

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Special Session on May 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.**

Chairperson Nadine Daugherty called the Special Session to order at 6:30 pm with Mr. Pittman, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Tiffany being present.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel reasons. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session. At 7:08 the meeting reconvened to Special Session.

**Board Discussion to propose an Economic Development Plan**

The board shared their thoughts and ideas regarding the creation of an Economic Development Plan for Sugarcreek Township. Mr. Bryant prepared the following summation of their discussions to serve as a guideline for the creation of the Community's Economic Development and as summary minutes of the meeting.

**Community Development Goal**

Maintain the high quality of living; rural, small town atmosphere; and agricultural heritage of Sugarcreek Township while recognizing the need for residential and business growth in appropriate areas throughout Sugarcreek Township.

**Community Development Guiding Principles:**

Township Growth: The Trustees encourage the managed growth of Sugarcreek Township through good planning and appropriate development controls. We desire a community that has, as much as possible, an interconnected neighborhoods, recreation areas and public parks.

Residential Growth: The Trustees desire Sugarcreek Township to remain a rural residential community that is characterized by farmlands, the Little Miami River, and extensive open space areas. We support low density residential growth in keeping with the rural character of the Township and encourage conservation development.

Commercial Growth: The Trustees encourage commercial growth in compatible areas. The Trustees discourage the development of “strip-mall” type growth as seen along Wilmington Pike. We encourage development of appropriate standards to ensure future commercial and other nonresidential development is in keeping with the community's natural character. The Trustees encourage beautification efforts in commercial areas through amenities such as lighting, signage, landscaping, etc.

Agriculture: The Trustees support the preservation of our agricultural heritage and desire the farming industry to remain strong and viable throughout Sugarcreek Township.

Natural Areas: The Trustees encourage the protection of existing natural areas, and open space, along the Little Miami River corridor and within/around the Sugarcreek Preserve. We support the growth of parks within Sugarcreek Township to showcase, and protect, the natural beauty of our community.

Recreation Areas: The Trustees encourage activities within the Township that promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage the establishment of recreation areas within Sugarcreek Township. These areas can include pocket parks within residential areas, hiking trails, walking and bicycle paths.

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

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

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer