

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15TH, 2015
7:00 PM**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting at the Medina Township Hall on January 15th, 2015, and conducted the business of the Township. Chairman DeMichael called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Chairman Ken DeMichael, Vice-Chairman Bill Ostmann and Ray Jarrett. Also in attendance were the Fiscal Officer, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Foreman, Zoning Inspector and the general public.

Roll Call

Mr. DeMichael asked for a roll call of all members present. Trustees present were Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

Pledge

Mr. DeMichael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Mr. DeMichael asked for a moment of silence for our military personnel here and overseas.

Erica Graffain - Medina County Auditor Representative

Ms. Graffain gave the new 800 number for the Auditor's Office, it is 1-844-722-3800. The Homestead Exemption that just ended is starting again for those who are turning 65. There is also a new part for Veterans who are on 100% disability; we need to review their paperwork individually because they can get their reduction doubled. Dog licenses are due by January 31, 2015, they are \$10.00. The AARP is going to be in the Auditor's office to help senior citizens with tax preparation from February 2nd through April 15th and there is no fee. You have to call the Office of Older Adults to schedule an appointment. The number is 330-723-9514. The Treasurer's Office will be mailing tax bills on January 16 and 17. Mrs. Gardner said AARP will be in Wadsworth also at the Suprema Senior Center. Their number is 330-335-1513.

ADMIN PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve a regular purchase order for COSE/Medical Mutual of \$73,300.00. Also, I would like to make a motion to continue that motion and accept a purchase order for Aflac, total for that is \$3,011.00, and a purchase order for Treasurer of Ohio – UAN, David Yost, Auditor of State, total on that one is \$4,000.00. A purchase order for Intech Computer Solutions, the total on that is \$4,600.00. Purchase order for Frontier, total on that is \$11,300.00, a regular purchase order for Paychex, total on that is \$4,500.00, a regular purchase order for Staples Business Advantage, total on that is \$4,450.00 even. A purchase order for C. Martin Trucking total is \$1,000.00. A purchase order for Medina County Sanitary Engineer for \$4,400.00, a purchase order for Columbia Gas of Ohio \$17,250.00, regular purchase order for Verizon Wireless total on that is \$2,550.00, a purchase order for Medina Hospital LST total on that is \$90,000.00, purchase order for Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services total on that is \$1,600.00, purchase order for AKE Environmental and Construction Services total is \$2,550.00 and finally a purchase order for Ohio Edison the total on that is \$13,500.00. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett asked what the total on the Frontier PO was. Mr. DeMichael said it was \$11,300.00 and he believed that included the phone bill as well. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

THEN AND NOWS

Wells Enterprise, Inc. and Lake Ridge Refrigeration

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve a then and now purchase order for Wells Enterprise Incorporated, total amount is \$150.00 and a then and now purchase order for Lake Ridge Refrigeration/Medina Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$2,950.00. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett asked what Wells Enterprise was for. Mr. Miller said it was an emergency repair for a collapsed catch basin in Stonegate. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

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Blanket Purchase Order for Zoning

Mr. DeMichael motioned to accept the blanket purchase order for Other Expenses/Zoning for \$20,000.00. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Mr. DeMichael asked what this was for and Mrs. DeHoff said it is for security deposits that get returned. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Winter Equipment Company – Cutting Edges for Snowplows

Mr. DeMichael motioned for a purchase order requisition for our Service Department. Vendor is Winter Equipment Company. This is for two (2) razor systems eleven (11) foot cutting edges. Total is \$2,578.33. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

CEP Construction – Water Damage Repair at Old Weymouth School

Mr. DeMichael motioned for a purchase order requisition for our Admin Department. This is for CEP Construction. This is water damage repair at Old Weymouth School; money is from insurance claim in 2014. Total amount is \$2,830.00. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

Staples – Service Department Printer

Mr. DeMichael motioned for a purchase order requisition for our Service Department. Vendor is Staples. This is for a printer and a cordless phone. The printer is \$399.99 and the cordless phone is \$170.00. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

Cargill – Road Salt

Mr. DeMichael motioned for a purchase order requisition for our Service Department. The vendor is Cargill Incorporated. This is for 800 tons of road salt. The total is \$44,000.00. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann, and Mr. Jarrett.

Aladtec, Incorporated – Fire Manager Software

Mr. Jarrett motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$1,495.00 for the Fire Department. Vendor information is Aladtec, Incorporated out of Hudson, Wisconsin. This is for the Fire Manager Software subscription from February 2015 up to February 2016. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Medina County Emergency Management

Mr. Jarrett motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$1,644.50 for the Fire Department. Vendor information is the Medina County Emergency Management and this is for the 2015 cost allocations. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Xerox Business Services – Fire Department

Mr. Jarrett motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$2,703.00 for the Fire Department. Vendor information is Xerox Business Services. This is for the upgrade package of the five (5) year contract. This is the annual fee that is due January 1 for the first year of 2015. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Select Security – Police Department

Mr. Ostmann motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$1,462.00 this is for the Police Department. Vendor information is for Select Security and this is for software and a reader to program the key fobs at the Police Station. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett asked the quantity of fobs and Chief Arbogast said it came with fifty (50) fobs but no software. We have ten (10) fobs. Mr. Jarrett asked if there would be an additional cost for more fobs. Chief Arbogast said no because this is a software program. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

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Tractor Supply – Safe

Mr. Ostmann motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$1,299.99. This is for the Police Department. Vendor information is Tractor Supply and this is for a Canon Fire Safe. This is for ammunition storage down at the new Police Department. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Mr. Ostmann said they got other quotes and online it was \$1,400.00. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Jarrett.

Intech – Police Department Computer Upgrades

Mr. Ostmann motioned for a purchase order requisition in the amount of \$6,286.45. Vendor information is Intech and this is computer upgrades for the network and added work stations and new firewall security and the information is attached to it. This is for the Police Station. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve accounts payable checks #25892 through #25954 total amount of \$248,738.71. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

Correction to Part-time Police Officer Pay

Mr. DeMichael motioned to up the part-time Police Officers pay by \$.36 cents per hour. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Mr. Ostmann said they neglected to do it because the part-time Officer is not a member of our union. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

Approval of Payroll

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve payroll checks #19620 through #19694 total amount of \$39,658.34 with \$6,494.29 being deferred. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeMichael tabled the minutes.

Approval of December Bank Reconciliation

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve bank reconciliation dated December 31, 2014. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

OLD BUSINESS

Set Public Hearing Date for Comprehensive Plan Review

Mr. DeMichael asked if we had heard from the Prosecutor's Office regarding how to proceed with the Comprehensive Plan. Trustees have not heard from the Prosecutor and they are going to wait until they return from the OTA Conference where there may be changes by the State.

Frontier Service Contract Extension

Mr. DeMichael spoke with Mike Simpson, Frontier Representative, and he said he can't move from that price as far as the contract goes. Mr. Simpson said he will monitor us for the year to see how often we use the services and give Trustees a spread sheet with that information. Mr. Simpson's recommendation is to use the same plan as we had last year. Mr. Simpson's is going to get us on a different plan to save us money on our phone bills.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to approve the Frontier Services Agreement for \$2,080.85 for the year. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett said the Prosecutor reviewed the contract last year. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Reports

Mr. DeMichael tabled reports.

Weymouth Preservation Society Report

Mrs. Gardner said open houses will be the 2nd Sunday by appointment only for January and February. If you have a group that wants to tour the museum please call 330-725-2106 for an appointment. There will be a display on aprons and they will have a speaker.

Office for Older Adults

Mrs. Gardner said they are scheduling a trip to Italy and Napa Valley. You can call 330-723-9514 if you are interested.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Ostmann motioned to adopt the mutual aid agreement and incorporate it by reference. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

Acting Officer Wage for Firefighters

Chief Crumley said sometimes he doesn't have an officer sign up for staffing duty so he has to use a Firefighter. He wants to pay the Firefighter first year Lieutenant wage for the eight hour shift. He spoke to Mrs. DeHoff and she said it would be an accounting nightmare so maybe they can be paid once a year. Chief Crumley would keep track of it. He has a document from the Prosecutor regarding this. Mrs. DeHoff said on the department you have some Firefighters who only work a few hours a month, are they going to take this shift to get the additional money. Chief Crumley said no, he will control that.

Chief Crumley said the daytime crews have been cleaning up the old Police Department and moving things in and out. The furnace broke and they had to have it replaced. They are looking at what they need to do right now and what they need to do in the future. There is some electrical work that needs to be done. They also need smoke detectors. They would like to ask for a blanket purchase order for \$1,600.00. It would come out of maintenance and repairs of facility. Mrs. DeHoff thinks there is already a blanket and she will check.

Chief Crumley asked for permission to use Gov-Deals to sell the two (2) cars. We are allowed to put a reserve on the vehicles. Mr. DeMichael would like to know the price before we move forward. Chief Crumley said he just wants to set up the account he won't sell anything without the Trustees approving the price. He also would like to sell the old turnout gear to Chief Skelton who takes them to Africa where they have nothing.

Gov Deals Account

Mr. Jarrett motioned to approve the Fire Department to set up the Gov Deals account. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Police Department Tires

Chief Crumley said Grafton Township can use the tires that no longer fit the Police cars and asked if we can give them to Grafton. Chief Arbogast sees no issue with that. Mr. Miller said we would have to pay to have them removed.

KZF Design out of Cincinnati

Chief Crumley met with Marc Shoemaker regarding the feasibility study for a Fire Station. Mr. Jarrett asked if he needs a contract. Chief Crumley said he does but he wants permission before he does.

Mr. Jarrett motioned for the Fire Chief to proceed with contract negotiations with KZF. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

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Mr. Jarrett motioned for the Fire Chief to donate the tires to Grafton Village. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann. There are 38 tires to be donated.

Toss your Trash – April 11, 2015.

Laurie Shoemaker said Toss your Trash Day will be April 11, 2015. There will also be a shredder to dispose of your important papers. Pick it up will be the week after that.

Center Islands on State Route 18

Mr. DeMichael said that he and Mrs. Strogin attended a meeting with ODOT regarding the center islands proposed for State Route 18. Mr. DeMichael said if the islands are not put on the plan then they would not be able to be added to the plan. Montville Township has asked for our input regarding having center islands. Mr. Biehl said this is not ODOT driven but Medina City and Montville Township driven. Mr. Ostmann said the Trustees will look at it as long as they can back out of it. ODOT will put in the islands, curbs, dirt and grass but the Township would have to plant any trees, etc. and maintain it. ODOT will salt and plow the road which means a lot of salt will be thrown on those plantings. A lot of the area where they want to put the islands is in Medina Township. The City is going to have islands with plantings on State Route 42 and that is already approved. The islands that would be put in the Township would cause a hardship for our businesses because of access to their businesses (ingress/egress). They want the islands all the way down past Shady Brook Run and there is a piece of property in that area that would not be able to be developed. Mr. DeMichael said they need to talk to Montville Township about that area. Mrs. Strogin said there are also a lot of wetlands in that area. The map shows a bicycle path on the southside. The Township would like the bike path on both sides of SR18 but ODOT said no, because it would affect the businesses, the wetlands and be expensive.

ODOT wants to close off the main entrance to Signature Square either completely or make it right in right out but it would create a problem for the businesses. Mr. DeMichael said he wants to go to Montville and let them know which islands would create a problem for our businesses. Mr. Ostmann said the center walls on SR 18 by Plaza 71 have created problems. We can't keep businesses in that area. Mr. Jarrett said that is because you have to go down and flip around to get to the other side. Mr. Jarrett said part of the issue he sees with the islands is the maintenance of them. We can't have our Service Department or Lawn Maintenance Service maintaining the islands with the traffic on SR18. Road Foreman Miller said make the islands concrete. Fire Chief Crumley said to just make it road. Chief Crumley also said that currently there are two (2) spots on SR 18 where his engines have difficulty with the. He feels the Police, Fire and LST are going to have a longer response time to those areas. Chief Crumley said it's nice for Montville because as you come out of the City everything is on their right hand side but our commercial is primarily on the left hand side. Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett do not want the center islands because we are in a winter climate and the salt will destroy the concrete and any plantings that are put in there. Mr. Jarrett said he sees it as more of a hindrance and does not want the maintenance responsibility. Mrs. Strogin said there are no islands from Foote Road west to the City. They would just put the extra lane in and just stripe it. Mr. Biehl told them they would just have what Montrose has, five or six lanes straight through traffic with a turning lane. Mr. Biehl said ODOT doesn't like these islands because it makes it difficult to plow. Mr. Jarrett is not in favor of putting in the islands. Mr. DeMichael said if they tell them no now then it will not happen. Mr. Ostmann said if they say no now it won't be a problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Restrooms at Blakslee Park

Mr. Miller is getting a preliminary drawing from Chip Klinkenberg of Illes Architects for the restrooms/concession at Blakslee Park so they have a shovel ready plan to apply for grants.

Weymouth County Club Liquor License Renewal Hearing

Mr. DeMichael motioned to waive the right for a hearing for the liquor license at Weymouth Valley Country Club. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Center Islands on SR 18

Mrs. Strogan said Allen Biehl of ODOT asked for the Trustees comments to be sent to Rob Henwood of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Ostmann motioned that the islands in that plan be removed and be redesigned without the islands in it on State Route 18. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Ostmann aye, Mr. DeMichael no and Mr. Jarrett aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Cancellation of 1-29-15 Regular Meeting and Authorization for Fiscal Officer to Pay Bills

Mr. DeMichael said the Trustees and Fiscal Officer will be attending the OTA Conference in Columbus at the end of the month so the January 29, 2015, meeting will be cancelled.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to just go ahead and cancel that meeting. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

Authorization for Fiscal Officer to Prepare Accounts Payable for January 29, 2015

Mr. Jarrett motioned to authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare accounts payable checks for the regular meeting dated January 29, 2015, because Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mrs. DeHoff will be attending the OTA Winter Conference in Columbus, Ohio. There will be no Trustee meeting on January 29. The Township Board of Trustees will allow the Fiscal Officer to print those checks and the Trustees will sign the checks. The Trustee will then approve the checks by vote at the February 12, 2015, meeting. Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Authorization for Fiscal Officer to Prepare Payroll for January 29, 2015

Mr. Jarrett motioned to authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare payroll for the pay dated January 30, 2015, and to allow those funds to be direct deposited as usual to Township employees. Trustees will approve the payroll and sign whatever documents are necessary at the February 12, 2015, meeting (inaudible). Mr. DeMichael seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. DeMichael and Mr. Ostmann.

Speed Study for Foote Road

Mr. Ostmann said Foote Road is being used as a bypass and with all the additional traffic he would like the County to do a traffic study to get the speed lowered from 40 MPH to 35 MPH.

Mr. Ostmann motioned to ask the County to do a traffic study on Foote Road. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Mr. Jarrett asked if there would be a charge and Chief Arbogast said no. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Ostmann, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. DeMichael.

SPCA Contribution for 2015

Mr. DeMichael asked what we donated to the SPCA last year. Mrs. DeHoff will get those numbers. Mr. DeMichael tabled this until next meeting.

Budget Meeting Date

Mr. Jarrett said Trustees are asking all department heads to submit their budget requests no later than 5:00 pm January 30. Put copies in the Trustees and Fiscal Officers boxes. Mr. Jarrett would like to have the budget meeting Saturday, February 14 at 9 am. Chief Crumley and Chief Arbogast said they will not be in town. Mrs. DeHoff said the budget must be approved by the Trustees by February 26.

Mr. Jarrett motioned to have the budget meeting February 7 at 9:00 am. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. DeMichael.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. DeMichael motioned to open the floor for public comment. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann.

Cynthia Szunyog (4599 Hamilton Road) served on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee in 2008 and the current Committee and feels the Committee Members submitted a plan to the Trustees they felt would be the plan accepted as the people's document. Mrs. Szunyog said there was an open public meeting and a public survey was sent to everyone in the Township asking residents for their input. She requests that this document be the document accepted by the Trustees. If not, then she asks that a meeting between the Zoning Commission, who altered the Comprehensive Plan and the Steering Committee be held to discuss the changes made by the Zoning Commission.

Don Kuenzer (4591 Marks Road) said he had asked the Trustees the same question. Mr. Ostmann said Mr. Kuenzer informed them of workshops that were going to be held at the OTA Conference they would be attending so they will wait to set a Public Hearing date. Mr. Kuenzer feels a meeting still could be held between the Zoning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to discuss changes they made. Mr. Jarrett said a meeting could be held and they could submit their decision to the Trustees. Mr. Kuenzer asked what specifically the Trustees wanted the Zoning Commission to comment on. Mr. Ostmann said they asked them to review the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kuenzer asked if the draft Comprehensive Plan was the final document from Ms. Rosselli and was told yes. Mr. Kuenzer found that another plan will be coming from the EPA regarding the watershed and was concerned because the Zoning Commission took Conservation easements out of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. DeMichael said since they sent the final document to the Zoning Commission who made changes, it should now go back to the Steering Committee, selected by the Trustees, to review and respond to those changes because ultimately the Comprehensive Plan should be coming from them.

Cynthia Szunyog (4599 Hamilton Road) agreed that the Trustees should attend the sessions at the OTA Conference and said the Steering Committee should then hold another meeting before the Trustees hold a public hearing. She stated that the Comprehensive Planning is the vision of what the residents would like the Township to look like in the future and doesn't understand what has to be legal about what's in the Comprehensive Plan because the Zoning Commission and Trustees are not required to put into effect anything in the Comprehensive Plan, it is a guide from the residents. Mr. Jarrett said the legal issue was brought up by Mr. Kuenzer who suggested Trustees attend the session to see if there are any legalities from the State.

James Apana (3993 Dogleg Trail) stated that as both a member of the Zoning Commission and Steering Committees and in view of all the time and money spent on the Comprehensive Plan, since its inception several years ago, suggests that the ZC and SC get together, work it out and present the Trustees with a Comprehensive Plan that the people involved are willing to present. He would like them to answer questions one way or another on why they made the changes since the Trustees involved them both.

Robin Gray (4074 Reimsen Road) thanked the Service Department for repairing Reimsen Road. She also commented on how high the water was at the pylon for the new bridge on Route 3's multi-use path. Mr. Jarrett met with the homeowner where the pylons are and suggested he get elevation shots from the County.

Ms. Gray also presented a letter (see attached) to the Trustees regarding the Comprehensive Plan Committee and feels the community was not represented. She feels the people on the Steering Committee had their own plan. She said a Conservation Development is also a PUD (Planned Unit Development). She is in favor of the Conservation Developments but not in favor of the possible development that may take place in the future. Mr. Jarrett said he is all for conservation but when you have a conservation district managed by a Homeowners Association and the Board disbands you have problems with encroachment, etc. We have the Western Reserve Land Conservancy that buys property to conserve the land.

Don Kuenzer (4591 Marks Road) said he thinks either the Western Reserve Land Conservancy or Soil and Water Conservation would watch over a Conservation District if the Homeowners Association disbanded.

Sally Gardner (3333 Foskett Road) said she does not think that the land conservancy would take over a piece of property if the Homeowners Association disbanded. She feels he means if it has a conservation easement.

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Don Kuenzer (4591 Marks Road) again said there are people that would look into taking it over if we truly had conservation in our housing developments. The word conservation is not identified. We have open space and it is identified as recreational area. Mr. Kuenzer asked who puts the zoning packets together for the Zoning Commission members. Mrs. Ridgley reviews the documents submitted to be sure all the information is and Mrs. Shoemaker mails the packets to the Board Members. Mr. Kuenzer feels information regarding the Rocky River Watershed and Soil and Water for a development should also be in the packets for Board Members, when it applies, to help them make a better decision.

Cynthia Szunyog (4599 Hamilton Road) said no one had that information. She feels what Mr. Jarrett was saying is that you want to conserve land but people have the right to develop their property and the best you can do is the PUD.

The Chairmen of the Steering Committee and the Zoning Commission will contact their members to set a meeting date and notify the Trustees.

Anthony Ratajczak (4430 Nettleton Road) said the section of Route 3 from Granger Road to the Foote Road intersection is mainly in the City and with the opening of the multi-use path coming out on Reagan Parkway and Route 3 he fears there will be major accidents and sees a need for more traffic law enforcement. Police Chief Arbogast has spoken to the Mayor and ODOT and they will be doing additional traffic studies regarding the traffic flow and the timing of the lights.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to close the floor for public comment. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

Executive Session

Mr. DeMichael motioned to enter into Executive Session for employee compensation with myself, Trustee Jarrett, Trustee Ostmann and Fiscal Officer DeHoff. Mr. Jarrett seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Ostmann. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:37 pm.

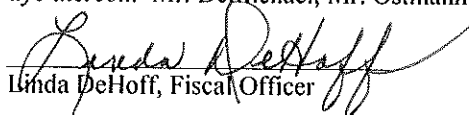
Mr. DeMichael motioned to reconvene from Executive Session and 10:44 pm. No decisions were made during that meeting. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.

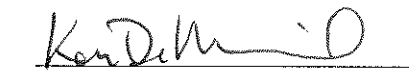
Robin Gray (4074 Remsen Road) clarified her comment on conservation subdivisions. She is not for PUD's or conservation subdivisions but where they are placed in her community. She does not want the community overdeveloped. Mr. Ostmann said he is for controlling density. Mr. Jarrett said the steering committee put conservation subdivisions in and the zoning commission pulled them out.

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Sally Gardner (3333 Foscett Road) said if you want to help conserve land, get involved with the fund raisers held by the Park District to purchase land before it gets developed.

Mr. DeMichael motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 pm. Mr. Ostmann seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. DeMichael, Mr. Ostmann and Mr. Jarrett.


Linda DeHoff, Fiscal Officer


Ken DeMichael, Chairman


Ray Jarrett, Vice-Chairman - R.J.


Bill Ostmann, Trustee - Vice-Chairman

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Dear Trustees

After reviewing the Medina Township Zoning Commission recommendations regarding the removal of conservation subdivisions in various policy areas, I find this to be contrary to the Medina Township Comprehensive Plan - Community Survey Results question number 20.

#20 Should additional efforts be made to protect natural resources and open space areas?

An 85% majority were in favor of protecting our open space areas and natural resources. It is my understanding that conservation subdivisions provide protection for at least 40% of the land so that it is permanently dedicated open space. Our residents will benefit immensely from protected woodlands which reduce the toxic pollutants that enter our streams, wetlands, and aquifers. Also, conservation will assist

stricter regulation on managing future storm water runoff. Please take a moment and reconsider the removal of conservation subdivisions, along with a better outline of explaining the boundaries of a conventional planned unit development.

Also, why were the zoning district requirements for central sewer and water services removed from all our zoning districts in Medina Township?

Should you have any questions, please call me at 330-461-1370.

Thank you very much for your time.
Robin M. Gray

85% in favor of open space & protecting our natural resources.

Question 20: Should additional efforts be made to protect natural resources and open space areas?

25-29	YES	12	30-44	YES	93
	NO	0		NO	18
45-54	YES	128	55-64	YES	210
	NO	27		NO	38
65-74	YES	171	75+	YES	79
	NO	27		NO	8

Question 21: Are you in favor of industrialized gas and oil drilling activity (fracking)?

25-29	YES	0	30-44	YES	28
	NO	12		NO	78
45-54	YES	42	55-64	YES	62
	NO	119		NO	186
65-74	YES	48	75+	YES	23
	NO	157		NO	71

EPA could

impose new regulations on six townships

Changes to stormwater management plans likely to be ordered by the state

By GLENN WOJCIAK
The Post staff writer

MEDINA — Six growing townships could soon find themselves subject to stricter regulations on managing storm water runoff imposed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Jeff Van Loon, district manager for the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District, said he has learned officials in Liverpool, Medina, York, Lafayette, Guilford and Montville townships will likely receive EPA notification early next year that they must develop storm water management plans.

Population growth in those townships indicated in the 2010 Census is expected to make some areas of those townships subject to Phase II of the EPA's storm water management regulations.

Storm water management plans must be filed with the Ohio EPA six months after receiving notification and include provisions for containing water runoff from construction sites and municipal garages, monitoring for illicit discharge from drain pipes and public outreach and education on the importance of managing storm water runoff.

The county, cities of Wadsworth, Brunswick and Medina and parts of Hinkleley, Brunswick Hills, Wadsworth, Granger and Sharon townships are already subject to the Phase II regulations for storm water management.

Van Loon said storm water management plans are updated every five years and are audited by the EPA. They are intended to improve water quality by limiting the amount of pollutants that enter streams and other waterways.

Federal legislation mandates that all municipalities reduce the quantity of pollutants from storm water runoff that run into water bodies. Unmanaged storm water can cause erosion and flooding. It can also carry excess nutrients, sediment and other contaminants into our waters.

The Medina County storm water management program includes both erosion and sediment control as well as storm water management.

What are the environmental impacts from storm water discharges? EPA guidelines state storm water runoff from lands modified by human activities can change natural hydrologic patterns, accelerating natural stream flows, destroying aquatic habitat and elevating pollutant concentrations and loadings. Such runoff may

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contain high levels of contaminants, such as sediment, suspended solids, nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen), heavy metals, pathogens, toxins and organic material, which consume high levels of oxygen.

According to Van Loon, many of the remedies for limiting storm water runoff are already in place through development guidelines established by the Medina County Engineer's Office and local zoning regulations.

However, the new Phase II storm water management plans ordered by the EPA require more careful monitoring of potential damage from storm water runoff and some additional provisions not already covered in building regulations.

Van Loon said his office has helped write all the existing storm water management plans in the county and will be available to assist those townships that receive EPA notification to write new plans.