

DARBY TOWNSHIP
July 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 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, Nathan Cunningham, Union County Commissioner David Lawrence and Adham Schirg, David Gruenbaum and Brad Bodenmiller, LUC.

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

The minutes from the June 7, 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:

The Trustees thanked Deputy Anspach and the Union County Sheriffs Department for their assistance with Memorial Day.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Commissioner Lawrence shared information on how Senate Bill 52 allows for the Commissioners to ban economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and/or large solar facilities. A discussion ensued with Commissioner Lawrence encouraging Darby Township to express their desire to ban economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and/or large solar facilities. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to have Mrs. Priday prepare a letter to the Union County Commissioners requesting that the Union County Commissioners ban economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and/or large solar facilities in Union County, which all Trustees are to sign. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Adham Schirg, Fairbanks School Superintendent, shared information on the Fairbanks Local School District Master Facility Plan. He then shared information on the upcoming Fairbanks School levies, which will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Andy & Brooke Tomblin, 16047 Hawn Road, Plain City – accessory structure
 - Will Lexi Day, 17018 Robinson Road, Marysville – new home
 - Caleb & Ashley King, 12150 Andrews Drive, Plain City – new home
 - Greg Harris, 12225 Davin Court, Plain City – new home
- Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to allocate \$1400.00 for the purchase of the outdoor lights at the Township building. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing detailed follow-up information on open items.
- The Trustees met earlier in the evening to discuss the BZC recommendation to amend Article II Definitions - Solar Energy Related Definitions, and amending Section 1046 Solar Energy Systems. The Trustees approved the revisions and will record the revised Darby Township Zoning Resolution with the Union County Recorder's Office after the thirty day waiting period.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

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

Old Business:

1) *Speed Sign*

Mr. Huston indicated he had the speed sign out several times in the past month. A brief discussion was held on purchasing a solar powered speed sign to place on Middleburg Plain City Road near Unionville Center. Information will be forthcoming.

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. He will forward the website stats after he and Ms. Huffman talk this week.

Mr. Scheiderer requested that Mr. Huston ask Ms. Huffman to place information on the website in regards to the two cemetery plots now available in the rear of the new Unionville Center cemetery.

3) *ARPA Second Tranche Funds – Updates*

- The breakdown of the distribution of the second tranche funds were shared.
- After the below expenses there will be a balance of \$12,637.90 of ARP funds. A discussion was held on possible uses for the funds within the Township.
 - Tornado Siren – Fairbanks Schools - \$31,134.00
 - Kinetic Recreation - \$21,040.50 – balance of \$18,959.50 will be due after the playground equipment is installed.
 - Boundtree – Marysville Fire Dept. - \$14,996.18
 - Emergency Medical – Union Twp. Fire Dept. - \$10,039.77

4) *Darby Township Handbook* – A separate meeting will be scheduled to review the handbook material, which was distributed. Information will be forthcoming.

5) *Thank You Letter* – A thank you letter was signed to Jim and Theresa Weese for their dedication to Darby Township for placing the American flag on the graves of the Veterans buried in Darby Township.

6) *Other Business* - None

New Business

1) *Township Building Cleaning* – Mrs. Priday indicated that she spent 3+ hour cleaning the Township building.

She shared that the Township building floor is not getting mopped after it is rented. The Township building rental agreement has been revised that the building floor must be mopped by the lessee. A discussion ensued with Mr. Huston indicating that a quarterly cleaning schedule be developed. The schedule will be as follows:

- *October 2023 cleaning* – Mr. Huston
- *January 2024 cleaning* – Mrs. Priday
- *April 2024 cleaning* – Mr. Huston
- *June 2024 cleaning* – Mrs. Priday

2) *Information on Rental of Building for a Day Camp* – A discussion was held on the request that was received from a Darby Township resident to rent the building for a week long American Girl History Camp. The residents has decided not to offer the camp at this time. The Trustees indicated that building rental request such as this will be handled on a case by case basis.

3) *Thank you Letters*

- Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to approve and sign the thank you letters to Mrs. Barbara Nicol for her in-depth research on the Veterans buried in the Darby Township cemeteries and to Mr. Michael Williamson for taking pictures of the Darby Township Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

4) *NCO Grant – 2023*

- A discussion was held on applying for the NCO grant. Mr. Blumenschein has received the invoice from Specialty Container (Mr. Levan). Mrs. Priday will have a check prepared for Specialty Container for the August 2023 meeting.

5) *Darby Township 2023 Clean-Up Day*

- A discussion was held on the clean up date with the decision to leave the clean up day the first Saturday in October, which will be October 7th from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Information will be forthcoming. Post cards will be mailed to Township residents with the date and time of the clean up.
- 6) *2023 Darby Township Annual Records Commission Meeting* – has been scheduled for Monday, August 14th at 7:15 pm.
 - 7) *Other Business*

Cemeteries

Mr. Scheiderer indicated that Mrs. Norma Kuhn has requested to sell back her cemetery plot number 222 to Darby Township. Mr. Huston made a motion to purchase cemetery plot 222 in the Unionville Center cemetery for \$150.00. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston yea. Motion unanimously passed.

Playground

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

Mr. Blumenschein indicated that Mr. John Scheiderer will donate his time to repaint the spring ponies in the playground.

Mr. Huston indicated that Kinetic Recreation is scheduled to install the new playground equipment the end of August or first of September. A discussion ensued with the Trustees requesting that the old swing set and monkey bars be removed the week of August 14th. Mr. Huston will contact Kinetic Recreation and request a price for a new set of monkey bars. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to approve the purchase of monkey bars for the playground at a price not to exceed \$5000.00. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea, and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

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- The thank you letter from the Union County Military Support was shared.