

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Work Session on February 3, 2014, at 5:30 pm., at 2090 Ferry Road, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio 45305.

1. Mr. Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Nadine Daugherty, Mike Pittman and Scott Bryant being present. Mr. Tiffany was absent. Others present were Cara Tilford and Donna Hellman. Chief Brown arrived at 6:09 pm.

3. Discussion Items –

Zoning (Compensatory Storage) - Cara provided the Board with a timeline of the Compensatory Storage initiative regarding the Little Miami River Flood Plain. The paper provided a history of the initiative from January 6, 2012 through January 14, 2014. She also provided information with an explanation and diagram of how Compensatory Storage works. She said fill has a big impact on small water sheds but ours is huge. Mr. Bryant confirmed with Cara that the diagram represented moving soil from one location in the plain to another with a result of no net change. Cara said that was the idea. Mr. Bryant asked if it had to occur on the same property. Cara said it did and it had to be hydraulically equivalent. Mr. Pittman asked Cara if this would require training. Cara said no, but an engineer would need to make a determination on soil movement. She said if we take on management ourselves, then someone would need to be trained. Cara said we don't currently have any problems or issues with flood plain fill in the Township. Mr. Bryant asked "what are we trying to fix?" He asked what the seed was that started this. Cara said that after the failure of the Little Miami River Overlay District, the Board thought the Flood Plain could be better handled at the County level. She said we did an evaluation of what the County did and didn't do and from there came the concept of Compensatory Storage.

Mr. Pittman said he sees positives in doing this. He said it is not as restrictive as what we looked at before. Mr. Pittman said he was also concerned about the burden it may put on Cara. Cara said she was okay with it as long as we just do compensatory storage and don't take on managing the flood plain. Mr. Bryant asked if the regulations related to quantity. Cara said that it related to dollar value like county regulation. She said over a certain dollar value you have to have a permit. She said, if we do this, we will have to figure out these restrictions. Mr. Bryant said this would best be done at the county level and it would require us to take on a lot to establish requirements, restrictions, training etc. Cara said what we do will not affect the farmers since they are exempt. Mr. Bryant said he may look at it differently if there were a problem. Mrs. Daugherty said it's good to be proactive. Mr. Bryant said 'yes, but you can lean too far forward'. Cara said this would be a good first step to accomplish the goals of the Little Miami River Kleeners. Mrs. Daugherty asked if we could get more information and associated costs. Cara said she could.

Mr. Pittman said he could go either way. Mr. Bryant said he thought we should be able to do this rather quickly if a problem came up. Mr. Pittman said it doesn't sound like much to set up. Cara said just the certification. Mr. Pittman said he didn't want to wait until something happened but maybe it can be put on the back burner for a while. He said this will help protect an asset without limiting peoples' ability to do something. Cara said she just wants to know if you want the BZC to move forward on Compensatory Storage and propose an amendment. Mr. Bryant said he thinks this would best be handled at the county level. He said a little more investigation and study would be okay but didn't want it to go to a Public Hearing. Mr. Pittman said he was okay with going further but would like to stop short of a Public Hearing. Mrs. Daugherty said she agreed with Mr. Bryant and would like to have more information and costs. Cara said "then there is no consensus to move forward until more information is gathered". Mr. Bryant said he doesn't want to move forward until we better understand the consequences to the Township. Mr. Pittman said he is in favor of the premise but wants to explore the implications more. Mrs. Daugherty agreed.

Zoning (Safe Routes to School) – Cara provided an update on the O.D.O.T. Safe Routes to School project. She gave the Board pictures of the proposed change in plans to prevent a cost overrun. She said the plans were changed to drop the segment from Adams Place to Eden Meadows. Cara said money will be saved by

eliminating right-of-way acquisition costs between Adams Way and Eden Meadows. Mr. Bryant asked if it could go on the other side of the road. Cara said there was an old cemetery on the other side that would need graves relocated that would offset any cost savings.

Police Department – Chief Brown said they were hiring a part-time records clerk tonight and that they would start this Friday. He also said Officer Hawley is resigning and has taken a position at Yellow Springs. Chief Brown said we talked about body cameras a couple of weeks ago and I brought one in tonight to show the Board. He said the camera slips on to a tie or shirt and would be used in place of the patrol car camera. He said there was a case where an Officer wearing one entered a house and was attacked by someone with a knife. He said the Officer shot him and the incident was recorded on the camera. He said the video showed his actions were justified. Mr. Bryant asked if we needed a policy for use. Chief Brown said it was already done and has been incorporated into the car camera regulations. Chief Brown said a lot of Departments are moving toward this in place of the car cameras.

Zoning – Cara said someone is wanting to provide an indoor soccer facility in Mr. Johnson's building on Ferry Road next to Tom's Mulch. She said they are currently working through a setback and a building addition issue and she will give the Board an update when the issues are resolved.

Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

Mr. Bryant - Yes

Mr. Pittman - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer