

Parkman Township Trustees Regular Meeting of June 15, 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 Ikelter, and Henry Duchscherer, Fiscal Officer- Susan Wojtasik, Fire Chief- Mike Komandt, Russell Spencer PFD, Dolly Rivera CHC/Assistant to FO, John Norman, Ted Wojtasik, Stacey Raymond, Lance Portman, John Augustine. (This meeting was supposed to be virtual and in-person but were unable to get people online.)

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

Dennis Ikelter asked before we get started, we appreciate your attendance at these meetings and online value your input and to keep the record straight we ask that you say your name before you comment or ask a question so the minutes and virtual are accurate. We ask only that you wait to be acknowledged by the trustees before you speak and direct your comments to the trustees. This will help us maintain an orderly meeting while allowing for your comments or questions. Dennis also asked that in order to keep the minutes accurate that we maintain one conversation at a time.

Meetings Resolution's:

Roger Anderson Made a motion to approve June 1st meeting minutes and seconded by Henry Duchscherer. Motion carried unanimously. ([Resolution 93-2021](#))

Roger Anderson made a motion to pay June 2021 bills and for the rest of 2021 and Dennis Ikelter seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 94-2021](#))

Roger Anderson made a motion to accept Bank reconciliation for the month of May and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 95-2021](#))

Dennis Ikelter made a motion to accept form for the handbook acknowledgement receipt and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 96-2021](#))

Roger Anderson made a motion to spend \$3,000 for troubleshooting repairs with Phund Superior on ambulance squad and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 97-2021](#))

Henry Duchscherer made a motion to purchase LED Message Center from North Coast Signworks in the amount of \$28,000 and Roger Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 98-2021](#))

Dennis Ikelter made a motion to have and post that All Parks' hours are from Dawn to Dusk in Parkman unless otherwise approved on by Board of Trustees and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously ([Resolution 99-2021](#))

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fiscal Office Report:

- Dale Komandt and I met together to discuss Cemetery Deeds. There is a lot of work that needs to be done including Deeds that have never been written back to October. It will be rectified as soon as possible.
- Received a letter with a Law suit against Geauga County Board of Commissioners in the New Formula for Local Government Funds. This is the Fund formula that was sent that I talked about last meeting. I said we should get more funding but I don't know if that is going to happen now. The residents of Hunting Valley are suing over the new formula.
- As Dolly and I have run across a minor glitch in the papers needed for compliance in employee records. We just need something stating that the employee received a copy of the handbook. I don't want to make it too complicated so I made it simpler and I am asking the Trustees to approve it.
- We received in the mail today a letter informing us of a hearing (Webex or in person) if you want to participate in the complaint against Parkman Market Xpress LLC
- As of 6/15/2021 we have received 121 completed surveys back.

Zoning: 1. Received from Planning the following:

- A. Proposed division of land (transfer to the adjacent) application 21-031 and B. proposed consolidation of lots C-21-035
 - C. The proposed division of land is part of parcel 25-056300 owner Atlee L. Wengerd Tod and Harley Hochstetter, to be conveyed to parcel 25-190630 owner William Mullet containing 0.801 acres.
 - D. The proposed consolidation of lots total 9.307 acres (part of parcel 25-056300 being Wengerd and Hochsteter containing 0.801 acres and all of parcel 25-190630 owner Mullett.
- ALL REQUIREMENTS OF Parkman zoning were met and reviewed by Parkman zoning signed, dated, and returned to Planning.
2. All needed paperwork on an addition to his house was received from Danny Miller of 16398 Madison Road.
 3. A zoning application was sent out to James Sullivan of Hazy Moring Drive other paperwork is forth coming from their contractor.
 4. An application was completed by Douglas Smith of 16772 Main Market, Mr. Smith is planning a new barn and an agriculture exemption application is required.
 5. An Application was completed by Norman Bender on behalf Joey J. Miller of Parkman/Nelson Road, Mr. Miller is planning an accessory building, all paperwork was in order and a permit was issued to Mr. Bender.
 6. The Rigsby Ranch located at 17000 Main Market Road Brian Anderson's owner agent are adding an addition to existing barn an agriculture permit is needed.
 7. An Application was completed by Kurtis Krebs of 15255 Agler road, also zoning received a site plan along with a legal description of the parcel Zoning is reviewing the documents before a permit is issued.
 8. The Parkman township BZA met in regular session to hear a request for a variance on behalf of Jake Byler of Tavern Road, after a discussion of the facts the board approved the request. All members present voted Mr. Joe Keough as Chairman of the board.

Zoning Discussion: Dennis Ikelter asked if there were any questions on the zoning report. Roger wanted to know about the last item with Mr. Keough. He noted that they were going to rectify it at the next meeting.

Fire:

- Ordered new mud flap and passenger door weather strip for squad from Preston Ford.
- Contacted Phund Superior for service on the squad – Squad module specific items. Awaiting call back.
- We have two new paramedics. Mr. Brant and Mr. D. Spencer have completed all testing for National Registry and have passed all testing. Once certifications are updated, I will inform Fiscal for updating pay rates.
- Proposed budget for 2022 given to Mr. Anderson and Fiscal Officer.
- Remaining photo eyes for garage doors have been replaced by Door Works. They also replaced a faulty wall switch.
- Reports sent to State.
- 254 incidents as of 6.14.2021 this is 63 incidents more than this date 2020. Last year incident #254 was recorded on 8-6-2020.
- Geauga County Historical society visited to take some pictures of the old hand pumper that is stored in the basement.

Fire Dept. Discussion: Roger Anderson Would like to say congratulations to 2 new Paramedics, Mr. Brant, and Daniel Spencer. Dennis Ikelter also said, “very good and congratulations.” Chief Komandt said he did receive a call back from Phund Superior. They need them to track down and troubleshoot problems with squad. They are ambulance and not general mechanic specific. Dennis Ikelter wanted to know if they received anything more on the ventilation system. The Chief said yes, and it was almost double the quote that Mr. Ikelter got. The other company said it would be when he got back in the area.

Roads:

- We have been completing asphalt repairs on the roads. If weather cooperates, we will be finished tomorrow.
- Grindings and 57 mixes were put down on the roads after we dust controlled due to roads opening up. The material was spread and drug.
- Crack sealing will begin Monday June 21
- The mower has been put back on the tractor and as time allows, we will begin mowing the road edges now and will do full cut to right of ways in the fall.
- The flag was put up at the lower cemetery and usually is taken down the following week of Memorial Day. Would you like it left up until after July 4th? If not let me know and I will take it down.
- As soon as they are delivered, I will spread the wood chips at the park in the playground.

Road’s discussion:

Roger Anderson asked about the flag in the lower cemetery as to whether to leave it up. It is common practice to leave it up but should have a light on it. Chief Komandt asked if they would be interested in getting a solar powered light for it. Dennis Ikelter said we could just to leave it up down there. Roger Anderson asked if Mike

would be interested in getting one. Chief said he would. Dennis Ikelser said they are waiting on another part for the tractor to cut grass, but they can use it. Roger brought up the pressure washer and was comparing numbers to what they already were looking at. They will be bringing it up next meeting. Dennis Ikelser brought up an issue with the container box they use for storage and to replace it with a storage building 12x28 with man door, window, and garage door. Middlefield was \$11,314.75 and Parkman was not vinyl siding and did have steel roof for \$9,477. Roger Anderson asked if we needed everything that was in there and Dennis Ikelser said they needed the majority of the stuff in there. They decided to check out some more places like the one that builds them locally on 528. Roger asked about Soltis road project and Dennis said it was all done and seeded.

Community House:

- We have Parkman Cleanup Day June 19th and a Blood Drive on June 22nd.
- We do not have any bookings for the Community House.

Community House discussion: Henry Duchscherer stated that they have 2 new bookings at the community center for weddings. We are also going to have an AA meeting here on Saturday.

Overlook Park:

- We have 2 bookings for June and 3 for July.
- We still need to buy and make a drag for the fields.
- They want to do the County Vaccine for Covid 19 at Overlook and we should have a date this week.
- I'm having trouble locating enough wood chips for the playground; Hauser said they will get back to me this week if they can locate enough.
- The Overlook Cemetery sign has been painted.

Overlook discussion: Henry said that bookings were picking up. There was a party Saturday at the park but they trashed the place. It was not reserved, someone just showed up. Henry Duchscherer does not know if they want to think about putting cameras up, but it is something to think about. Henry Duchscherer stated that they were having vaccine given out at the pavilions. They were hoping to get a crowd to use all three pavilions. Dennis asked about what notifications were put out and Henry said he did not know but Chief Komandt said it was out all-over social media. Dolly Rivera Agreed that it was all over social media. When Henry Duchscherer asked the Chief to put it out on their sign out front and he said he could. Dennis Ikelser said we had 20 Seniors to pick up for Clean up day. He was concerned about the senior that wanted a refrigerator picked up and we might not be able to take it due to freon. Chief Komandt informed Eric that if they need help that day to call the station and those on that shift could help. Henry Duchscherer said last thing was that they contacted Hauser about wood chips. He may only be able to get 17 yards. Dennis Ikelser asked if we got the report back from OTARMA and Susan Wojtasik said we had not.

Cemetery:

- The sign has been painted in the cemetery.

Cemetery discussion: They have a couple funerals this week. They also had an issue where they were told it was an Amish tradition where they fill the hole back in. It did not get filled back in, that they each took a shovel full of dirt and throw it in. So, the grave was open until Monday when Dennis Ikelser got a phone call

about it. The vault company did not cover it. Because of the misunderstanding the son was upset but everything was taken care of. They have 3 more burials one which they are bringing in someone on a tractor and hay wagon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire House Bunkhouse/Levy

Tabled. Roger Anderson said we need to get the paperwork in order because everything is going to be last minute.

Tire & scrap Recycle Day June 19th.

Roger Anderson said dumpsters are set up. One for scrap metal and 3 for junk. Again, we will take appliances but NO Freon, Paint, or Compressed Cylinders. This should help get garbage out of our community. They already have a pile of tires.

Public Surveys:

We received 121 filled out surveys and 132 at this point where they have come back, not deliverable. Roger Anderson is going to check with the post office to make sure they are undeliverable. With the changing of the post office the mail is all over the place.

Digital sign:

Henry Duchscherer got multiple quotes on the sign. We cannot apply for the Go Green Grant because we have already received on. The Digital Sign that is 31"x81" was \$28,000 and the 44"x97" was \$32,000. Dennis Ikeler is concerned about how it will affect traffic. While discussing this as to how big, then they said they could save money if they go monochrome. Susan Wojtasik said she believes it is harder to see when passing the sign, than if you have the darker colors. Dennis Ikeler agreed. The Chief asked if the sign was double sided, and Henry Duchscherer said yes. Roger Anderson wanted to know if included a new base. We wanted to know height and Dolly Rivera is concerned about whether we could see it. Susan Wojtasik stated that they had talked about putting in place of the Fire station. Chief said he did not know if the Fire Association would go with that or not. Dennis Ikeler asked the Chief's opinion, and he would not give it. Roger Anderson asked the Chief if he would bounce it off the association and see what they think, and he said he would do that. Dennis said if they are going to do this that they need to tear the existing out. Dennis asked if the trustees are interested, and Roger Anderson said it is long overdue. Dennis Ikeler said he thought they should go with the smaller sign with his concern of too much light. John Augustine thinks they should check with zoning. Dennis Ikeler said the only thing zoning says is about size. Roger Anderson said he thought they should go with the middle sign and Henry Duchscherer wanted the bigger sign but agreed to go with the middle one. It will cost \$28,000. Roger Anderson asked him to find out timeline and if we or they take out the old box.

Drag for the Ballfield:

Henry Duchscherer said that they had to give back the drag that they were using for the ballfield. He stated that we needed to get our own. Henry said he believed that Burton was done using the ball field because their own opened back up. Chief Komandt said that when restrictions were removed June 2nd that the fairgrounds opened their field back up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hours for parks:

There have been some brothers going around pushing to see how far they can push things. They have sued Chardon after video taping and taking people to court for making them move. Dennis Ikeler said he talked to the Sheriff's Department, and they said to not confront them until we get some signs posted. Dennis Ikeler was asking for input. Dennis Ikeler says we should close parks dusk to dawn at least in the parks. Roger said dawn to dusk unless otherwise specified by board of trustees. Lance Portman added in they should turn off electricity to deter them. Dennis Ikeler said to go with resolution until we hear from legal. John Augustine said that they might have someone wanting to look through a telescope at night and they should have something in place for that. Dennis Ikeler responded that all they must do is contact a trustee or Dolly to approve it. Until we hear back from legal, we at least have something on the books. Chief Komandt brought up that they may go into the cemetery and Roger Anderson stated that Cemetery already has it posted.

Henry Duchscherer suggested that we think about putting in charging stations for electric cars and is hoping to get a grant. Dennis Ikeler said it would be expensive. Roger Anderson said that some of them have where you can put in a charge card. Then they tabled it

Public Comments:

John Augustine stated his name and asked when they sent out surveys. Roger Anderson said they went out a week ago Friday. John Augustine said he had not received his. Roger said he would check to see if it ended up in the return pile and make sure he receives one. John Augustine also asked about the ventilation system in the Firehouse and strongly suggested they do something about it. John Augustine asked how many paramedics were in the fire department and Chief responded that there was 9 or 10. John also brought up about the light on the flagpole and suggested that they have one that shines down. Chief said he was already handling it. John also asked if they were buying USA products and Roger and Dennis assured him, they were. John Augustine asked if they were going to put the storage shed for the Road dept. on a slab and Dennis Ikeler told him no that it would be on gravel as a temporary building. John Augustine then brought up again about open burning and stated that he felt it was obvious that they were burning illegal. He also stated he resented having to play policeman with the open burning. John would like to see the Fire department hand out pamphlets and follow EPA rules. Russell Spencer from the fire department was answering to the response on the open burn. He said that it was not illegal and by him reporting these, he is asking our township to take out a \$500,000 fire truck and 2 person out and by doing that if someone on the other side of town has a heart attack and needs help, you are delaying the time it takes to get to him and they could die. The other fire departments in the area have told you the same thing when you call them in. John said there is no enforcement by the EPA. Roger Anderson said to John that he is missing the point. Half the county uses wood and coal to heat their homes. Many vehicles drive without meeting EPA standards and John driving all over town burning toxins into the atmosphere just to catch some open burns. Stacy Raymond said he needs to stop because it ties up medics to unnecessary calls. Dennis Ikeler brought the meeting under control by stating to John Augustine that we have discussed this more that once and we are just going to have to agree to disagree. Dennis Ikeler said that this conversation is not going to go anywhere. You made your point and the fire department made their point and that part of the conversation should be done. They have handed out the pamphlet like you asked but you are not to change them. You are not going to end an open burn. Chief said when there is someone blatantly burning illegal stuff, we do report to EPA and we do put them out. Ted

Wojtasik then asked what the life expectancy on storage sheds is. Dennis said he does not know. He would check into it.

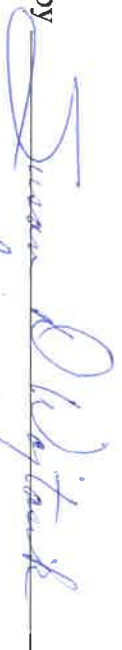
Roger Anderson wanted to make a Public Service Announcement: There is a good size black bear in the area.

Dennis Ikelier asked if anyone else have any public comments. No one responded.

Motion to Adjourn:

Roger Anderson motioned at 8:39 pm to adjourn the meeting; Henry Duchscherer seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Next meeting on July 6, 2021.

Meeting Submitted by



Meeting Minutes Approved by

