

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Special Session on February 28th, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

- 1) **Mr. Moeller called the session to order at 9:00 am.**
- 2) **Mr. Tiffany called the roll with Board Members, Mr. Moeller, Mrs. Destefani and Mr. Cramer in attendance.** Also, in attendance were Cara Tilford, Dale Owens, Doug Buffenbarger, Mike Brown, and Donna Hellmann.
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Discussion Agenda Items**
 - A. Authorizing Township Administrator as Signatory on Assignment of Commission Agreement for the James Pee Wee Martin Statue - 2024.02.28.01
 - B. Authorizing Assistant Township Administrator as Signatory and to Submit Grant Application – 2024.02.28.02
 - C. Renomination of Scott Miller to District 11 OPWC Integration Committee – 2024.02.28.03

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.02.28.01

IN RE: Authorizing the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for the Assignment of the Commission Agreement with Fisher Sculpture, LLC, for the Fabrication, Installation, and Ownership of the James “Pee Wee” Martin Statue in the Sugarcreek Township Veterans Memorial

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, Jodi Puterbaugh, in her authorized capacity and acting on behalf of the Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue Committee entered into an agreement with Fisher Sculptures, LLC, for the creation of the Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue, and its placement into the Sugarcreek Township Veterans Memorial at a cost of \$115,000; and,

WHEREAS, to date, Fisher Sculptures has been paid the first installment of \$28,750, with an outstanding balance of \$86,250 to be paid in three additional installments of \$28,750 each; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees shall be solely responsible for any additional costs incurred for the production of the statue from the date of this resolution forward; and,

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees and the Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue Committee wish to modify the Agreement with Fisher Sculptures for the completion of the statue and ownership of said statue through the assignment of Agreement from the Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue Committee, to the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees for the balance of the monies due and ownership of the statue moving forward, subject to the following conditions:

- All monies received by Fisher Sculpture for the project to date shall remain with Fisher and credited toward the total price of the Commission Agreement.
- The Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue Committee shall provide their agreement to the design and placement of the statue, and plaque language, in writing to the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township no later than March 31, 2024.
- The Jim Pee Wee Martin Statue Committee, and its agents or members, shall relinquish all ownership rights and responsibilities for the statue moving forward effective upon the signing of the Addendum to the Commission Agreement.
- Any proposed changes in design or placement after March 31, 2024, shall be reviewed and agreed upon with the Committee prior to being implemented.
- The Committee shall deliver to the Township all bricks currently delivered or ordered and yet to be delivered no later than May 15, 2024.
- The Committee has ceased all fund-raising efforts in the name of Mr. Martin for the benefit of the statue.
- The Committee has ended all fund-raising efforts through the sale of bricks and has removed the information from their website.
- The Township will seek legal counsel opinion on a possible agreement to turn the statue over to the family in the event it is to be removed from the memorial in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees for Sugarcreek Township does hereby authorize the Township Administrator to act as signatory and enter into the Addendum to Commission Agreement and Assignment to Another Party agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Mr. Tiffany made a motion to accept the agenda item as stated. Mr. Cramer seconded.

Mr. Moeller – yes
 Mr. Cramer – yes
 Mrs. Destefani – yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.02.28.02

IN RE: Authorizing the Assistant Township Administrator to Prepare an Application for a Buckeye Impact Grant from America 250-Ohio.

WHEREAS, America 250-Ohio provides an ideal opportunity to amplify the stories of Ohio's contribution to the U.S. for the past 250+ years; and

WHEREAS, WWII was a defining moment in our country's history and in the history of our world; and

WHEREAS Jim "Pee Wee" Martin, was a member of the 101st Airborne Division, known as the "Screaming Eagles," and parachuted into Normandy on June 5, 1944, one of the first American forces to land. Four months later, he and his unit were part of the British-led Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands and Germany and was part of the 101st-led defense of Bastogne, Belgium, stopping the German army's last-ditch attempt to split Allied forces in the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Jim "Pee Wee" Martin was an active and engaged resident of Sugarcreek Township for almost his entire adult life frequently providing input on issues that would impact our community; and

WHEREAS, Jim "Pee Wee" Martin continued meetings with the public to carry forward an eyewitness account of his unit's experiences in WWII until his death on Patriot Day in 2022 at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Jim "Pee Wee" Martin wrote in a social media message in March of 2019, "The level of interest shown by younger generations in our wartime service has gladdened the heart of my WWII generation. So many of you have worked in a variety of ways to ensure that the legacy and lessons of World War II will not be forgotten. We old veterans are aware of it and we appreciate it."; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, State of Ohio, does authorize Cara Tilford, Assistant Township Administrator, to prepare and execute an application for a Buckeye Impact Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for a statue of Jim "Pee Wee" Martin to be commissioned and placed in our Veterans Memorial so that future generations will continue to understand the impact of the wartime service of Jim "Pee Wee" Martin and the role he and his fellow veterans played in the shaping our of world.

Mr. Tiffany made a motion to accept the agenda item as stated. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Mr. Moeller – yes
Mr. Cramer – yes
Mrs. Destefani – yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.02.28.03

IN RE: Re-nomination of Scott Miller (Xenia Township, Greene County)
District 11 Public Works Integrating Committee

WHEREAS, the District 11 Public Works Integrating Committee is the local body responsible for overseeing the Ohio Public Works Commission programs in Clark, Champaign, Union, Madison, Darke, Miami, Greene and Preble counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee consists of twenty-four (24) members, three of which are chosen by the majority of boards of township trustees located within the district; and,

WHEREAS, Scott Miller (Xenia Township, Greene County) is currently serving as a township representative on said Committee with his term set to expire at the end of May 2024; and,

WHEREAS, due to upcoming term expirations, requests for nominations and/or re-nominations have been made by the District 11 Liaison,

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees believes Scott Miller to be a good representative for the townships of Greene County and would like to re-nominate Scott Miller (Xenia Township, Greene County) to serve as a township representative on the District 11 Public Works Integrating Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees directs the Township Administrator to submit a copy of this Resolution requesting the re-nomination of Scott Miller to the above-mentioned Committee to the District 11 Liaison prior to May 15, 2024.

Mr. Tiffany made a motion to accept the agenda item as stated. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Mr. Moeller – yes
Mr. Cramer – yes
Mrs. Destefani – yes

5) Public Comments

None.

6) **Trustee/Staff Discussion**

Mr. Cramer proposed that the trustees should refrain from signing the document for the 911 system until it receives approval from Greene County.

Mr. Moeller proposed that the trustees select a date for the township picnic. The trustees agreed on June 8th pending park availability.

Mr. Tiffany proposed purchasing anti-chocking devices for schools and restaurants in Sugarcreek.

Mr. Moeller inquired about the OTA webinar membership discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Cramer proposed that the trustees commit, contingent upon the participation of other townships.

Mr. Moeller inquired how the Fire Department discussions with Bellbrook are progressing. Mr. Tiffany highlighted that the discussions are moving slowly, and the next phase involves deliberating on the potential for shared facilities.

Mrs. Destefani mentioned that at the Greene County Regional Planning Commission meeting yesterday, there was discussion of proposing a statewide zoning map. Mr. Tiffany highlighted the proposal will negatively impact how townships regulate zoning.

7) **Adjourn**

Mr. Moeller made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mr. Moeller-yes

Mr. Cramer – yes

Mrs. Destefani - yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer

