

## **Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – July 1, 2019**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for July 1, 2019 called to order at 6:00pm by Trustee Koch, President of the Board. Chief Napier called the roll with the following members present:

**Fred Vonderhaar** – here, Tony Ledford – here, Chris Koch – here.

Trustee Vonderhaar led the group in prayer. Trustee Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Trustee Koch** – We will start the meeting tonight with Mr. Bruce McGary.

**Trustee Vonderhaar** – A little background, we had a lady who was unable to attend to ask the board questions, and another who was helping her. She wanted to be buried alongside of her mother, who owns 12 lots, 4 out of the 6 are already taken in the one group of six. However, we don't have any legal paperwork to address the situation. We asked Bruce to come help with the legality of the issue. He recommended as long as we can come up with a birth certificate to prove that the lady is the actual daughter of her mother, it should be fine to attach to the records to allow for her burial alongside her mom.

**Bruce McGary** – One of the provisions in the cemetery rules and regulations, one from Purchase of Graves in paragraph four, any grave owner may grant permission by written order for the burial of others, other than the family members. Paragraph five also discusses the ability to transfer to heirs. As a part of the rules and regulations forms, they can indorse in writing a transfer to non-family members. I think it's reasonable to say if we can get evidence to show the relation to the owner of the grave, we could work with the policy to allow burials. I recommend using an affidavit that someone signs stating they have personal knowledge of the individual requesting to be buried. It's probably best to keep that in the official books, that way when someone asks to be buried, we can reference those forms. Possibly look at also collecting an affidavit of heirs and successors when the deeds are given out. I will look at getting a form together, and if the Board decides the policy questions then we can amend the policies and statutes.

Does anyone have an issue with providing a birth certificate as proof? – No one disagreed.

**Trustee Koch** – Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Trustees this evening?

**Art** – The grass at Moran's on Arapahoe has been cut, it looks good.

**Barbara** – There's a pole on Dry Run that looks like it has been hit, it's close to where the guardrail was hit. It is surrounded by cement, but it appears that it is sliding down the hillside. You might want to have that looked it.

**Police** – Nothing to report.

**Chief Napier** – We had a structure fire Friday at 4am on Pike, a detached garage. It was a total loss, took roughly five hours. Mr. Barker out on Wood Road, had an issue about a ditch, Josh is going to take a look at it. Zoning packets, we received these Friday, the Barmistool farm, it's a change in lighting districts to residential. Also, we received information today on the cemetery grant, it is \$1000 max. The budget is due to the Auditor by the 20<sup>th</sup>, and needs to be approved on the 15<sup>th</sup>. That's all, we have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on Thursday at 2:00pm. We sent out the letters to the Manistique, Turtlecreek, and Shawhan properties, both Certified and regular USPS.

**Josh Sandlin** – Nothing to report, there hasn't been any word from Security Fence.

**Trustee Vonderhaar** – On Dry Run Road, back in September Josh and I had three excavators come in to decide what needed to be done. We spent a little money on some gravel to fill in the hole, and we should continue working on that. Josh did a good job, and I want to express my thanks. I also want to bring up something interesting, the Cincy Magazine brought up the top burgers in Cincinnati, and Union Township is in the top two, it's pretty unique to be featured in that.

The minutes of the meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> were given to the Trustees before the meeting. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the minutes as written. A roll call resulted in all "Yeas."

**Trustee Ledford** – Nothing to report. Trustee Ledford made a motion to pay the bills with Trustee Koch seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas.”

**Trustee Koch** – Did anyone have any input on the zoning packet received? I want to give everyone an opportunity to respond. It looks like they just want to develop the property. Trustee Vonderhaar isn't sure if there's enough access frontage on 42 around that curve to access it. The packet just discusses her changing the type of zoning. We have another property who wants to put a second dwelling unit, the hearing is on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Marvin Rudd issue has gone away quietly.

**Trustee Vonderhaar** – The grant for the cemetery, is there anything else that we could think of purchasing that I could apply to try and get that grant for? If we could think of something, please bring it to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Ledford thinks there are a few benches that could be replaced. If we get the thousand dollars, we could go ahead and use it for something needed.

**Josh Sandlin** – We should start looking at raises, Josef has passed the probationary period. If we could look at that for the next meeting. The board agreed that it is time to look at raises.

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:13pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all “Yeas.” The next meeting will be on July 15, 2019.

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Chairman of the Board