

DARBY TOWNSHIP
August 8, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, August 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, David Huber, Terry Nicol, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, Sheriff Mike Justice, Jamie and Jack Wolf, Amy and John Macko, Dave Lawrence (Union County Commissioner), and Steve Francis.

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

The minutes from the July 14, 16, and 17 meetings of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Mike Justice was in attendance, he shared a few of the upcoming events the Sheriff's office is sponsoring. The 2025 Citizens Academy, and the Women's Firearms Safety Course. The Sheriff distributed an information pamphlet on the benefits of a PSO for the Trustees to review.

Deputy Louden provided information on the monthly stats from the Sheriff's Office. The Trustees shared with the Deputy that Robinson Road and Middleburg Plain City Road does not have a speed limit sign. Sheriff Justice will look into this.

The Trustees suggested that the Darby Township PSO be in attendance during the Township Clean Up Day on October 4th. Information will be forthcoming.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mr and Mrs. Macko, residents of Pleasantview shared their concern of tree branches that are blocking a portion of the Stop sign at the end of Unionville Road before entering Pleasantview. A discussion ensued with Mr. Nicol indicating that he would contact the Union County Engineer's Office to trim the branches. (The branches were removed on Thursday, August 14th.) The Wolf's and the Macko's both shared their concern for the speeding dump trucks in Pleasantview and Unionville Center. Sheriff Justice made note of this concern.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Jay and Jean Lipovich, 9555 Ward Road, Plain City – Deck
 - Jeff Pister, 9503 St. Rt. 736, Plain City – Accessory building
 - William Harkless, 8522 Scheiderer Road, Plain City – Above ground swimming pool
 - Troy Hickman, 16320 Riverbirch, Marysville – Accessory structure
 - Charles Tate Wilson, 10849 Darby Blvd. W, Plain City – Accessory structure
- Mr. Huber moved to pass Resolution 2025-8-11, which requests and authorizes the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney to initiate legal action to enforce the Darby Township Zoning Resolution at R and J Truck Service, LLC, 8744 Unionville Road, and authorizing the Fiscal Officer to pay the filing

fee. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

- Mr. Smith has sent letters to two Township residents who have installed pools but not yet installed a pool fence. Information will be forthcoming.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer presented the monthly report.

Old Business

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Huber indicated that he has had the speed sign out a few times, and will continue to put it out. It was suggested that the sign be placed near Fairbanks Schools as school will be starting on August 20th.
- 2) *Township Website Traffic* - Mr. Huber distributed and reviewed the report. Based on the report the numbers are down but this is to be expected during the summer month.
- 3) *Richwood Bank Positive Pay* – No exceptions were reported for the month of July 2025.
- 4) *Approval of outside water spicket \$608.50* – Mr. Nicol made a motion to approve the quote from Foust Plumbing for the placement of a water spicket at the Township building. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Scheiderer yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 5) *2025 Project MORE Grant* – Mrs. Priday indicated that she has submitted the 2025 MORE Grant for the new playground equipment. If OTARMA approves Darby Township's application the Township could possibly receive \$1000 to assist in the purchase of the new playground equipment.
- 6) *2024 and 2025 NCO Grant* – Mrs. Priday indicated that Darby Township did not receive the check from NCO for the 2024 grant. NCO will void the 2024 check and reissue a check for \$675.00 for the 2024 grant. Mr. Scheiderer signed the 2025 NCO grant application. Information will be forthcoming.
- 7) *Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector Job Descriptions* – A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th at 8:00 am to review and revise the job descriptions if needed.
- 8) *Board of Zoning Commission (BZC) Alternate Member* – No one has expressed an interest in serving on the BZC. The Trustees will continue looking for a BZC alternate member.
- 9) *Township Building Floor Update* – Mr. Scheiderer met with Columbus Epoxy in regards to the deterioration of the Township building floor. Mr. Huber indicated that he has another company that will be inspecting the floor and providing a quote later this month. Mr. Nicol requested that this matter be tabled.
- 10) *New Playground Equipment Install Scheduled Mid-September* – Mr. Huber indicated that he would provide the install date of the equipment once he receives confirmation of the date.
- 11) *2026 Memorial Day Speaker* – Mr. Scheiderer will contact one of the Bailey men who live in the Township and ask if they would consider being the speaker for the 2026 Memorial Day Ceremony. Mr. Huber spoke to Mr. Fetty and he prefers to be an Honor Guard.
- 12) *Other Business*

New Business

- 1) *Sheriff Mike Justice – Cemetery Drone Assistance* – Mr. Huber will follow-up with Sheriff Justice.
- 2) *Heat Pump quotes (Foust, Eller & Sons, and Wolfe Innovations LLC)* - Mr. Huber and Mr. Nicol will review the quotes and provide information during the September meeting.
- 3) *September meeting* – The September regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm. This information will be posted on the Township website.

- 4) *Clean Up Day/PSO Levy Postcard* – The postcard was reviewed and updated. It will be printed and ready to be stamped by the August 26th meeting date.
- 5) *2026 Officials Compensation Details* – Mrs. Priday provided information on the 2026 Township Officials compensation that was published in the August Grassroots.
- 6) *Drywall repair at Township Building* – Mr. Nicol made a motion to approve the proposal of W & S Construction, LLC of \$2,200 for the repair of ceiling drywall and painting of the ceiling. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 7) *Cybersecurity requirements* – Mrs. Priday noted that she had spoken with Aaron Willis with OTARMA and he indicated that the new State cybersecurity requirements for a Township will need to be in place by July 2026. The Union County Prosecutor is working on the Township policy and OTARMA offers several videos to view that will meet the required education for Township Officials and employees.
- 8) *Other Business* – None

Cemeteries

Mr. Nicol made a motion to approve Longstreth to complete the cleaning the headstones at the Mitchell cemetery at a cost of \$8,000. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.

A discussion was held on ordering stakes to mark graves at the Unionville Center Cemetery. Mr. Nicol will order 25 stakes.

Playground

- Mr. Huber noted that the weeds need to be sprayed in the playground. Mr. Scheiderer indicated he would spray the weeds.

Management Reports

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

Roads

The road report was completed. Mr. Nicol provided a report on the status of the cracks in the roads in Autumn Ridge subdivision.

The Township Trustees will hold their fall road inspections on September 4th at 8:00 am. They will meet at the Township building and then proceed to the Township roads.