

## REGULAR

May 22, 2018

### OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Unger called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with all Board members present.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Barbieri requested the Board conduct an executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and economic development.

Mr. Insco made such motion and Mr. Unger offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Mr. Insco. "Aye"

Mr. Rajagopal. "Aye"

Mr. Unger. "Aye"

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:53PM.

Mr. Barbieri said there is nothing to report. Mr. Unger said the Board will return at 7PM.

The Board returned at 7PM. All Board members were in attendance

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MEDICATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)

Mr. Unger asked that all join in a moment of silence.

### CITIZEN ADDRESS

Christine Freiburg commend the police for the Northwest Passage investigation and said she supports them 1000%. She said the Megaland Playground at Colerain Park is in poor repair. She said it was all volunteer built, with materials donated. She asked about a committee to rebuild the playground, with volunteers to reduce costs for township.

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Mr. Rajagopal said he spoke to State Rep. Bill Blessing who said we missed a grant in December. Mr. Schwartzhoff requested the Board's approval for a grant application at the last meeting.

Mr. Insko said we did apply for grant money but were denied last year. He said the summer camp children participated in a "Pennies for a Playground" fundraiser when Megaland was built. He thanked Ms. Freiburg for her comments about the Northwest Passage incident. He said she spent a lot of time correcting the fallacies. He commended the Chief for a job well done and said the investigation was very transparent.

Joyce Kiefer spoke to the Board about a problem with a neighbor's fence. She said it's a 6' tall wooden fence, adjacent to a chain link fence. She said the wooden fence has the unfinished side toward her and blocks her view exiting her driveway. She said this is in violation of the zoning code and wants the wooden fence taken down.

Mr. Kohler said this came in as a fence complaint, regarding a privacy fence in the front yard. He said the neighbor took out every other board and cut it down to 4'. He said we can't determine who owns which fence. After discussion with the Board, Mr. Kohler said we will cite them with a zoning violation, ordering removal of fence.

Stephanie Wright said there are 20 properties on nuisance resolution and asked how the Board determines this. Mr. Barbieri said we rely on the zoning staff. Mrs. Wright asked about the CSR program and how it works. Mr. Unger said we offer on-line reporting of nuisances, etc., as well as other methods. Mr. Kohler said most get put in, but we are transitioning software. Mrs. Wright asked if the Board knows how many owned by a corporation or individual. Mr. Unger said he knows the owner of one property is deceased. Mrs. Wright said half are owned by LLCs. She said most are repeat offenders and whatever we're doing to rectify the situation isn't working. The monetary fee doesn't scare them. We are not going about this in a proactive matter, and are only reactive to complaints brought by residents.

Mr. Insko said the real issue is the properties which are LLC and bank owned. How do you make a bank out of town care?

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Mr. Unger said the fees go on the tax bill.

Mrs. Wright suggested tiered fees for repeat offenders.

Mr. Kohler said many property owners comply voluntarily. The ORC limits ability to assess fees.

Mr. Barbieri said that we can't invoke criminal penalties, but are able to do civil liability.

Mrs. Wright said the contractor out of Dayton we hired to cut the grass, leaves a hayfield with terrible edging. We are trading one problem for another.

Mr. Insko said that is another level of service.

Mr. Kohler said the grass must be 10" tall before citation. A normal lawnmower won't deal with that.

Ms. Wright asked if there was a permit for the fence next to Ms. Kiefer's property. Mr. Kohler said the property owner said it was a trellis and landscaping features don't require a permit.

Kathy Mohr asked about the pay increases and regarding a rate of pay for an employee. She also said some invoices she has reviewed have sales tax charged.

Mrs. Harlow said she will remind staff that we should not pay sales tax.

Ms. Mohr asked about the redaction of legal bills, under attorney client privilege. She asked the Board, as the client, if they have a problem with showing legal counsel's descriptions.

Mr. Unger said he would be against it if it's part of an on-going case. He said it would need to be on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Insko said he would have to give it more thought as every situation different.

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Mr. Rajagopal said we ought to look into this.

Chris Green said he met with the Colerain Chamber of Commerce and they want to want to scale down the Veterans Memorial project and move it to the business area.

Mr. Insco said he thought the location on Springdale Road was a good compromise of visibility vs. tranquility.

Mr. Unger said the Chamber is an independent organization.

Jim Acton said Ms. Kiefer is getting the runaround like Goodyear.

Mr. Acton asked about the property on Poole Road, next to the entrance to Colerain High School. Mr. Kohler said the property is still in private hands.

Mr. Acton said Mr. Green and he spoke earlier and he feels the Chamber's rent should be raised, stick it to them since they're sticking it to the citizens.

Carrie Davis signed-up, but did not wish to speak.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Nuisance Resolution**

Mr. Kohler requested the Board approve Resolution 24-18, "Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement."

Mr. Unger made such motion and Mr. Insco offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

Mr. Insco. "Aye"

Mr. Rajagopal. "Aye"

Mr. Unger. "Aye"

Mr. Rajagopal said the Hamilton County Solid Waste District has a new full-time deputy sheriff to enforce tire regulations, for both residential and business. Residents can call the Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 825-2260 to make complaints.

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- Mr. Insko. "Aye"
- Mr. Rajagopal. "Aye"
- Mr. Unger. "Aye"

Mr. Unger said no action will be taken when they return.

The Board returned at 9:18PM. All Board members were present.

Mr. Barbieri said there is nothing to report.

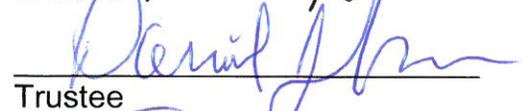
**ADJOURNMENT**

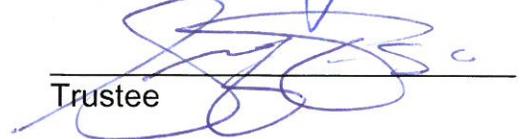
With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Insko made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Rajagopal offered the second. No discussion and the roll was called:

- Mr. Insko. "Aye"
- Mr. Rajagopal. "Aye"
- Mr. Unger. "Aye"

  
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