

DARBY TOWNSHIP
April 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 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, Chief Mark Kidd, and Nathan Cunningham

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

The minutes from the March 13, 2023 monthly meeting and the March 13, 2023 special 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 had no information to share. The Trustees asked that the Sheriff's Office provide additional coverage on Fladt Road, as it seems to be a raceway for vehicles. Mr. Blumenschein asked about placing strips on the road to count the number of vehicles using the road. Deputy Anspach suggested contacting the Union County Engineer's Office. Mr. Smith mentioned that there seems to be a lot of semi traffic on Middleburg Plain City Road going through Milford Center. Deputy Anspach indicated that he would follow-up on this concern.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

None

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Joseph Jones, 11627 St. Rt. 736, Marysville – accessory structure
 - Jeffery & Cathy Davis, 12033 Rausch Road, Marysville – porch
 - Thomas & Jacqueline Adams, 12285 Andrews, Plain City – accessory structure

The monthly report was discussed.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Chief Kidd provided information on the Pleasant Valley Fire District.

Old Business:

1) *Speed Sign*

A discussion was held on the speed sign, and the need to have it out during good weather. Mr. Huston indicated that he would pick up the sign and get it out during the busy planting time for Mr. Blumenschein and Mr. Scheiderer.

2) *Township Web Site*

1. Mr. Huston indicated that the monthly stats will be shared during future meetings.
2. The Trustees have received good feedback on the website from the community.

3) *ARPA Second Tranche Funds – Updates*

1. Playground Equipment
 - i) Mrs. Priday requested that Kinetic Recreation invoice the Township separately for the removal of the old equipment and the purchase and placement of the new equipment. Mr. Huston indicated that he would contact Kinetic and request two separate invoices.
2. Tornado siren(s)
 - i) Mr. Scheiderer has spoken to Mr. Schrig, Fairbanks Superintendent, about the tornado siren. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion indicating that Darby Township will pay the company directly for the tornado

siren. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston yea. Motion unanimously passed.

- 4) *Memorial Day 2023* – a personal invitation to the Darby Township Memorial Day parade/ceremony will be given to the Union County Commissioners
 - i) Program – Veterans List – Mr. Scheiderer provided an updated list of Veterans buried in all of the Darby Township cemeteries. Mrs. Priday will update the 2022 list in the computer, and take it to Marysville Printing to have a brochure listing the names of the Veteran's printed. She will also work with the Marysville JT to place a list of the Veterans buried in Darby Township in the Marysville JT.
 - ii) Placement of the flags on the Veterans graves. Mr. Scheiderer will contact the Weese family and ask that they place the flags on the graves again this year.
 - iii) The parade will be held this year, beginning at 9:30 am at the Township building and will proceed to the new Unionville Center cemetery. Parade participants will be asked to meet at the Township building by 9:00 am to begin to lineup for the parade. The Union County Sheriff's office will provide deputies to assist.
 - iv) Fairbanks band will participate in the parade and ceremony. A band trumpet player will play Taps.
 - v) A message will be placed on the website notifying Darby Township residents of the parade and asking those that are interested in participating to be at the Township building at 9:00 am to lineup for a 9:30 am start time.
 - vi) Honor Guard – Mr. Sam Fetty and Mr. Joe Newell have agreed to serve as Honor Guard.
 - vii) Pleasant Valley Fire Department will participate in the parade.
 - viii) Weather permitting the ceremony will be held outside.
 - ix) Pastor Frost will provide the invocation.
 - x) Kevin Mabry has agreed to provide music.
 - xi) Mr. Joe Newell will serve as the speaker.
 - xii) Janet Kaufman, will present the DAR wreath.
 - xiii) The meaning of "Taps" will be read during the ceremony
 - xiv) Flag presentation
 - xv) Lighthouse Church and the Township will provide a lunch after the ceremony on the Unionville Center Green. Mrs. Priday will contact the Unionville Center Mayor, Mr. Larry Burchett to receive approval to use the Unionville Center Green.
- 5) *Darby Township Handbook* – This item will be discussed during a future meeting.
- 6) *Other Business*

Mr. Blumenschein indicated that Mr. Neal Seaborn has asked to be moved from his seat on the BZC to an alternate position on the BZC due to his work schedule. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to move Ms. Jen Plahovinsak from her alternate position to Mr. Seaborn's position, and to move Mr. Seaborn to the bottom of the BZC Alternate listing. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

- 1) *April 1st Road Report* – Mr. Blumenschein has taken the report to the Union County Engineer's Office and reviewed the Township needs with Joyce Garrard. Information will be forthcoming.
- 2) *Ohio Department of Transportation Township Safety Sign Grant Program* – a discussion was held on the grant program, and a decision was made to not participate.
- 3) *Any Other New Business* - None

Cemeteries

Mr. Scheiderer will continue to cleanup the cemeteries and will fill the Mapes and Whitt graves with more dirt due to settling. He asked that Mrs. Priday contact Rumpke to begin monthly trash services beginning May 1st.

Playground

Mr. Huston emailed the playground report to Mrs. Priday.

Management Reports

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

Roads

The monthly road report was completed.

Communications/Correspondence- None