

# Parkman Township Trustees

## Regular Meeting of August 3, 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, Fire Chief- Mike Komandt, Dolly Rivera CHC/Assistant to FO, John Spelich- Zoning Inspector, John Norman, Ted Wojtasik, Thad Wojtasik-RD, Stacey Raymond, Lance Portman. Diane Ryder from the Maple Leaf, Ernie Conover, John Augustine.

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

Dennis Ikeler 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 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 July 20th meeting minutes and seconded by Henry Duchscherer. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 121-2021)

Roger Anderson Made a motion to approve July 28th meeting minutes and seconded by Henry Duchscherer. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 122-2021)

Roger Anderson Made a motion to approve William Glasgow as an alternate on the BZA and seconded by Henry Duchscherer. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 123-2021)

Roger Anderson made a motion to approve bank reconciliation for June and Dennis Ikeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution 124-2021)

Roger Anderson made a motion to approve amended budget to go to budget committee and Dennis Ikeler seconded. Roll call Vote Roger Anderson-Yes, Dennis Ikeler – yes, Henry Duchscherer – Yes. Motions carried unanimously. (Resolution 125-2021)

Dennis Ikeler made a motion to spend another \$15,000 for Envirotech to spray dust control and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution 126-2021)

Roger Anderson made a motion to pay Preston \$5,000 for repairs on the Emergency Squad and Dennis Ikeler seconded. Motions carried unanimously. (Resolution 127-2021)

Roger Anderson made a motion to pay Knox Co. for updating the Knox box system for \$5,000 to replace 15+ year-old system and Henry Duchscherer seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution 128-2021)

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

### Fiscal Office Report:

- Fire Levy is on the ballot. (4.0 Continuing) Thank you Henry for all your help!
- Budget for 2022 turned in and response from Committee was sent back. Adjustments have been made after Joan Windnagel was here to help on changes. Budget Commission Meeting is Aug 16 at 11:10 to 11:20am. If Trustees come meeting has to start before that in waiting area.
- Minutes need approval for 7/20/2021 and 7/28/2021
- Bank Reconciliation for June needs to be approved.
- Geauga County Commissioners have 2 Jobs:
  - Senior Trades and Mechanic  
\$16.08/hr. Excellent Benefits Package  
Building & Grounds Dept.  
Under Direction performs maintenance & repair functions on equipment, vehicles, buildings and facilities; Leads work of lower level trades personnel.....
  - Recreation and Education Assistant  
Aging Dept.  
\$14.83/hr. Excellent benefits Package  
Under supervision in accordance with the Agencies Organization Chart, assists with implementing programs and daily operation of assigned Senior/Adult Day Care Facility....

### Fiscal Office discussion:

Susan Wojtasik said we need to have the bank reconciliation approved in a motion. Dennis asked about the old checks not cleared and it was explained by S. Wojtasik that it stays there forever if it does not clear. She is trying to find someone in the UAN that knows how to remove them. Susan asked if they wanted to have a resolution to clear checks after 6 months of not being cashed. Dennis Ikeler asked what the bank has to say about it. Susan Wojtasik said she would ask the bank what their policy is.

### Zoning:

1. Received from Planning a proposed division of land held by Lonnie Schrock Parcel 25-083200 this parcel is in Parkman Township, the remainder will transfer to parcel 58-040200 which is in Farmington Township, Trumbull County. All Parkman Township Zoning requirements were met, reviewed, and signed and returned to Planning.
2. Zoning information requests on the following:
  - a. request from Title Professionals on 17625 Bradford Road
  - b. second 15-day letter sent to Kurt Huffman of Nash Road on his parcels on Main Market.
  - c. Patricia Proctor owner of 16530 Stagecoach Drive also adjacent parcel wanted information on lot size and side lots.
  - d. Information request on John Kneier of 17625 Owen Road.
  - e. Information request on 16780 Nash Road owner Neal Shirk
  - f. Willoughby Realty requested information on Grand River Estates dealing with Zoning regulations dating back to 1955 lot size and deed restrictions all are non-conforming lots.
  - g. Don Hofstetter's burned out house on Main Market the County Building Inspection Department removed the RED tag on rebuilding the house.

3. Application completed by Rod Zeigler on a proposed wrap-a-round porch on a house located on parcel 25-704085 deed, site plan sketch of the house and porch were in order and a permit was issued.

#### Zoning Discussion:

Henry Duchscherer said he would like to say that John Spelich helped get the property across the street cleaned up. John Spelich stated they are keeping an eye on the burned-out house. The store that was burned they asked them to clean it up and they put a refrigerator in the dumpster which they were not allowed to do. They continue to work on it.

#### Fire:

- Squad was at Preston last week for emergency brake work. Preston also stated that the steering gear would need to be replaced soon as well as the oil pan seal and investigation of an oil leak at the top of the motor. Request approval for \$5000 to be able to schedule the work.
- Fuel for July turned in to Fiscal
- Employee files have been returned to the fire department
- FEMA AFG Operations and Safety Grant item has been decided on for FO 2021.
- Possibility for FEMA AFG vehicle request as well – if we can find a reasonable manufacturer for a new brush fire apparatus that is not too large for our terrain.
- Received a call from UH in reference to a resident attempting to obtain information on fire department employee vaccination rates for Parkman. Reminder that this is protected Employee health information and cannot be given out as to specific members vaccinated and/or unvaccinated. Employees do wear face coverings while on EMS incidents and while in the hospitals we transport to.
- Request approval for 5000 to Knox Company to update the 15-year-old Knox box system we are currently using.
- Our fire reporting software company has been purchased by a competing company – no word on changes yet. It is possible that cost may increase at the end of the year.

#### Fire Dept. Discussion:

Chief Komandt asked if Russell had given her the gas report and Susan Wojtasik said no. He said he would get it to her.

Chief Komandt said they are having trouble finding a vehicle with the correct spec for brush fires. It might have to come out of their budget. Chief Komandt also said they are losing their donation mechanic so if they have issues with that it will have to be towed somewhere and probably paying for it from now on. Doug has been very good to us for the last 20 years. He has bought parts and you take him a pie and he is happy.

Chief Komandt also stated that he is not sure what is happening with ESO buying out the fire recording equipment, but they will probably be raising the prices. Chief wanted to let them know so they are not blindsided.

Chief Komandt added that he was requesting \$5,000 to update Knox box system. The old system is 15 years old and will not work on computers we have any more. Henry Duchscherer asked what it was and the chief said that it was a system so that they can get into narcotics in one of the facilities or our own coded key. Roger Anderson asked if it would cover all of it and chief Komandt said yes and a portion of it will be covered by EMF grant.

Chief Komandt also informed them he is waiting on a quote for a mattress on the cot due to cracking. That will be main thing to get from EMS grant.

Chief Komandt received information on a Parkman resident trying to retain information on vaccination rate in the Fire Dept. A friendly reminder that this information is protected by employee health information act and

cannot be shared on an individual basis. The fire department employees wear face coverings on EMS incidents and are required to wear face masks into the hospital. Dennis Ikeler asked if it was mandated, and the chief asked mandated by who. Chief said he does not have to make it mandated by employees that have common sense to wear masks. It is in the hospital protocols, so I don't have to double up on the mandate. Henry Duchscherer asked if the grant for the ventilation system was approved and Chief Komandt said no. Dennis Ikeler asked if anyone else had any questions for the fire chief. John Augustine said that he is glad that they are wearing masks, but I would like to know if they are doing vaccinations and Dennis Ikeler said he is not going there at this time. You can make a comment, but I personally believe that getting a vaccination is a personal decision. Roger Anderson said that medical professionals all over the country are not getting vaccinated. Henry Duchscherer asked if they were getting tested. It is not mandated yet although some federal facilities are getting a lot of backlashes. Some hospitals are mandating it. It is a personal decision. Although I am vaccinated, I don't believe in mandating it for others. Chief Komandt said that Mr. Anderson was right that the federal government was trying to mandate it, but they cannot. The vaccine is still under emergency use and cannot even mandate the military to get it. Ernie Conover said the VA was the first to mandate it. He also said that seat belts were not mandated at first either. Henry Duchscherer said if the FDA approves it does he think it will change. Dennis Ikeler said he would not speculate. Ted Wojtasik said that people who are vaccinated are getting it anyway. Mr. Conover said that they are not dying from it. Mr. Wojtasik said they are not dying from it anyway. There is so much information out there that I don't think any of us are fully aware. These three country bumpkins are not going to make that decision. John Augustine explained a long list of government agencies that said there is no law against mandating it. John said 99% of doctors have been vaccinated and Dennis Ikeler and Roger Anderson both said that is wrong information.

#### Roads:

- We have successfully completed the crack seal with Troy. Both townships used 2 pallets of tar in each township.
- We are currently working on cutting the berms on Reeves rd. and hope to complete the same on Hosmer and Bradford this week.
- The stickers on the front of the recycling bins were updated by the recycling company.
- Agler road was fixed where a large washout occurred
- The baseball field drag was put together and dropped up at the park.

#### Road's discussion:

After seeing what was going on down on Reeves Road, Dennis Ikeler said it is really dusty. He is asking for \$15,000 to put on a light coat of dust control.

Dennis Ikeler also stated that the issue of the water runoff he talked to the county engineer again to find out what he knows. He said he was working on it but verbally Ted could put in the 24" pipes but that was only verbally, and he is waiting for the written recommendations. Dennis Ikeler said there is another issue where the water running off the church is affecting the roads. The county Engineers had a meeting with the church and Dennis Ikeler couldn't remember what day it was and needed the church to correct a bunch of issues and that will help with the water issue. They need to uncover some of the wash basins in the parking lot but there is nothing definite yet. Dennis Ikeler and Henry Duchscherer both heard that they were tearing down the parsonage because it is bad. There is a lot of water in the basement and black mold in the house. Ted Wojtasik said that the county Engineer will not call him back to let him know what is going on with it. Dennis Ikeler said he talked to him and said he would keep updating Mr. Wojtasik. Dennis Ikeler said he is not recommending anything until he gets it in writing.

Roger Anderson said that in the report it mentioned Reeves, Hosmer, and Bradford and wanted to know about the rest of them. Dennis Ikeler said that he was going to get to them but there is much more than anyone

anticipated. I think we took 24 loads and asked Thad Wojtasik who responded 34 loads. Fortunately, we have a dump site right there on Reeves Road. Roger Anderson asked how long they projected it to take, and Dennis Ikeler said he did not know. That 34 loads were with Humr working with them. He will let them know where they are at but they have to cut grass in between. John Augustine asked if they were ditching and Dennis Ikeler said no they were just cutting down the berms.

### Community House:

- Blood Drive August 25 10-4 pm
- Bookings: August- 3, September- 1, October- 3 + Blood Drive, November none, December- Blood Drive.
- We met with Eric Bacon from Villers Electric about putting additional lines to the LED sign and got him in touch with Northcoast Signworks to go over specs for the sign. We had the upstairs air conditioning unit fixed. (LaRose look for quote)

### Community House discussion:

Along with what is in the report, Henry Duchscherer said that Northcoast Signworks related to Villers Electric about what is needed for the message board.

Henry Duchscherer said that he also had the air conditioning fixed for the upstairs and it is working well now.

### Overlook Park:

- We have a few bookings: August- 2, September- 3,
- We are dragging the field on a weekly basis. Ordered 2 signs saying "Do Not Tie Horses to the Fence" signs. Auburn Fence has yet to get back with me on a date to fix the fence.

### Overlook discussion:

Henry Duchscherer called out to LA Rose to crack seal the tennis courts. Dennis asked if that was who gave us the last quote and Henry Duchscherer said no that they were too busy.

Henry also got ahold of Windstream to discuss where all the fiber Optic lines were in the community So that we have the information when the money comes out for broadband from the state. Lance Portman said they no longer have land lines on Hosmer Rd and they gave up 3 years ago as to getting them. We are gathering information to see who has it and who doesn't and what it will cost to get it. Or to put up hotspots. Henry wasn't sure where to attack this problem but we are looking everywhere in the township. It is a real problem. Dolly found a new bulletin board in the basement so we will not have to buy one.

### Cemetery:

Dennis Ikeler said we just had a funeral yesterday and that's about it. Henry Duchscherer said that we had talked about Dale and Angela becoming more involved with Cemetery records. Dennis Ikeler said he did not talk to them about it yet. Roger said just a comment that Angela might be a possibility to help but he doubts Dale will. Dennis Ikeler said he didn't see Dale being in that position much longer. Mr. Ikeler will talk to him.

## Old Business

- a. **Budget Redo:** Dennis said we already talked about this.



**b. Public Survey Results/ Action Plan** Trying to address road issue (6-year plan for chip and seal roads) The road issues are not going to be resolved in one day. We will keep everyone up to date on this and Fire Dept Issues (majority on survey wanted Levy)

**c. Levy:** The Levy is already on the ballot

Anybody wanting anything in the Parkman Paragraph, they better get it to Cory pretty quick. John Augustine asked in the past if they can put letters to the editor and never got a straight answer. Dennis Ikeler said if you could get a comment in 25 to 30 words, I think that would be fine. It is just that the cost adds up very quickly to get everything printed up. They will have to talk to Cory before we open anything up. After reading surveys we saw how many opinions there were. It would be very unfair to expect Cory to put more work into the webpage when he is managing it for free. John Augustine asked if we could eliminate the Parkman Paragraph and pay someone to manage a forum. Henry said he could try to find someone to start a forum on Facebook and Roger Anderson said we have a public forum...It's called a Trustee meeting. Ted Wojtasik said if you have something to say, come to the meeting.

**EPA:** Henry said he had some Old business we need to address. He had a phone meeting with Stivo Di Franco (head of clean water for EPA and John Picuri (head of district 16) and they are committed to try to figure our issue out. (water on high street, south side.) They are putting an asphalt berm around the salt dome. Less than full loads on salt trucks and less salt on the curve. They are going to retest area and test softeners.

## **New Business**

### **a. The Memorial Park Display:**

Roger Anderson brought in a scaled model of what they are looking at to change Memorial Park to look like. He had example of 6 flags verses 8 flags around the main flag.

They want to remove existing overgrown bushes and eventually replace them with small trees.

Quote from Countryside trees to remove them stumps and all was \$1,650. Chief Komandt said he would be more than happy to donate his time to take them down and they could be out of there in the next 4 or 5 weeks. For \$450. Roger said they could pay Countryside to remove the stumps. So Mike Komandt is giving a donation to the Township to remove trees. In the Parkman Paragraph there is a write up if anyone wants to donate a bench or small tree in memory of someone, to contact Roger. John Augustine was concerned about removing the trees, but the trustees explained the trees were dying and they were becoming a traffic hazard and that is why they want to replace them. Roger Anderson said there are 6 flags with the MIA/POW that are recognized for each branch of the service and that would leave out the National guard, Coast guard, and merchant marines. We are not putting up a Space flag at this point. If they decide at some point to no longer have an MIA/POW flag it could be put in place of that or put-up flag poles in another place in the park. There is an eight-flag version. Both leave out the Ohio Flag but that could be under the National Flag. John Augustine asked if they were going to put the new pole in the same place of the old pole and Roger Anderson said they can't because they don't know how deep the old pole goes. They would just move it back about 10 or 12 feet from there. John Augustine said the reason he brought it up was because the old pole looked fine to him. Roger Anderson explained we talked about this a while ago when we started the project. How they sent up a drone and found that the pole was damaged

beyond repair, and it would be dangerous to leave it up. Roger also said there is no set number of benches and that this park is a work in progress.

Dennis Ikeler asked for any other New Business:

Chief Komandt said he received a phone call from someone who left a message as to whether there was an investigation with elected officials in Parkman. When I asked what he was talking about he explained that there was word going on around town that there was someone was under investigation in Parkman Township. Dennis Ikeler said he would respond to that. There was no one under investigation. There was an investigation on some files that were missing. Since it all transpired everything has been taken care of and that investigation is gone. There is nothing else. Chief Komandt asked if there was ever a case number for the investigation? Dennis Ikeler said as far as he knows there was never a number, it was more of a fact-finding investigation. It was completely resolved and that is the end of it.

**Public Comment:**

John Augustine asked about the electric bills. He wanted to know if we were dealing with companies that use less carbon. He requested that someone look into it. Dennis Ikeler responded that they had someone come in and check into it and it was not beneficial to change. We are in a contract and with so many meters that it is not helpful to pay less on the bill. John Augustine said he hopes someone would at least check on it, since this changes all the time.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Roger Anderson made a motion at 8:25 pm to adjourn the meeting; Henry Duchscherer seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Next meeting on August 17, 2021.

Meeting Submitted by 

Meeting Minutes Approved by 