

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on August 18, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lynch moved that the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees go into executive session for the discipline of a public employee.

Ms. White seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Mr. Markley, aye; Ms. White, aye.

The trustees recessed their regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. in order to go into executive session for the discipline of a public employee.

The trustees returned from executive session for the discipline of a public employee and reconvened their meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Mr. Lynch moved for a five minute break.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

At 7:43 P.M. the trustees reconvened the general session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Gina Zahn requested that the electronic sign in front of the Fire Department be made available to support the Kenston football team with a message such as "Go Bombers" during the five home games.

There was a discussion of whether to open up use of the sign to non-township government groups.

120-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to allow the use of the township's electronic sign to put "Go Bombers" during the home games.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY GUESTS

Residents Sam Desiderio, Dee Richards, Pat Kraninger and CDC Director Clint Bradley updated the trustees on the Community Development Corporation initiatives in the Chagrin Falls Park. The CDC currently has five buildable lots for sale and has identified 3 available home builders, who have helped pay for the sale lot signage.

Trustee Lynch inquired as to whether the CDC has the ability to intervene in foreclosures and said that the park might be fighting a losing battle building new homes while so many are in foreclosure. Mr. Bradley responded that they could steer people in the right direction but could not provide financial help.

Mr. Lynch suggested that it might be possible for the CDC to get more involved in obtaining and providing funding rather than being just a conduit for information, and also that the CDC should try to take advantage of the possible influx of new people working at the Judson facility at South Franklin Circle.

Mr. Markley said that he saw four main issues in Chagrin Falls Park: demolition of blighted structures, Judson, dealing with GMHA, and how the township can help defend the neighborhood. Mr. Desiderio said that he believes GMHA does a good job of screening people to live in its units but not of controlling visitors. Mr. Markley suggested that the township should look into doing something through the DARE program to help the 7th & 8th grade children, and perhaps place police on bikes in the park.

TRUSTEES CORNER

A request had been received from a Boy Scout troop to use a township building to meet on Sundays. Since this would require paying a monitor to open and close the building, the trustees agreed to offer the troop space at Centerville Mills instead.

Establishing a contract for computer consulting was also discussed and Trustee Markley agreed to set the scope of work so that it can be advertised.

Trustee White mentioned that she had done a walk through of the former Early Learning Center/Bainbridge School with a potential buyer/lessee.

Resident Ted Seliga said that his concern was that things the Board is considering were being brought up when the Board has not made a decision on where it is going with the school property. He reminded the Board that the property had been bought not for the school itself but for possible use as part of a town center and that therefore consideration needed to be given to permitted uses of the building and whether full cost of building operation is to be recovered.

There was also discussion of remodeling the basement of the town hall.

TOWN HALL

121-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve a purchase order dated August 18, 2008 for \$6501.00 to Littler Mendelson for legal fees incurred during the Police Department union negotiations.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

122-2008 Mr. Lynch moved not to object to the application of South Franklin Circle for a liquor license.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

123-2008 Mr. Lynch moved that the Board commend Sammi Bell, Myles Bell and Jackson Kost for their efforts in circulating a petition to save the Shoe Tree on Savage Road.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

124-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to forward an Email to the county prosecutor requesting clarification of several issues regarding possible Kenston Lake Dam assessments and stream reclamation.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Dave Mitchell, CVM Manager, reported that there had been a break-in at Centerville Mills Park on August 10th. Items totaling under \$1000 were stolen from the barn including horse tack worth about \$734, pictures and deer antlers along with some equipment keys that hung on the antlers.

125-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve the job description tasks 1 through 24 for Property Superintendent as presented.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

126-2008 Mr. Lynch moved to approve the summary section of the job description for Property Superintendent as presented.

Ms. White seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Lynch, aye; Mr. Markley, nay; Ms. White, aye.

Mr. Markley agreed to come up with a concise job posting document and bring it to the next Board meeting.

Resident Henri Preuss stated that he thought the qualifications for Property Superintendent should include athletic field maintenance experience. Trustee Lynch stated he disagreed and that the required qualifications should include landscaping experience but not necessarily sports field maintenance.

BLANKET CERTIFICATES RENEWAL

127-2008 Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-11 Zoning Other 1000-130-599-0000 for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer's Office.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

128-2008 Mr. Lynch made a motion to renew BC-68 Road Supplies 2031-330-490-0000 for \$10,000 per the recommendation of the Fiscal Officer's Office.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

CHECKS DATED 8-12-2008 THROUGH 8-18-2008

129-2008 The trustees reviewed and Mr. Lynch moved to approve: Checks dated 8-12-2008 through 8-18-2008, numbered 11704 through 11752 and payroll dated 7-25-2008 for the period ending 7-18-2008.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

The trustees acknowledged receipt of a Notice of Violation from the Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District dated August 12, 2008 regarding a failure to install the Best Management Practices in Silt Fence and Diversion.

A request from a Chagrin Falls Boy Scout for financial support from the township for his Eagle Scout project was not approved.

City of Aurora, letter dated August 12, 2008 thanking our Board for its letter regarding the former Geauga Lake Park property and its potential for development.

Geauga County Engineer, dated August 13, 2008.

Notification of cost adjustment for 2008 Asphalt Resurfacing Improvements due to price increase for asphalt binder. Increase in cost of Asphalt Resurfacing project for 2008 based solely on plan quantity is \$78,373.88.

Petition from Sammi Bell, Myles Bell and Jackson Kost dated July 30, 2008 asking for consideration of saving the Shoe Tree during the Savage Road Reconstruction.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 P.M.

Ms. White seconded the motion that passed unanimously.