

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on July 21, 2014, at 7:00 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio 45305.

1. Mr. Bryant called the session to order at 7:00 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, other present who signed in were Donna Hellman, and Danielle Coots.
3. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Bryant said that tonight we are honoring Mr. Gibson for his time served on the BZA and Mr. Wetzel for his heroic actions.

4. Presentation Honoring Jack Gibson

Mr. Pittman said he would like to thank Jack for over forty years of service to the community. He said when Mr. Gibson moved back from Colorado, he and Mrs. Daugherty both thought he should serve again. Mr. Pittman said “we truly appreciate your contribution”.

Resolution# 2014-07-21-01

WHEREAS, Jack Gibson has been a respected member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Sugarcreek Township since April 5, 1971; and,

WHEREAS, as a Board of Zoning Appeals member, Jack Gibson has remained a consistent presence who was able to provide valuable guidance and historical perspective for many of the issues faced by the board; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson carried out his duties as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals with an interest in serving the community and provided needed leadership and counsel throughout his more than forty (40) years of service; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees recognizes Jack Gibson’s unwavering commitment and dedication to Sugarcreek Township and its residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude to Jack Gibson for his dedication and years of service to our community.

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

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

Mrs. Daugherty said she wanted to repeat what Mr. Pittman said and also said I think you have done a great job. Mr. Bryant said, from his attendance of BZA meetings, he was always impressed with Jack's preparation for the meeting.

Mr. Gibson came forward to have his picture taken with his wife and the Board. He was presented with a nicely framed picture of the BZA and a plaque honoring him for his forty years of service. Mr. Gibson thanked the Board

and said it has been a privilege to serve. He said he will keep a watch on the BZA. Mr. Gibson thanked all for coming to the meeting and his reception before the meeting.

5. Presentation to Rick Wetzel by Deputy Chief Jeffrey Leming

Resolution# 2014-07-21-03

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2014, Sugarcreek Township PALS member Richard Wetzel, in the face of personal hazard acted in a way that saved another's life; and,

WHEREAS, Richard Wetzel made the decision to act based on his training and intuition to help Scott Howard to safety after coming upon a crash on I-75; and,

WHEREAS, Richard Wetzel demonstrated great initiative and depth of personal character in his actions on that day; and,

WHEREAS, but for the actions of Richard Wetzel, the crash that he came upon would have had a much different outcome.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sugarcreek Township does hereby recognize and commend Richard Wetzel for his selfless act in saving the life of another.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

Mr. Pittman said he would like to commend Mr. Wetzel for his actions and said he is glad Rick is part of our Organization. Mr. Bryant said he always wondered if he would have the courage to stop in that situation, but you did and you performed admirably.

Deputy Chief Leming and Mr. Wetzel came forward. Deputy Chief Leming read the Fire Marshals Certificate of Award describing the accident and the actions taken by Mr. Wetzel and thanked him on behalf of the State Fire Marshals Office. Chief Pavlak then had the firemen present come forward and he presented Mr. Wetzel with Sugarcreek Township's Life Saving Award Medal.

The firemen were seated and the Board came to the front. Mr. Bryant read a Proclamation from the General Assembly of the State of Ohio and presented it to Mr. Wetzel. Pictures were taken, for Mr. Wetzel, of each of the presentations. Mr. Wetzel thanked all and said the people who have been up here with me deserve credit. He said I happened to be blessed to be in the right place at the right time. He said he is blessed to be part of this Community and has been here long enough to see both the Department and Community grow. Mr. Wetzel said he thought we should take time to think about what happened across the street. He said my heart goes out to them. Mr. Wetzel said the people here tonight are here every day to help others.

Mr. Bryant said this is a good time for those that need to leave to do so but all are welcomed to stay for the remainder of the meeting. Mr. Bryant said Mr. Wetzel has brought to our attention the tragic accident across the street. Mr. Tiffany said he was here for part of the time and that our Fire personnel did their absolute best trying to save that man's life.

Mr. Bryant said at the last meeting I failed to let a Citizen make a comment about a tax levy. He said he would like to add something to our agenda to allow Citizens to speak about upcoming agenda items. Mr. Pittman said he thought it would be best if just for resolutions. Mrs. Daugherty agreed. Mr. Bryant said he didn't have a problem with just resolutions and suggested we could put it after the reports. Mrs. Daugherty and Mr. Pittman agreed.

6. Community Activities

Chief Pavlak said the Lion's Club Festival will be August 16th through the 18th.

7. Reports

A. Administration

Mr. Tiffany said he did not have a written report for this meeting.

B. Fiscal Office

Mr. Hodson said he still had not received a schedule for a budget hearing with the County.

C. Fire

The report prepared by the Fire Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Pavlak said he is still having issues with Engine 71. Mr. Bryant asked who all supported us for the Country Club fire. Chief Pavlak listed eight or so surrounding entities. Mr. Bryant said it made him proud to see all of the assistance we received. Chief Pavlak said they did a fantastic job. Mr. Pittman asked how we did. Chief Pavlak said our response time was good but you just have to have water. He said a lot of things could have made a difference. Mr. Bryant asked about the status. Chief Pavlak said the State Fire Marshal had stepped aside and it's in the hands of the insurance company. Chief Pavlak said there is not enough housing density on Meade for hydrants. Mr. Tiffany said people on Meade all have good wells and don't want to pay for a water line. Mr. Bryant asked about the incident with the Fire Truck. Chief Pavlak said one of the firemen accidentally backed into a handicapped parking sign.

D. Police

The report prepared by the Police Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Brown said on August 5th from 6 to 8pm, the Department will be at Target for 'National Night Out'. He said it is for crime awareness and prevention.

E. Roads and Services

The report for Roads and Services will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said they are getting base repairs done for upcoming paving. He said we are still Dura-patching. Mr. Tiffany said Feedwire is still on schedule to be repaved. Mr. Bryant asked if it would be closed for two weeks. Mr. Tiffany said that it would probably be less than that. Mr. Bryant said to make sure we keep the website updated. Mr. Bryant asked about the paving repairs in plaza. Mr. Tiffany said it was paid for out of the Farmer's Market fund. Mr. Tiffany suggested a booth for the vendors at the Farmers Market so they pass out coupons or advertise specials etc. He said Sally is to get statistics from the vendors to see what the impact was on moving the Market.

F. Zoning

The report prepared by Cara Tilford, Director of Planning and Zoning, will be appended to the permanent record. Cara said she had nothing to add. Mr. Pittman asked about the trees being cleared along Carpenter Road at the new development. Mr. Tiffany said they will widen the Road along the development and do mounding along the road. Cara said they are also putting in a fence. Mr. Pittman said that in River Ridge they have a covenant that the owner cannot build a privacy fence around a five acre lot. He asked if that will apply to the Carpenter development. Cara said she wasn't sure but it was probably already included.

G. Information Technology

The report prepared by Mr. Zappanti, Director of Information Technology, will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Zappanti said he had nothing to add.

H. Trustees

Mr. Pittman asked Cara about her report mentioning a new owner of Staples. Cara said the building sold but it is still Staples. Mr. Pittman asked Cara about new businesses. Cara said 'Cell Fashions' will be locating in the Plaza. She said they have a lot of walk in business. Mr. Bryant said that's what we need at the plaza since it's more of a destination. Mr. Bryant said he will not be here for the next meeting.

8. **Old Business**

Mailbox Issue – Mr. Tiffany said he has talked to the Post Office and was told that it will basically take an act of God to have them changed. He said, however, that once the development is done, it will be re-evaluated to see if it makes sense to change.

Speed Study on Little Sugarcreek – Mr. Tiffany said a traffic study was done last week. He said there were two studies. On the part north of Feedwire the speed is not posted but is 55 mph. Mr. Tiffany said most of the traffic was between 40 and 50 mph. He said there were 3 at 75 mph, 3 at 70 mph and 7 a little over 60 mph. He said based on the numbers today it could be posted at 50mph. Mr. Tiffany said south of Feedwire most were 30-40 mph. He said the numbers over the speed limit were not as many, with just a few over 50 mph. Mr. Bryant said we need to decide what we want to do. Mr. Tiffany said he didn't think it would change much since most were under the speed limit. Mr. Bryant said he was for waiting. Mrs. Daugherty agreed and said we can look at it after the development. Mr. Pittman agreed also.

River Ridge Paving – Mr. Tiffany said we are waiting on the paving cycle. Mr. Bryant asked if that could be narrowed down any. Mr. Tiffany said it will be in August.

9. **New Business**

Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Payment of Bills

C. Certifying Expenses for Nuisance Abatement to the Greene County Auditor for 681 S. Alpha-Bellbrook

Resolution #2014-07-21-03

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declared the property at 681 South Alpha-Bellbrook Road a nuisance in Resolution 2014.06.16.03 (attached); and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Zoning issued notice, by certified mail, of the nuisance abatement and responsibilities therein to the lien holders of record, of 681 South Alpha-Bellbrook Road; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 505.87 (attached) allows the owner seven (7) days to abate, control or remove such vegetation, grass, and noxious weeds exceeding 12" in height; and,

WHEREAS, since no response was received from the owner of 681 South Alpha-Bellbrook Road, the Director of Planning and Zoning made contact with the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department to control the vegetation, grass, and noxious weeds exceeding 12" in height; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby certifies expenses for said nuisance abatement in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-one dollars and Eighty-one cents (\$221.81) for the certified mail and mowing costs to the Greene County Auditor and any interest or other charges that may be applicable.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby request the Fiscal Office submit a written report to the Greene County Auditor of the Board's action.

Mr. Bryant moved to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

10. Trustee/Staff Discussion

None.

11. Public Comments

Mrs. Hellman said there is a mailbox issue north of town. She said people have to cross five lanes to get to their mailboxes. Chief Pavlak said it was Clay Township. Mrs. Hellman said we might follow that to see what is done.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer