

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Work Session on March 17, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., 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. In addition to Mr. Tiffany, Township Administrator, others present were Chief Brown, Chief Pavlak, Chris Zappanti, Cara Tilford, Bill Schieman and Donna Hellman.
3. **Discussion Items –**
Mr. Tiffany said Mr. Schieman was present to discuss and review Compensatory Storage regarding the Little Miami River Flood Plain.

Mr. Schieman said the BZC had worked on Compensatory Storage for the last two years. He said there was confusion over the county regulations and what the Township could do. He said it was the BZC's plan to take their findings and to hopefully have them implemented into the county planning. He said we went to the County Commissioners and they were curious why we came to them. Mr. Schieman said he told the Commissioners that Xenia and Beavercreek supported Compensatory Storage and that Greene County Regional planning also said they were in favor of it. He said after a couple of work sessions, the Commissioners declined to take any action and said it was a political issue for them. Mr. Schieman said Allen Anderson asked if the Township had a Resolution regarding compensatory storage. He said he told them they did not. He said this gave them an out since they argued we hadn't even done anything ourselves. Mr. Schieman said it ends up we didn't get anywhere with them. He said he thinks we need to do something on our level and take it back to the Commissioners. He said if we can do something with the County, agriculture will not be exempt like it is at our level of control. Mr. Schieman said the whole idea on Compensatory Storage is that there is no loss of flood plain. Mr. Schieman said he understands property rights issues but he thinks clean water and air are general health welfare issues.

Mr. Bryant said the Board has talked about this and for the idea to do any good, it has to be a County issue. He said he was also concerned about the costs of doing this at our level. Mr. Bryant said he was interested in Mr. Schieman's take on doing something here and taking it back to the County.

Mr. Pittman asked if he was focusing on the Little Miami River. Mr. Schieman said he was. Mr. Pittman said he thought there were also problems with the Little Sugarcreek Creek. Cara said Xenia Township put in Compensatory Storage to give Citizen's an option. Mr. Pittman said he wouldn't be opposed to include the creeks along with the Little Miami. Mr. Schieman said he wants to go back to the Commissioners if we get a Resolution and say this is something the County needs to do. He said this was their 'out' before. Mr. Bryant said he thinks they would find an out anyway. Mrs. Daugherty asked if Xenia and Beavercreek had gone to the County. Cara said they had not but gave us letters of support. Mr. Tiffany said he is worried they will just leave it with us and say they are out of it. Cara said we could just go with a zoning regulation saying fill is not allowed unless Compensatory Storage is done. Mr. Tiffany said he thought our cost estimates of \$600 to \$1000 a year are conservative and will just go up. Mrs. Daugherty said she thought protecting the Township's resources is very important. Mr. Pittman said he agreed with protective measures. Mr. Bryant said we need to be careful how this is portrayed to the Public because there is a lot of strong public opinion regarding property rights. Cara suggested we evaluate a simple prohibition on fill, in the current zoning regulations, with an allowance for compensatory storage instead of a full-fledged flood plain overlay.

Mr. Schieman agreed it should address the Little Sugarcreek. Mr. Pittman said he was in favor of the premise and that we would actually be protecting property owners. Mr. Bryant said he hasn't changed his mind. He said he still thinks it needs to be at the County level and that we are not taking this on as a Township. It does no good if different communities are doing different things.

Mr. Tiffany said he received a call from Channel 7 News regarding a property in the Township. He said Mr. David Allen had his FEMA flood insurance change from Thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300) a year to Thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) a year. He said it appears the government is trying to pass the burden of emergency costs back to the tax payers. Mr. Tiffany said legislators, including Congressman Turner, have taken this up and are trying to get a 15% cap on increases.

Mr. Tiffany said we are still shopping health insurance. He said we will need a census for a quote and will be sending forms to the employees to fill out. He said the self-insurance is still looking good and may be available for 2016.

Mr. Tiffany said Face Book is up and running on our web site and we also have a Twitter account.

He also said the change in inside millage distribution requires the classification of two lots near Rollandia changed before anything can be done. The lots were erroneously recorded in the 1960's as being shared by Kettering and Sugarcreek Township. He said, after that, Mr. Hodson can request the change at the upcoming County Budget Commission hearing this coming August for 2015.

Mr. Hodson briefly gave the Board the changes added to our Temporary Appropriations for the Permanent Appropriations on tonight's agenda. The only significant changes were the addition of appropriations for the Police and Fire Departments for the MARCS radios.

Chief Pavlak said new legislation is being introduced which would regulate TIF's and how services for Police and Fire protection would be paid in Type II annexations.

Mr. Tiffany said they needed an Executive Session regarding legal and personnel matters. Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty - Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer