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RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting March 1, 2018

The Board of Trustees met for their Regular Meeting with Work Session, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 1, 2018.

Roll Call:

Janet Jankura, Trustee Chairperson
Robert Luther, Trustee

Trustee Jeff Shupe was unable to attend the meeting.

Also in Attendance:

Keith Morgan, Chief, Village of Richfield Police Department
Phil McLean, Chief, Village of Richfield Fire Department
Mindy Remec, Township Administrator
Amy Page, Zoning Inspector
16 additional residents/attendees

Ms. Jankura started the meeting by introducing local artists Ms. Deanna Clucas and Ms. Kathy Shupe. Ms. Jankura thanked the artists for loaning their art to Richfield Township for display in the township's office. As a token of appreciation, Ms. Jankura presented Ms. Shupe and Ms. Clucas with floral arrangements.

Approval of Minutes:

February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

Ms. Jankura requested the February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes be discussed for approval at the next regular meeting due to a lack of quorum of attending trustees at this meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Police:

Chief Morgan provided a written report. He informed trustees on calls for service in February and repairs made to the police department vehicles. Police and fire will hold a mock crash at Revere High School on April 27.

Ms. Jankura asked about police assistance with safety in the school system. Chief Morgan gave information on the school safety officer in the schools as well as police presence at the school facilities.

Fire:

Chief McLean provided a written report and gave information on calls for February. He informed trustees of ongoing trainings and inspections.

Zoning:

Ms. Page reported on zoning certificates issued in February and dates for upcoming zoning meetings. Ms. Page informed trustees that the trustees' proposed zoning amendment was disapproved by Summit County Planning Commission. Ms. Jankura also said that there are positions on both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission open and asked anyone interested to please apply for appointment.

Fiscal: No Report

Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Luther said that he attended meeting by the Richfield Joint Recreation District board and said that they are working on roof repairs and the lower dam.

Roads:

Mr. Luther reported that the service department crew has been working on ditches.

Administration:

Ms. Remec reported that she attended the ReWorks Community Access Grant meeting and will be working on the grant application for the township. Ms. Remec met with a NOPEC representative and said that residents should be receiving opt-out letter for the natural gas aggregation program.

Ms. Remec asked trustees if they would again like to donate to the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway at that Richfield Village sponsors. Ms. Remec said that the donation would have to be paid from the general fund. Trustees concurred not to donate this year with budget constraints in the general fund.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Ms. Jankura announced that she attended the JEDD meeting this week and that a company has approached the JEDD board and township that would bring a lot of employees. The company is still in the exploratory phase but they are waiting to see the outcome of the proposed zoning amendment.

Mr. Luther announced that the Farm Bureau is hosting a pancake breakfast at Copley High School.

Citizens Forum:

Residents Mr. Glyn Grand, 2837 Columbia Rd.; Mr. Ed Pepera, 2617 Columbia Rd.; Mr. Don Faulhaber, 5145 Hecker Dr.; and Mr. Jim Vocair, 5144 Hecker Dr.; all spoke and voiced their concerns over the proposed zoning text amendment to the Light Industrial/Office (LI/O) area.

Ms. Jankura acknowledged residents' concerns and spoke briefly about the areas in the zoning trustees are trying to amend and she voiced her concerns over the township losing any control over the area and any potential income from development. Ms. Jankura asked Ms. Page for additional information and who gave a brief history the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Greg Dunham, 2541 Ridgewood Rd., Akron, introduced himself as a Republican candidate for District 11 in the upcoming primary.

Agenda Requests and Items for Follow-Up: None

Township Corner Article:

Ms. Jankura will write the article for April.

Ms. Jankura called for a brief recess before reconvening for the Work Session with the Richfield Township Zoning Commission at 7:25 p.m.

Zoning Commission members in attendance:

Ms. Patti Dorsett, Chairperson
Mr. Chris Sivak, Vice Chairperson
Mr. John Paulett
Mr. Mark Totten

Ms. Dorsett opened the work session.

Zoning commission members dialogued with trustees to ensure they are aligned overall and with the proposed zoning text amendment. An issue raised by zoning commission members was the possibility of the JEDD property being annexed to the village, which could happen if the JEDD agreement is dissolved. The township would then have no control over the village zoning, which is industrial.

Ms. Page spoke about specifics in the proposed amendment to clarify questions and shared limited information she had regarding a business potentially interested in developing in the JEDD.

Residents who spoke voiced concerns on the proposed zoning text amendment.

Ms. Jankura said that more information has been requested from the Summit County Planning Commission and that it would be shared with the zoning commission when it is received. No decisions have been made yet and trustees look forward to the recommendations of the zoning commission and residents.

Ms. Dorsett said they would welcome trustees' communication and thanked trustees for the meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Jankura (yea), Luther (yea)

Trustee

Secretary