for a total of \$40 and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Resolution 62-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to buy back 1 grave sight from the Lemman family at the cost of \$75 and Roger Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 63-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion for \$4000. for Stone Hugger to reface and repair headstone in old cemetery and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 64-2021)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fiscal:

- Received OTARMA Vehicle insurance coverage proof for vehicle in case any of the township vehicles need them
- We received an OTARMA Capital Distribution check for \$\$1,743. We need to get liability insurance for rental equipment and that will cost \$1,000 for 1,000,000. of coverage. It will pay for itself since we have a company that requires it but the cost is about 50% of competitor we have been using. It would probably be a wise investment.
- BWC claim representative, Aimee Epling suggest any future increases on PPD due to new or changed circumstances, we should get our own medical opinion to have on file for future claims.
- There is a CDBG Workshop April 15th at 10am (zoom meeting if anyone is interested, they are allocating grants. Since it was discussed at one time about putting in sidewalks along parade route, it would be a way to fund it. If there are any other big projects that you might have in mind now might be the time to consider this. I think I am going to go to it to see more of how it might benefit us.
- I am having problems sending out the payroll. After talking to Jamie at the bank she wrote up papers to increase the amount to \$40,000.
- There are more Job opportunities:
 - Summer help maintenance. Start at \$10. /hour for Geauga County Commissioners
 - McFarland Wastewater Plant Chief Operator. Starts at \$27.84/hour Union position.

Zoning:

1. Information letters sent out to Dan Slabaugh and Joe Kauffman both of Hosmer Road, the request is to have them come to the office to complete their request for a variance this stemming from a recent survey. However, Mr. Kauffman indicated to zoning that a variance was done several years back. Zoning research the question and the owner was right, a variance was done April of 2015, but it was never recorded.

2. A non-compliant letter sent to 18480 Hobart Road several untagged vehicles noted on the property, also Mike McGinness of 18638 of trash being dumped on his property the roadside dumping goes on for nearly one hundred yards of the front of his parcel, trash, garbage cans, McGinness has filed at least 6 complaints with the sheriff's office, any one seeing open dumping being done call zoning or the Sheriff office or County Health Department.

3. An application completed by Dennis Hall of 18360 Vernon Drive, the Halls are planning a 20 by 45 in ground pool with a pool shed for all needed equipment, all paper work was in order and a permit was issued for the pool and fence around the pool.
4. An application was completed by Daniella Hope of Center Street. MS. Hope is planning a twenty-four-foot round above ground pool. All paper work was completed and a permit was issued.
5. All paper work was completed on a request for an area variance on property held by Rod Zeigler located on Main Market Road (old video store). The renter Christ Byler will present the case that may be scheduled in April.
6. An application was completed by AlRon Homes of Middlefield on behalf of Joshua Hanson and Sara Kramer both of Parkman. The new nearly 3400 square foot home is to be located at 16500 Hosmer Road, all paper work was complete and a permit was issued.
7. Zoning information requests on the following:
 - (a) Complaint that there is an accumulation of debris and junk on the Robin Gotham parcel, a non-compliant letter sent to Mr. Gotham and copy to Prosecutors office.
 - (b) Received a complaint that the owner on Grove road had building materials too close the road rite-a-way a reminder was sent to the owner.

© REPORTS from several residents indicated that that burned out house on Main Market owner Don Hofstetter was having work done on it without any needed permits, notified County Building In -section they put a red tag on the job.
8. Complaints were made on Burned out house on Main Market. We gave a permit but County inspectors need to come in if they want to continue. Fire Chief questioned as to whether or not prosecutor had been contacted as to the people living in the warehouse. He and his attorney said that unless prosecutor physically tells him to move them out he will not tell them to leave. He is not going to comply with building code or the fire code.
9. We need two alternates to sit on the zoning BZA Zoning: Jo Lengel is resigning from the Board of Zoning Appeals effective April 13th. She is moving out of the Township.

Roads:

- The flag in the center of town is missing and I assume it will be from the windstorm we had. The rope for the pole is broke which caused the flag to fall. The rope has completely come out of the pulley which means currently we have no way of getting that high to re string a rope to the pole. It was recommended that there should be a larger flag on that pole. I would like to strongly recommend against that and recommend the township look into possibly replacing the current pole. The current pole has been fixed and rewelded multiple times and is showing signs of weakness and deterioration and I do not believe that it will last in many wind storms with a larger flag. I feel this would end up being a safety hazard so I recommend we replace that pole.
- During the wind storms we had a large pine tree come down in the cemetery. So far it does not look like it damaged any head stones. We will work to get it cut and cleaned up.

- Due to an employee injury I took a section of our failing drainage grate to liberty welding for an estimate to be replaced. The estimate came back at \$ 3,020 for all. This would be with thicker steel to support the weight of the trucks and equipment better and hopefully last longer. I believe the last time these were replaced would be around 2014. I would like ask for approval to have these built as this is showing to become a high safety risk due to the current ones bending and missing pieces.
- In 2019 the county sent a recommendation for a crossover pipe to be replaced on Soltis rd. just east of Parkman Nelson. After stopping to inspect the pipe it was determined and found that the 72inch steel pipe has separated and is failing. Pictures were sent to Dennis of the areas which are failing. After being in touch with Dennis and the county I received the recommendations as well as a quote for the county to complete the work. Currently there is a 72-inch steel pipe under the road and it recommended to be replaced with 60 inches. After contacting and getting approval from the county we are able to use the same cost saving pipe as we did on Reeves rd. I would like to present the following for consideration for approval to complete this project

60ft of 60in hi Q pipe	\$ 8,476.00
2 concrete head walls	\$ 1,750.00
80-ton 57 limestone	\$ 2,076.00
60-ton 304 limestone	\$ 1,266.00
20 ton screened grindings	\$ 360.00
R.Humr Construction Machine, operator, trucking	\$ 6,260.00
Interstate Towing if needed for head walls to be set	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
	Total: \$20,588.00

They are not going to need any trench boxes and it will be done like Reeves Rd. They are planning 3 to 4 days depending on issues that may come up. If it stretches out longer then it will add on costs of \$1500/day for machine and operator. These costs compare to the county project of \$44,000. County said it would be alright to use plastic pipe instead of concrete. This needs to be approved because concrete headwalls prices are going to go up.

- There was also a Thank you note delivered to my house from a resident thanking Eric at the Road dept. for coming and disposing of a dead animal, so their daughter did not have to see it before she got on the bus. Thank you, Eric.

C-House:

- Dolly Rivera has taken over as Community House/Overlook Park coordinator. Blood Drive scheduled for Wednesday April 14th from 10-4.
- The hot water heater for the kitchen broke down and we are fixing it this week.
- Overlook Park: we got a quote for \$3760 to repaint the fences and backstops.
- Revisit digital sign for the community center. Henry Duchscherer will check on prices. Not only will it look better but it will be safer.
- Henry Duchscherer is going to check on rates for possibly raising the prices on the cost of renting the community House. He will bring it up at the next meeting.

Cemetery:

- Don George has an infant buried at the cemetery and he has 4 more plots that he would just assume sell back to us at cost of \$10 each for 4.
- John and Kathy Lemman also have a plot they would like to sell for their cost of \$75 because their son will not come back from Chicago to be buried there. They will be back because they grew up around here.
- Jackson family would like to purchase 2 more plots and at one time the family next of them would move down but Dale needs to contact to find out if it is still ok. If they do move down, they will have to pay for the cost of moving the headstone that the family already has there.
- Dennis would like to again hire stone huggers to work on the old cemetery for \$4000.
- Resident complained about the cemetery plots were too cheap and we should raise it to \$800. He also wanted to have "natural burials" and I told him no.
- Dale Komandt, sexton, suggested that it would behoove us to reach out to the property owners behind our, that should they decide to sell their property that we would be interested. It would give us a egress to Rt528.

Fire:

- Undercoating of the apparatus is scheduled for April 9. Undercoating for any road department vehicles and equipment has been scheduled with Superintendent Mathews for April 8.
- Fuel has been turned in for the month of March.
- Squad is scheduled for recall work to be completed at Preston on Apr 12th. Thank you to Troy Fire for allowing us to borrow a squad on that date. Repairs needed immediately so it was taken in and we are supposed to get it back as we speak.
- Jeep was out on 3 brush fires today.
- Electrical connections on engine 4222 are in the process of being completed. Electric winch power connections (4) are being replaced due to corrosion and Shore line electrical connectors have been replaced in house.
- Account for Kepich Ford has been updated to reflect new ownership as it is now Daystar Ford.
- It appears a circuit board in the squad appears to be going bad, a relay is going bad, and it is soldered into the circuit board. Still researching with the manufacturer for cost and replacement.
- 43 incidents for March
- All Fire, Sprinkler, and Alarm system testing, and inspections completed for Servi-Pak.
- Contacted ODOT about SR 168 closure for 200+ days. They said it was not closed to emergency or local traffic. Grant money was given to widen out thin buggy lanes between Patch and Mumford Rds.

- Obtaining quotes to replace the winch cable on 4222.

Discussions:

Fire Bunkhouse plan

It was brought up after a request from last meeting that there were more precise costs of temporary bunkhouse. The cost came in at \$1200. /mo. (\$41,730 included cost of the \$1200. /mo. And all the setup and take down.) with a 2-year lease. This would give them 6 rooms including 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom (no shower), kitchen and common space. It is 24'x60'. It is going to take some time to get this. If we wait until after the Levy and it passes, it will take until August to get it. They are getting terribly busy. The Trustee requested that the information and picture be sent to them. The trustees said they wanted to wait to see whether the Levy passed or not.

- Henry Duchscherer asked if they were going to put up a sign on the Levy. Chief Komandt said the only thing he can put up is please vote.
- Dennis Ikeler asked if the Fire Dept was putting out signs. The chief didn't know because he was not in charge of the Levy committee. When Dennis Ikeler asked Chief Komandt who was the head of the fire committee, the chief said he was not comfortable giving that information in a public meeting. Dennis Ikeler said it doesn't matter if we were in the public meeting or not and again asked who it was. After discussing about whether or not the information should be in a public meeting, the Fire Chief said he was not going to answer until after the meeting. Dennis then called the Fire Chief insubordinate and the Fire Chief responded that he was not and he picked up his things, said good night to everyone and left the meeting.

Dennis Ikeler said to move on to New business.

Bonds

It was suggested that the Road Dept. Supervisor and the Fire Chief be bonded. The trustees requested they get prices and possibly bonded.

Public Comments:
None

Motion to Adjourn:

Roger Anderson motioned at 8:35 pm to adjourn the meeting, Henry Duchscherer seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Submitted by 

Meeting Minutes Approved by 