

Union Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023

The Union Township Trustees met in regular session on October 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Fiscal Officer Jessica Slater's roll call showed the following trustees: John Slater, Jeff Sharps and Roger Start present. Paula Greene, Township Administrator and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Trustee Slater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guest: Martha Cable.

Minutes – Mr. Start moved and Mr. Sharps seconded to approve the September 18 Regular Minutes/Brenneman Map Amendment. Motion carried.

Bills – Mr. Start motioned, and Mr. Slater seconded to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments- none

Road and Bridge

Street employee position- Attorney Carnes recommended adding two job requirements; those being the ability to stand to for long periods of time and lift a minimum of 50 pounds.

Mower Repair – Due to an equipment issue mowing has been delayed until parts arrive.

Recognition – Licking County Parks sent a Thank You to Dave and the Street Department for providing soil pits for the Soil Judging Contest. Water's Edge HOA President, Penny Murasky thanked Paula and Dave for their work with the community.

Administration

Variance hearing – On Sept. 27 the Board of Zoning Appeals approved Gene Todd's variance request for a reduction in lot size that would allow the property lines to be amended.

Brenneman Map Amendment – The Trustees approved the rezoning of Parcel #073-329550-00.002 from Agriculture to General Business during a special meeting on September 26.

Text Amendment Hearing – due to publishing conflicts the October 2 hearing will be held on October 16 at 6:15 pm.

Resolution 2023.40 Text Amendment Recommendation – Reschedule Hearing

Mr. Start motioned and Mr. Sharps seconded to move the previously scheduled review of Zoning Resolution for Article 16, Sections 16.06 and 16.35; Article 20, Section 20.06, and Definitions to October 16, 2023, at 6:15pm.

Roll call: Mr. Slater-yes Mr. Start-yes Mr. Sharps-yes

Licking County Park Grant – Mr. Start received an email from Granville Recreation Districts Director Andy Wildman, who requested the township apply for the Licking County Park Grant on the District's behalf. If awarded the Township can then donate the funding (approximately \$4300) to the District.

Motion – Mr. Sharps motioned, and Mr. Start seconded to apply
For the Licking County Parks Grant. Motion carried.

Beaver Run and SR 37 Intersection update - ODOT District 5 hired a consultant to conduct a formal safety study. ODOT District 5 will be applying to ODOT C/O for funding in October to do a project at the intersection.

Russell Farm/Heath Planning Commission – Paula attended the Heath City Planning Commission meeting on September 28. Developer Park Shai spoke was the only person that spoke in favor of the development. Several Union Township residents attended and voiced

their opposition to the development. Paula explained to the Commission, the township's concerns of a high-density development in a rural area and its negative effects on the residents of the township, lack of infrastructure (roads and water/sewer) and the cost of the road improvements should not fall on the Township's taxpayers. Paula also advised that the Township had requested to be notified of public hearings and was not notified of this meeting. Mayor Johns said the Township would be notified moving forward. The Heath City Council hears the proposal this evening.

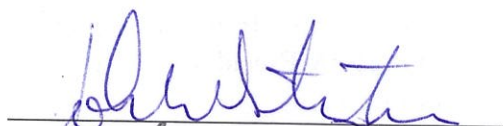
Economic Development

New River Electric (NRE) – Mr. Start reported NRE will be permitted to tap onto Southwest Licking Water District's waterline.

Comments

There were no public or Trustees comments.

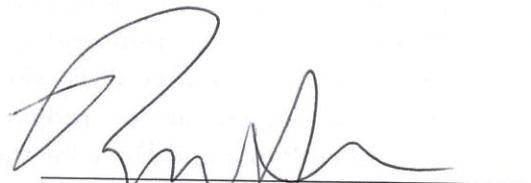
There being no further business, Mr. Start moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Mr. Sharps seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Union Township Trustees will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00pm.



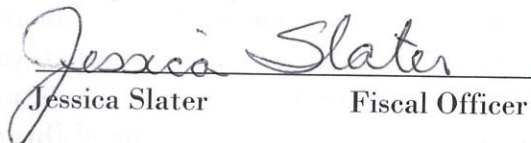
John Slater President



Jeff Sharps Trustee



Roger Start Vice President



Jessica Slater Fiscal Officer