

Minutes
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Nanci Shanley, Trustee Bryon Macron, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

Also Present: Mr. Jeff Van Loon with Medina County Soil & Water.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for an update from Soil & Water on the Balanced Growth Initiative.

Mr. Van Loon reported that a corner of the Township does drain north to the Rocky River and that is why the Township was a party to the Rocky River Balance Growth Initiative that was endorsed by the State of Ohio in June of 2009. Soil & Water also applied to do the same thing in the Upper Chippewa Creek Project and that is up and running. Ms. Bowers is the Trustee representative. Because this is in existence, the Township is now eligible for state incentives for conservation and/or development. Medina is taking advantage of this with the Champion Creek project. The Upper Chippewa Creek project will hopefully be endorsed by the state in the summer of 2011 and the opportunity for incentives would again exist.

Mr. Gary Norcia, the Watershed Coordinator, explained the maps that were distributed to the Trustees. About 75% of the township is covered by the Upper Chippewa Creek Watershed, a small section on the east drains to the Black River, and a section on the north drains into the Rocky River. Lafayette Township was included in the Rocky River Balanced Growth Program because it spurred from a program with York, Medina, Montville, and Lafayette Townships and the City of Medina to have a Land Use Compatibility Study. It would identify where areas of development would make sense to develop. This allowed Lafayette to be included in the available incentives.

For the Chippewa Creek project, criteria were developed to identify priority conservation areas and priority development areas. Any incentive that the Township was looking for that had to do with conservation would be given the go ahead, if it had to do with development, they would only recommend incentives if appropriate best management practices were put in place. Priority agricultural areas were also identified.

The plan for the Chippewa Creek Balanced Growth Initiative is one that is in the works and has not currently been endorsed by the state. Each jurisdiction is being asked to look over the plan and provide feedback for possible adjustments. Comprehensive Plans that were in existence were looked at when developing this plan. Lafayette's current plan is quite a few years old. The new Comprehensive Plan is owned by the Township. The Balanced Growth Initiative can be utilized if the Township chooses. It would allow a priority on applications for state grant funds. Mr. Van Loon explained the purpose of the Balanced Growth Initiative. Discussion was held regarding a disclaimer accompanying the plan when it is approved that would let people know

that it may not match local zoning. When the plan is finalized they will be asking for a resolution of support from the Board of Trustees. It is anticipated that would be in January or February of 2011 and that the entire process would be completed by March to send to the state. Any feedback should be given to the planning group before the next meeting.

Other Business:

Marketing Meeting – Having read the many emails regarding the upcoming marketing meeting, Ms. Bowers suggested having a Special Meeting with Jim Boyes of the Medina County University Center (MCUC) and the Trustees on November 15th. The MCUC is a catalyst for developing the Technology Park. Ms. Shanley understood the original meeting was only for the purpose of brainstorming the marketing of the website. She would like to see that remain as is and then have future meetings that include all the Board. Ms. Bowers understood the meeting would be to brainstorm about what the Township could do to facilitate the marketing of the property. Mr. Macron understood it to be just for the website. After Ms. Shanley has the website meeting, the Board would like to meet as a whole with Ms. Dentler, Jim Boyes and the Port Authority to discuss what can be done together. Ms. Shanley believes that her meeting for marketing is to take place on the 17th. After that another meeting will be scheduled for all Trustees.

Bank Card Signatures – Ms. Bailey presented the bank card for Trustee signatures.

Medina County Engineers – A copy of the group purchasing for materials agreement had been distributed to the Trustees. This needs to have two copies signed with two witnesses. **Ms. Bowers moved to approve and sign the joint purchasing agreement with Medina County Engineers Office. Ms. Shanley seconded the motion. All voting in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved: _____

Lynda Bowers, Trustee

Nanci Shanley, Trustee

Bryon Macron, Trustee

Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer