

DARBY TOWNSHIP  
September 11, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES

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The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 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 Representative Tracy Richardson, Chris Richardson, Scott Smith, David Huber, Terry Nicol and Dennis Graham.

Chairman Blumenschein called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was held for 9-11 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the August 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:**

Deputy Anspach had no information to share. Mr. Blumenschein asked if a Deputy was assisting Fairbanks Schools with morning and afternoon traffic. Deputy Anspach indicated that they recently began assisting the school as they had done last school year.

**Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:**

Representative Richardson provided information on the following:

- Tax reform & relief
- Education
- Public Safety and Veterans Supports
- Health and Human Services
- Agriculture

Mr. Graham, Mr. Huber and Mr. Nicol were in attendance to receive their new Zoning Resolution manual.

**Zoning Inspector Report:**

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
  - Bruce and Lori Rausch, 18405 Sam Reed Road, Marysville, pool
  - Charles Shope, 11919 Rausch Road, Marysville, Accessory structure
  - Dave & Sandra Smeenk, 10160 Horn Drive, Plain City, new home
  - Jim & Terry Myers, 11079 Darby West, Plain City, room addition
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing detailed follow-up information on open items.
- A home owner on Kandel Road is tearing down an old barn and repurposing the wood from the old barn for a new smaller barn. A discussion was held on whether to allow the home owner to begin the new barn before the old barn was completely torn down. All Trustees agreed that the home owner could build the new barn at the same time they are tearing down the old barn.

**Pleasant Valley Fire District:**

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

**Old Business:**

- 1) *Speed Sign*

Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he had the speed sign out several times in the past month. Mr. Huston will pick the speed sign up from Mr. Scheiderer and have responsibility for it during the harvest season.

- 2) *Speed Sign update from Union County Engineer*  
Mr. Blumenschein indicated that the signs are expected to be delivered to the Union County Engineer's Office in the next week and should be installed in the next couple of weeks. A discussion was held on the placement of the signs on Middleburg Plain City Road.
- 3) *Township Website Traffic*  
Mr. Huston explained the report from Richwood Marketing on the usage of the website.
- 4) *ARPA Second Tranche Funds – Updates*
  - The new playground equipment is expected to be installed by the end of the month. The ARPA fund balance after the final payment for the playground equipment and speed sign will be \$1,996.65.
- 5) *Darby Township Handbook – A separate meeting will be scheduled to review the handbook material later this year.*
- 6) *Finalize Darby Township 2023 Clean-up Day–* The NCO Grant application has been submitted. Five clean-up day signs have been received, and the Fiscal Officer will order five more for placement throughout the Township. Mr. Blumenschein and Mr. Scheiderer will meet at the Township building to setup for the clean-up day at 7:30 am. Mr. Huston has umpire responsibilities that day but will attempt to find someone else to assume the umpire role during the second game. Mr. Huston will plan to pick-up all of the signs at the end of the day.
  - *Placement of the Fall Clean Up Day Signs*
    - i) Mr. Huston will install at these locations:
      - (1) Robinson Road (SE end)
      - (2) Robinson Road (NW end)
      - (3) Middleburg Plain City road/SR 161
      - (4) Middleburg Plain City road/SR 38
    - ii) Mr. Scheiderer will install at these locations:
      - (1) Unionville Center Road/Middleburg Plain City Road (at the park)
      - (2) Hawn Road/SR736
      - (3) Hawn Road/Robinson Road
    - iii) Mr. Blumenschein will install at these locations
      - (1) Kandel Road/SR 736
      - (2) Scottslawn Road/SR 736
      - (3) Adams Road/SR 736 or Fladt Road/SR 736
- 7) *Outside Trash Cans –* A discussion was held on the revised proposal from JB Tubulars with a decision not to purchase the trash cans as it was felt they could be purchased elsewhere at a lower cost. Mr. Huston indicated he could speak to Kinetic, the playground equipment provider, on the cost of trash cans.
- 8) *Follow-up/Approval on Richwood Bank-Ohio Pooled Collateral System Changing to Insured Cash Sweeps -* Mrs. Priday contacted Local Government Services (LGS) in regards to the Township's ability to make this change. Per Local Government Services the Township may make this change. Richwood Bank indicated that each signer on the accounts at Richwood Bank are insured up to \$250,000. Darby Township requires four signers on each account, therefore the accounts are insured up to \$1,000,000. Mr. Huston made a motion to change from the Ohio Pooled Collateral System at Richwood Bank to the Insured Cash Sweep. Mr. Scheiderer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 9) *Fall Festival –* A discussion was held on the Township's role in the upcoming Fall Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Huston indicated that he would like to be a chili taster. Mr. Scheiderer made a motion to donate \$200 for the Fall Festival for the Lighthouse Church to use as deemed necessary. Mr. Huston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Blumenschein, yea, Mr. Scheiderer, yea and Mr. Huston, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 10) *Other Business*

### **New Business**

- 1) *Follow-up on UCOTA September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting information* – Mrs. Priday shared the meeting material that was received at the meeting. A discussion was held on the use of the forms, with a decision made that Mr. Gray would be contacted before any of the forms would be used.
- 2) *Other Business* – Mr. Blumenschein indicated that he had not received any communication from Mr. Braun or Mr. and Mrs. Cox in regards to the Right of Way encroachment at 165845 Raintree Drive, Marysville. He will speak to Mr. Gray, Union County Prosecutor, and ask for direction on resolving this issue. Information will be forthcoming.

### **Cemeteries**

Mr. Scheiderer shared information on a grave in the Unionville Center Cemetery for Gabrielle Arend with a date of December 30, 2010. He noted that the Township does not have any burial records. A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Arend, 15241 Hawn Road, Plain City requesting information.

### **Playground**

Mr. Huston emailed the playground report to Mrs. Priday. Mr. Huston provided cost estimates for rubber mulch and turf for the playground. Both, products are cost prohibitive. Once the new playground equipment is installed the Trustees will discuss having more mulch put in the playground. A brief discussion was held on how to fluff the mulch in order to keep it safe. Mr. Huston will research and see if there is a tool that can be used to fluff the mulch on a monthly basis.

### **Management Reports**

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

### **Roads**

The monthly road report was completed. The Trustees completed their semi-annual road check on August 30<sup>th</sup>. A thank you letter was sent to the Engineer's Office, thanking them for the great mowing job they have provided to the Township.

**Communications/Correspondence-** No communication was received.