



3038 Boston Mills Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting July 18, 2017

The Board of Trustees met for their Special Meeting, which was called to order at 3:35 p.m. on July 18, 2017.

Roll Call:

Janet Jankura, Trustee Chairperson
Jeff Shupe, Trustee Vice Chairperson
Robert Luther, Trustee

Also in Attendance:

John Galonski, Assistant Summit County Prosecuting Attorney
Nora Bryan, Assistant Summit County Prosecuting Attorney
Mindy Remec, Township Administrator
Amy Page, Zoning Inspector
Rich Fleming, Richfield Joint Recreation District Trustee
Larry Fulton, Summit County Chief Deputy Engineer
3 additional residents/attendees

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to amend the order of the agenda to move the discussion of the JEDD agreement and zoning to the last item on the agenda.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

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

Ms. Jankura asked Mr. Luther and Mr. Shupe for their thoughts on the changes to the Richfield Joint Recreation District (RJR) bylaws. There is a thirty-day comment period in which trustees can provide feedback to the RJRD Board. Mr. Luther had no comments. Mr. Shupe questioned Article IV of the bylaws, which details the participants of the RJRD Board to make sure it was understood who the township can appoint.

Ms. Jankura recognized Mr. Rich Fleming, RJRD Board member. Mr. Fleming said that as a resident and as member of the RJRD Board he was opposed to these changes to the RJRD bylaws.

Ms. Jankura thanked Mr. Fleming for his comments. She said that the majority of the RJRD Board was in favor of these changes.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve the bylaw changes recommended by the Richfield Joint Recreation District.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

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

Mr. Luther reported that RJRD Board member Mr. Bob Becker said that the gate at Rising Valley Park may be useful to RJRD. The gate may not work since it was damaged and has already been declared scrap by township trustees but has not been taken out of Rising Valley. Trustees concurred to dispose of the gate by giving it to the RJRD.

Ms. Jankura said that the chairman of the RJRD Board asked her if the study that Baldwin Wallace University is conducting in the Richfield Heritage Preserve on bobcats could be extended to Rising Valley Park. She asked fellow trustees if they are in favor of this.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve, through the RJRD, that Baldwin Wallace University conducts its wildlife study in Rising Valley Park.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

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

Ms. Remec said that Service Department Foreman Jerry Schall has asked to have the township's seasonal service department employee work up to 40 hours per week as needed instead of his normal 32-hour schedule. This would allow the service department to do projects that require three people on the job before he is done for the season. His last day is scheduled for August 11.

MOTION by: Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Jankura to change the seasonal service department employee's hours from 32 hours per week to a maximum of 40 hours per week as needed.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

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

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to enter into executive session for the discussion of pending or imminent court action per ORC 121.22(g) at 3:50 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None

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

Prior to entering executive session residents Mr. Ed Pepera and Mr. Ken Bennet asked questions and made comments regarding public notice requirements for discussions on zoning in JEDD.

Mr. Galonski, Assistant Summit County Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Bryan Assistant Summit County Prosecuting Attorney, and Ms. Page joined trustees in executive session.

Trustees exited executive session at 4:50 p.m.

Ms. Jankura said that the JEDD Board met in June and July and that no businesses are being developed in the JEDD due to the township's strict zoning. The JEDD Board is trying to find alternatives for trying to bring development. That Board came up with two possible solutions. The first is to change the JEDD agreement to say that the zoning in the JEDD would be Richfield Village zoning instead of Richfield Township zoning. Neither Mr. Luther nor Mr. Shupe agreed in taking this action. Ms. Jankura said that the second proposed solution would be to reconsider changes to the zoning previously made by the JEDD Board in 2015 and 2017 that the township zoning commission chose not to take action on. Mr. Luther and Mr. Shupe said they would be willing to look at these again. Ms. Jankura said that proper notice would be made of these upcoming discussions.

Ms. Jankura recognized Mr. Ed Pepera who commented that he did not think it was fair to describe the code for the JEDD District as overly restrictive. He also expressed his disappointment that trustees chose to change the order of the agenda to make the zoning discussion the last item on the agenda since residents in attendance were at the meeting specifically for this discussion topic.

Mr. Robert Rigsby, a real estate developer, commented that commercial development could also have been effected by outside factors in the economy.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

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

Trustee

Secretary