

March 28, 2016

The February 15, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Cheryl with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were skipped.

The following were present: Trustees: Cheryl Welch, Scott Markley & Kay Wright; Fiscal Officer: Kellie Light; Zoning Inspector: Lori Hartsel; Guests: Kenny Howell, Scott Schlauch & John Taranowski.

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 Organizational meeting were read. Cheryl said that the township does not have any guidelines for the size of stone that is put on a gravesite. Most cemeteries have stipulations that the stone has to be flat or a very little stone. The township has not been good at charging for the moving of the stones. Cheryl thinks the opening of the graves should be increased & remove the charge for moving of stones. Kay made a motion to raise the cemetery open & close fees to \$450 during the week & \$575 weekend. Also, no longer charge for the moving of the cemetery stones. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment & one correction. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular meeting were read. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes with the five corrections. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None to report

ROAD CREW

Not present to report.

Cheryl said she talked to Herb, he had nothing to report.

Scott said he flagged for Herb when he was taking down trees on Township Road 101 because he was by himself.

Cheryl said she told him that Jonathan is available to help. She said she gives Herb direction and he doesn't follow it.

Kay told Herb that she doesn't want him taking trees down by himself.

Cheryl said that for several years Herb has been allowed to do what he wants. She needs more productivity & she doesn't see it happening. Cheryl said she told Herb this at the beginning of the year.

Cheryl will call Herb & let him know again what is expected & that he needs to keep a daily log.

Scott asked if there is a job description for the road crew. Cheryl said there is.

Cheryl said there has always been a full time & part time road person. She got Herb two bodies that do not have a CDL to help him. Jimmy also helps him & he does have a CDL.

Kay said she has been hearing to use tar for the roads because tar doesn't eat up the roads & it holds the stone better. Sarver said they will put down tar if the township pays for the tar. She wondered about doing a test strip to see if it is better.

Cheryl told Kay to contact Ed Meixner about the tar & go with his recommendation.

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OLD BUSINESS

Kay reported that according to what the Ohio Utility Protection Service sent, last year the township would have paid over \$100 for the service. She would like to try it for one year. Cheryl said that Lori patrols the township so she would see if someone is digging. Scott doesn't think the township needs the service.

NEW BUSINESS

None to report

ZONING

Lori reported that she issued a citation to Gene Fulk that is doing the recycling on Tim Roberts's property. She has talked to Mr. Fulk & she told him that he has too much sitting around & needs to get it cleaned up. Kay said a few years ago she had asked Gene Fulk to build a fence to hide the items.

Lori said that after she spoke to Karen Meyer the addition is still agricultural. Mrs. Meyer was told that she only had to buy one permit. Lori found a permit that was purchased when Elaine Tanner was zoning inspector. Kay said that permit was when they wanted to put in a drive thru to sell alcohol.

Lori said that she would like a permit application completed even if it is agricultural & just not charge for it so there is a record of it.

She has not heard anything about the chickens at the property of Allen Watt's on State Route 42 so they must be locked up.

Kay said she attended the Township Winter Conference. Paul Wright attended all the zoning workshops.

Kay asked about having the appeals board & zoning commission meeting together. They told her that they cannot meet together. The appeals board is the judicial part of the township. The appeals board can put a list of the changes they would like to see in the resolution. They submit the list to the trustees & the trustees then submit it to the zoning commission.

Cheryl told Kenny that each member of the appeals board should make their list of the changes they would like to see, bring them to a meeting to discuss and then present a combined list to the trustees.

Kay said it is recommended to have 2 alternates on the appeals board & zoning commission.

A trustee relative cannot serve on the zoning commission.

A trustee relative can serve on the appeals board.

TRUSTEE SCOTT MARKLEY

Nothing else to report

CEMETERY

Nothing else to report

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TRUSTEE KAY WRIGHT

Kay said the copier is not working very well. Office Max has one on sale for \$149. Kay motioned to purchase a new copier out of the cemetery fund. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

TRUSTEE CHERYL WELCH

Cheryl reported that the Polk Fire Department had 12 fire & 29 squad runs. Also, had 3 mutual aids & 2 public service. Total of \$0 loss in Jackson Township. Total of \$2,500 loss in Perry Township.

She will be attending the Polk Fire Department appreciation dinner.

PARK

Cheryl reported that she will put the mowing bid form on the township website. She will let Carl Richert know that it is on the website.

She has been thinking about the Polk Lions Club wanting to change the name of the ballfield in memory of Randy Welch.

1997 was the last year the Polk Lions Club was in charge of the ballfield which Randy was a member of the club.

1997 thru 2007 Michael Welch, Cheryl Welch, Tom Donley & Terry Donley ran the ballfield.

2008 to 2010 the ballfield was not used.

2010 to present Aaron & Tonya Welch run the ballfield. Cheryl takes care of the maintenance & getting grants.

So 1997 was the last year Randy Welch would have been involved with running the ballfield.

Cheryl said she started the tree program at the park. The Polk Lions Club should purchase a tree with a plaque in memory of Randy Welch.

Scott mentioned putting a bench at the park in memory of Randy at the expense of the Polk Lions Club if they would like to do that. Cheryl said that a boy scout wanted to put in a memorial with stones & podium at the park but she has not heard any more about it.

Cheryl has been thinking about using some of the recent \$22,000 grant money to purchase memorial paving stones to put around the big stones, professional plaques & something to display the plaques in.

Kay made a motion to go into executive session to interview Scott Schlauch for the zoning commission. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay made a motion to come out of the executive session. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Cheryl said that Scott Schlauch will be a member of the zoning commission board.

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She said that Jerry Smith did not call her back. Scott said that he told him that he will do the zoning commission. Cheryl said that Mr. Smith will be the alternate of the zoning commission

Kellie said she has met with the auditor about getting the books balanced. The taxes were paid, just haven't heard about getting the penalties refunded.

Kay made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay made a motion to accept the warrants as submitted. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kay 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Light, Fiscal Officer.

Signature: _____ Date: 03/28/2016
Cheryl Welch

Signature: _____ Date: 03/28/2016
J. Scott Markley

Signature: _____ Date: 03/28/2016
Kay Wright