

DARBY TOWNSHIP
February 13, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: Dennis Blumenschein, James Scheiderer, David Huston, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, David Gruenbaum, Jeff Jones, Wayne Kleiber, and Nathan Cunningham.

Chairman Blumenschein called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the January 9, 2023 monthly meeting of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Anspach provided information on the low hanging wires on Robinson and Unionville Roads. He indicated that a call has been placed to Frontier the owner of the wires, but they have not yet responded. The Trustees thanked Deputy Anspach on his follow-up on this item.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mr. Gruenbaum, BZC Chairman, presented the BZC's proposed revisions to the text of the Zoning Resolution. The proposed revisions are as follows:

- Amends Section 301 Contents of Application for Zoning Permit and Section 304 Expiration of Zoning Permit by clarifying timelines associated with expiration of zoning permits and extensions.
- Amends Section 1002 Swimming Pools clarifying and establishing barrier requirements, removing requirements related to the State Code, and reducing setbacks for community pools.
- Amends Section 1046 Solar Energy Systems. This change primarily amends production output maximums for accessory systems and clarifies net metering arrangements.
- Allows Transient Lodging as a Conditional Use, eliminating Bed and Breakfast Inn, in the A-1 District and the U-1 District.
- Updates definitions for agriculture and farm markets. Eliminates the definition of flag lot. And, reorganizes definitions related to these amendments included in the proposal. Definitions impacted are located in Article II Definitions.
- Eliminates the definition of flag lot and its exception under the definition of Lot Measurements. These definitions are located in Article II Definitions.
- Amends Section 1003 allowing for an additional accessory building of up to 100 sq. ft.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Gruenbaum and the BZC for their hard work on the proposed revisions. The Trustees will meet on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm to consider the proposed revisions. The proposed Zoning Resolution changes will be available for the public to view at the Unionville Center Post Office.

Mr. Jones inquired about purchasing a cemetery lot in the Unionville Center cemetery. Mr. Scheiderer explained the process and Mr. Jones, purchased a cemetery lot in the new Unionville Center cemetery.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Mark and Karen Cadie, 12385 Andrews Drive, Plain City – swimming pool

- Mr. Smith provided an update on the pool being built at 16245 Riverbirch Dr. He noted that the certified letters sent to the homeowner, pool installer, and the Autumn Ridge HOA were received. The homeowner is aware he will be responsible for any damage done to the road during the pool construction. Information will be forthcoming.
- Provided information on the proposed drainage from Mr. Ballantyne for three lots on Robinson Road. Mr. Smith will follow-up with the Cleman's family to assure that they have allowed for the drainage easement needed by Mr. Ballantyne for these lots.
- Mr. Smith will contact the Union County Building Department to inquire if they have the building capacity for the Darby Township Hall.
- Information was shared on an upcoming auction for property on Middleburg Plain City Road, Marysville.
- Mr. Blumenschein asked that Mr. Smith contact David McDaniel, 12560 St. Rt. 736, Marysville in regards to a structure being built on the back of the home. Information will be forthcoming.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer shared information on the most recent Pleasant Valley Fire District meeting.

Old Business:

A. Speed Sign

A discussion was held on the speed sign, and the need to have it out during good weather. Mr. Huston will attempt to get the speed sign out this month when the weather is good.

B. Township Web Site

- The January 2023 meeting minutes will be provided to Richwood Marketing to place on the website.
- Mr. Huston met with Unionville Center Council and asked if they would like to have a presence on the website. They approved placing information on the website and will provide that information to the Township in the future.
- Mr. Huston will design the postcard for the website announcement. The post card will be mailed out approximately two weeks after the "go live" date. Information will be forthcoming.
- Mr. Huston will speak to Richwood Marketing on the "go live" date and provide that information to the Trustees.
- A decision was made that Darby Township will continue to sent the Township newsletter out in the month of May.

C. Continue discussion on the use of ARPA Second Trance Funds

- Mr. Scheiderer provided a proposal for a tornado siren from Federal Signal. Mr. Scheiderer continues to work with Fairbanks Schools on the placement of the siren, and the annual maintenance it will require.
- Mr. Huston provided proposals for playground equipment. Mrs. Priday will contact Mr. Thayne Gray, Union County Prosecutors Office, and ask if the Township would be required to pay prevailing wages. Information will be forthcoming.
- A discussion was held on any remaining funds (after the purchase of the tornado siren and playground equipment) from ARPA with a discussion on splitting the funds between Marysville Fire Department and Union Township Fire Department. Information will be forthcoming.

D. Memorial Day 2023

- Mr. Huston has been in contact with the Fairbanks Band Director and shared with them that in addition to the band the Township may be interested in the Fairbanks Choir also participating in the Memorial Day ceremony. Mr. Kevin Mabry will be contacted and asked to sing again this year.

- b) Mr. Gray has been contacted in regards to the Township offering a meal after the Memorial Day Ceremony, which will be open to all Township residents. Mr. Gray continues to research this. Information will be forthcoming.

E. *Other Business* – no other business was presented.

New Business

- A. *2023 Mowing Contract* – Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to accept Mr. Tim Underhill’s 2023 mowing proposal. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- B. *Nixle 360* – Mr. Huston made a motion to approve the Nixle 360 annual fee of \$339.00. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- C. *Union County Sheriff 2023-2025 Labor Contract Spreadsheet* – A discussion was held on the labor contract spreadsheet provided by the Sheriff’s Office.
- D. *Tru Green Proposal* - Mr. Huston made a motion to approve the TruGreen proposal for the weed control at the Darby Township building and cemeteries. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed. TruGreen will be contacted and asked for a proposal for weed control at the playground. Information will be forthcoming.
- E. *Union County Township Officials Annual Meeting* - Mr. Blumenschein and Mrs. Priday will attend the March 2nd dinner. The Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Zoning Inspector each personally contributed \$20.00 for gift certificates to be raffled off at the banquet. The gift certificates will be purchased from Scheiderer Greenhouse and Scheiderer Bakery.
- F. *OTA Annual Dues* – A discussion was held on the OTA annual dues.
- G. *Other*
 - a. Three new white plastic tables have been purchased for the Township building. The wooden tables have been placed in the shed. The Trustees reviewed proposals for a new outside bulletin board.

Cemeteries

- A. *Addresses for the cemeteries:* Mitchell Cemetery – 10390 St. Rt. 38, Marysville, OH, Old Darby Township Cemetery – 131 Main Street, Unionville Center, New Darby Township Cemetery – 16400 Middleburg Plain City Road, Marysville.
- B. Mr. Scheiderer expects to receive a letter from the Mitchell Family requesting that they be allowed to apply for an Ohio Bronze Plaque for the Mitchell Cemetery. Information will be forthcoming.

Playground

Mr. Huston will email the playground report to Mrs. Priday.

Management Reports

The monthly Management Reports were available for the Trustees to review and provide comments.

Roads

Mr. Blumenschein and Mr. Scheiderer delivered the Darby Township Road Check report to the Union County Engineer’s Office.

Communications/Correspondence- Mr. Gray has been contacted in regards to the email that the Township received in regards to the New National Opioid Settlements. Mr. Gray is researching.