

DARBY TOWNSHIP
May 8, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, Gram Dick, LUC Representative, David Gruenbaum, and Joe Reinhard.

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

The minutes from the April 10, 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 had no information to share.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mr. Dick provided information on LUC's suggested minor revisions to the Darby Township Zoning Resolution. He reviewed the revisions:

- Definitions: Solar Energy Related Definitions
- Section 1046 – Small Solar Energy System

A discussion ensued. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to accept the revisions and to forward these to the BZC to consider during a public hearing. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed. The BZC meeting will be held on Friday, June 9th, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Thomas & Jacqueline Adams, 12285 Andrews, Plain City – accessory structure
 - John and Shelly Vincent, 16795 Raintree, Marysville – accessory structure

The monthly report was discussed. Mr. Smith indicated that he will send an email, in follow up, to the homeowner on St. Rt. 736 who has constructed a porch without a permit. A certified letter was sent to the homeowner last month.

- BZA Meeting
 - The BZA will hold a variance meeting for Andy and Brooke Tomblin on May 30th to consider allowing a larger than allowed accessory building.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

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

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 continue to put the sign out during the busy farming time.

2) *Township Web Site*

Mr. Huston provided an update on the website, sharing information on his monthly phone call with Ms. Renee Huffman, Richwood Marketing.

3) *ARPA Second Tranche Funds – Updates*

- Playground Equipment
 - 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.
- Tornado siren(s)
 - Mr. Scheiderer indicated that Fairbanks Schools continue to wait to hear back from Mr. Brad Gilbert, Union County EMS, on the status of the tornado sire. Information will be forthcoming.
- Marysville Fire Department Request
 - Chief Riley has provided a request for ARPA funds to assist in the payment of EMS supplies. A discussion was held with a decision that \$15,000 in ARPA funds could be provided at this time. Mrs. Priday has completed the initial paperwork and waiting on an invoice.

4) *Memorial Day 2023*

- i) Program – Veterans List – The Veterans List has been updated and will be sent to Marysville Printing. to have a brochure listing the names of the Veteran's printed. The Veterans names will also be forwarded to Marysville JT for the Darby Township Memorial Day full page remembrance of the Veterans buried in Darby Township.
- ii) Placement of the flags on the Veterans graves. The Weese family, from Unionville Center, will again place the flags on the graves of the Veterans buried in all Darby Township cemeteries.
- 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.
 - (1) Order of the Parade participants:
 - (a) Union County Deputy
 - (b) Fairbanks Band
 - (c) Darby Township Trustees
 - (d) Unionville Center Council and Mayor
 - (e) Community Members
 - (f) Pleasant Valley Fire Department
- iv) Fairbanks band will participate in the parade and ceremony. A band trumpet player will play Taps. The band will be provided \$350.00.
- 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 Captain Joey Newell have agreed to serve as Honor Guard. Each will receive \$100.00.
- 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. Pastor Frost will be provided \$100.00.
- x) Pastor Mast will provide the closing. Pastor Mast will be provided \$100.00.
- xi) Kevin Mabry has agreed to provide music. Mr. Mabry will be provided \$350.00.
- xii) Captain Joey Newell, speaker will be provided \$100.00.
- xiii) Mr. Scheiderer, Mr. Huston and Mrs. Priday will read the names of the Veterans buried in Darby Township.
- xiv) Janet Kaufman, will present the DAR wreath.
- xv) The meaning of "Taps" will be read during the ceremony. Mr. Huston has volunteered to read.
- xvi) Flag presentation – Mr. Scheiderer will read and Mr. Blumenschein will pass out the flags.
- xvii) Lighthouse Church and the Township will provide a lunch after the ceremony on the Unionville Center Green. Mrs. Priday and Mrs. Hershberger, with the church, have discussed the menu, which will be hot dogs, buns, potato chips, possibly fried donuts or cookies and bottled water. Mr. Scheiderer made

a motion to allocate \$500.00 for the community luncheon and \$170.00 for the rental of the porta johns. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to allocate a total of \$1200.00 in honorarium to the Memorial Day ceremony participants. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

- 5) *Darby Township Handbook* – This item will be discussed during a future meeting.
- 6) *Other Business*

New Business

- 1) *Union County Commissioners Memorial Day Resolution* – Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to accept the \$100 to assist with Memorial Day expenses from the Union County Commissioners. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 2) *Union County Engineer Resolution – Ketch Road* – Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to accept the estimate from the Union County Engineer's Office to complete the needed road repair on Ketch Road. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 3) *STAR Ohio* – Mr. Huston made a motion to wire \$500,000 from the Richwood Bank accounts to the STAR Ohio account. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 4) *NCO Resolution* – Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to approve the NCO Resolution to adopt the solid waste management plan for the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 5) *Spring Newsletter* – Mr. Huston will finalize the newsletter and email it to all public officials for a final review before sending it to the printer. The newsletter will be mailed no later than May 15th.
- 6) *Any Other New Business* – June meeting date. The June Darby Township meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th.

Cemeteries

Mr. Scheiderer indicated that the State of Ohio cemetery grant is available. A discussion was held on what ways the Township could use the funds. Information will be forthcoming.

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. Mr. Blumenschein indicated that he has spoken to the Union County Engineer's Office and requested that they count the amount of traffic on Fladt Road.

Communications/Correspondence- None