

Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting – August 5, 2019

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Union Township Trustees for August 5, 2019 called to order at 6:00pm by Trustee Koch, President of the Board. The Fiscal Officer 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 – Is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the trustees this evening? Nothing to report.

Police – We finally got a trailer towed off of Columbia. Nothing further to report.

Chief Napier – The couches on Shawhan are taken care of, the woman is disabled, and her neighbor would be taking care of it for her. Nothing else to report.

Josh Sandlin – We have a large dirt pile at the cemetery, a contractor came in and asked if he could dump there. I told him no, unless he would knock it all down. He has 70 loads, and said if he got the job he would dump it and then knock it down two times for \$1000.00 – the board agreed to wait and see if he gets the job to revisit the matter for further deliberation.

John Deere brought out a stand on, the mulching deck in 52" is too big, and the mulcher doesn't work. I've talked to a few people, I've been told Exmark, Kubota, and Gravely's are the best. We need a 48" non-mulcher, or one that shoots out of the back. Security fence has also never given a break down, but the guardrails are done.

Fiscal Officer – I have a resolution put together for direct deposit, we are still waiting to hear back from Bruce to approve it. You should have received it via email several weeks ago. If we could plan to move forward with that at the next meeting.

Trustee Vonderhaar – I had a chance to look over it, and I am concerned about it being a mandatory step. If they want to voluntarily sign up for it, that's fine, but I have an issue with the government telling individuals what to do.

Trustee Koch – Is this something that will be all or nothing, or can we make it possible to offer for those who want it, and then regular checks still be cut for those who do not?

Fiscal Officer – yes, regular checks can still be cut if someone chooses not to participate. Payroll will still be approved by the board. Bruce has yet to get back with us on it, but pending his response we will review at next meeting.

Trustee Vonderhaar – We are getting arrows painted on Cox-Smith road, there's a possibility that CWW is going to come out and upset all of the residents by putting water in and not allowing them taps. I spoke with Lee at the county to get a date, and I'm waiting to hear back. I attended that zoning meeting with Mrs. Kolb about the zoning issue, the board passed it so it will be going to the Commissioners. Someone has been cleaning the stones at Fellowship, and they are looking very nice. I tried to stop and see who, but they were gone by the time I made it over to see. Let it be known that whoever is doing it is doing so at their own free will, and at their own risk. It is not someone from the Township.

The minutes of the meeting on July 15st were given to the Trustees before the meeting. Trustee Vonderhaar made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Ledford seconded. A roll call resulted in all "Yea's."

I have also been working on the Cemetery grant, I made a phone call and grant recipients may begin to make purchases after receiving grant funds. So it is better to wait on approving purchases until the funds have been received. I will be asking Bob and Lauren to help me, and we will go from there.

Trustee Ledford – Coming around Turtlecreek, a sign was missing. It was a curve sign, in the windy spot coming up the hill. We now have a warning sign for a curve there. I remember a

resident complaining about it, and we said we wouldn't take it down, so I was just wondering what happened to it.

Trustee Vonderhaar – The Township took it down, and put up a windy curve sign to accommodate both curves on one sign.

Trustee Koch - I'm not sure who authorized taking it down, but we want to confirm that the resident didn't take it down.

Josh Sandlin – She did not, we took it down. I followed ODOT's regulations for frontage and distance to make sure the new sign is in the appropriate spot.

Trustee Ledford made a motion to pay the bills with Trustee Koch seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yea."

Trustee Koch – We had a zoning complaint on the 2100 block of Stubbs Mill, people had some stuff in their front yard, but I spoke with zoning today and it has been taken care of. I also spoke with them about the Kolb thing, but I was not able to attend. That is scheduled to be before the Commissioners on the 20th. Nothing further to report.

Trustee Vonderhaar – Back to zoning, one more on Cox Smith, there is an open lot where they want to build the medical marijuana facility. They are dumping a bunch of brush and stuff, we've had some complaints, so I made a phone call to Michelle at zoning to check it out. I hope to hear back from her on that. It doesn't have a house, so there isn't an address for me to report.

There being no further topics to discuss, Trustee Koch made a motion to adjourn at 6:38pm with Trustee Vonderhaar seconding the motion. A roll call resulted in all "Yea." The next meeting will be on August 19th.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman of the Board