

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Etna Township Trustees Regular Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

July 5th,

2011

Held _____ 20_____

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 5th, 2011 in the Etna Township Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Carlisle. Mark Schaff led the invocation and Mrs. Schaff led The Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call showed Trustees John Carlisle, Randy Foor, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present. Trustee Jeff Johnson was absent.

Trustee Foor moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Foor moved to approve the June 18th, 2011 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and the motion passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Public Comments - none**Reports**

Road Department – The written Road Report was reviewed.

Zoning Department – The written Zoning and MORPC Reports were reviewed.

Water and Sewer – David Goll stated the Columbia Road Project should start in August and finish in sixty (60) days. Trustee Carlisle requested Mike Waller be included in the pre-construction.

Fire District – Trustee Foor reported the Fire Board has negotiated a new contract with the firefighters union.

Fiscal Officers Report

June 01, 2011

	Receipts	Expenditures
General Fund	-6,752.25	53,457.10
MV License Tax	5,643.91	8,854.78
Gasoline Tax	2,405.61	479.07
Road & Bridge Fund	895.99	17,436.45
Cemetery	0.00	0.00
Special Assessment	0.00	0.00
Misc. Special	0.00	0.00
Misc. Debt	0.00	0.00
Road Right of Way Permit	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	27,193.26	80,227.40

Funds Total June 30th, 2011 is \$1,314,785.18.

F/O Rogers stated all items are on budget or ahead of budget with the exception of the gas tax receipts. F/O Rogers had contacted Licking County regarding the shortage in gas tax and is waiting for a reply.

F/O Rogers stated the Star Ohio Investment account will be an interest rate of .001 for the next month.

Resolution 11-07-05-04: Trustee Foor moved to approve the transfer of \$250,000 to Park National Bank. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The 2009/2010 Audit is complete and a report will be presented back to the Board of Trustees.

Announcements and Trustee Comments

Trustee Carlisle and Chris Harkness have been meeting on the RFP's on the Taylor Road Project and will be interviewing candidates tomorrow.

Trustee Foor moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

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Public Hearing

Trustee Carlisle opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. for the Text Amendment submitted by Tricia Kilcoyne for the property located at 8282 National Road. The applicant is requesting a rezoning from Local Business (LB) to General Business (GB).

Chris Harkness provided an overview of the zoning map amendment. The proposed use for the property is for used car sales. The current use is a towing and repair facility. The Future Land Use Plan shows this area as local commercial and the draft Future Land Use Plan recommends this area be residential. The recommendations from the Licking County Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission were to deny. There are no properties zoned general business near this property. The staff recommends denial on the proposal.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Foor moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Resolution 11-07-05-05: Trustee Foor moved to deny the request submitted by Tricia Kilcoyne for the property located at 8282 National Road requesting a rezoning from Local Business (LB) to General Business (GB). The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Old Business

Citizen of the Year Award

Trustee Carlisle provided some history on Etna Township and Morris Schaff. Trustee Carlisle thanked Charles and Cheryl Hagy for nominating Morris Schaff.

Judge David Stansbury presented the proclamation to proclaim Morris Schaff as the Etna Township 2011 Citizen of the Year to the Schaff Family.

Resolution 11-07-05-01: Whereas, Morris Schaff served the United States Army from June 17, 1862 till December 31, 1871; and **Whereas,** Mr. Schaff achieved the ranks of 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and Captain during the Civil War, and was considered a champion broadswordsmen; and **Whereas,** he was appointed Brigadier General of the Massachusetts Militia in 1880 and served three years; and **Whereas,** General Morris Schaff was fearless, fair-minded, incorruptibly honest and served his country with compassion, and unselfish dedication; and **Whereas,** Morris Schaff received many honors, the presidency of the Alumni Association of West Point, the degree of LL.D. from Williams College, and of Litt. D. from Otterbein University; **Therefore be it Resolved,** that the Etna Township Trustees commend General Morris Schaff for his service to the United States Army, his thoughtfulness, unselfish commitment and dedicated service that allows us the freedoms that we have and enjoy today; and **Be it further Resolved,** that the Etna Township Trustees extend our deepest appreciation and sincerest admiration to the Schaff family and pay tribute to General Morris Schaff.

Public Hearing

Trustee Carlisle opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. on the Draft Etna Township Comprehensive Plan

Ryan Edwards with the Licking County Planning Commission provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. Ryan Edwards discussed forming the Implementing Committee after the plan is adopted. Ryan Edwards provided an overview of the recommended Land Use Map.

Public Comments

Doug Evans of 301 Laurel Drive asked what percentage of the current Etna Industrial Park is being used. Trustee Carlisle added what is the total percentage of land zoned for manufacturing. Chris Harkness stated around 25% or about 1/4 of the total land zoned manufacturing is developed and roughly 15% is designated for Manufacturing on the proposed Land Use Map.

Trustee Foor asked Ryan Edwards what was the strongest reason for the manufacturing designated on the east side of the township. Ryan Edwards stated based upon the Erk rezoning that was an appropriate use for this area and the proximity to S.R. 158. The Comprehensive Planning Committee felt this was an appropriate use for this area. This could alleviate some traffic from S.R. 310. Ryan Edwards recommended denial for the Erk rezoning because the Land Use Plan at the time did not support the rezoning.

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Dee Trivett of 10311 Taylor Road inquired on where she could review a copy of the Draft Comprehensive Plan. There is a copy available on the township's website and it can also be purchased.

Barbara Serve' of 6224 National Road stated S.R. 158 is currently a two lane road. Ryan Edwards explained that this is a broad plan that if the land is developed it will go through access plans with Licking County regarding traffic and access to the land.

Mark J. Schaff of 7461 National Road stated his comments will be centered on the east end of the township. Mark Schaff pointed out the properties on the far east of the township that are zoned agriculture and feels this area should also be shown as agriculture on the Land Use Map/plan also. The Comprehensive Planning Committee voted three times on this area. The first two times the votes were 5-3 and the last vote was 4-4. This recommendation was controversial. Mark Schaff does not see the Ohio Department of Transportation improving State Route 158 in the near future. Mark Schaff referenced the Reelhorn Farm and feels changing this to industrial would be unethical. Changing this to industrial would also be unfair to the land owners who wish to participate in the AEPP (Agriculture Easement Purchase Program). Mark Schaff also feels this recommendation is probable illegal and reference Ohio Revised Code. This recommendation is poor planning because it recommends industrial sprawl.

Robert Collins of 9339 York Road is against the M1 Industry. Robert Collins provided a statement from Diana Brown also against the M1 Industry and also spoke with other landowners in the area who are also against this classification.

Jim Kiracofe Administrator for the Licking County Soil and Water located at 771 East Main Street commended the Trustees for the Comprehensive Plan and listening to the input of the community. Jim Kiracofe referenced the Reelhorn Farm and stated he is speaking tonight as a Trustee of the Farm Bureau. He stated there is a growing demand for the use of the land. He feels we need balanced Land Use Plans. Jim Kiracofe also spoke about planning for open space. He stated part of the Reelhorn farm is in the flood plain. Jim Kiracofe stated if the property owner is not designated as agriculture they would be highly unlikely to be funded for the AEPP Program.

Barbara Serve' of 6224 National Road supports the arguments that Mark Schaff presented. Does not want to see a change in this area and will impact the quality of life of the citizens in this area. Barbara Serve' would like the land to remain agriculture.

Dick Knapp of 108 Longwood Crossing Blvd is in support of the prior comments regarding this area. Dick Knapp provided history on the land that was changed to manufacturing a couple years ago because of its proximity to State Route 158 and Interstate 70. Dick Knapp held the hearing up for a couple of weeks because he was not comfortable making the decision to rezone the property. The Trustees had the assurances of the buffering for M1 for the area residents. But six months ago he found out from the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District that the water supply runs in this area. He believes if the Trustees had that information over two years ago that land would not have been rezoned. He thanked the committee members for their time serving on the Comprehensive Planning Committee. He supports changing the land use to agriculture. Dick Knapp would not have supported the rezoning if the aquifer runs in this area. Trustee Carlisle discussed the request that was previously made by the Board of Trustees to Don Rector of Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District for a water shed plan that is extended further.

Virginia Schaff of 7461 National Road strongly supports her neighbor's, the Reelhorn's, who desire their farmland remain designated agriculture. She is against the M1 designation. Virginia Schaff stated the township has approximately 1,700 acres zoned M1 or M2 and 1,900 acres are planned as industrial in the draft Comprehensive Plan. Only about one-fourth of the land already zoned M1 or M2 is being used for industrial development. Virginia Schaff requested the Trustees uphold the present zoning map and leave the land as agriculture.

Richard Reelhorn of 6653 National Road would like to have his land remain as agriculture, the way it is.

Walter Rogers of 113 Aster Court discussed the rezoning affecting the property owner being able to participate in the agriculture programs. Walter Rogers stated the land owners may not have a say if someone petitions to have the land rezoned and by designating this land it could be thrown out of the CAUV program. Walter Rogers supports the property owner's right to use their land as they so choose.

Jim Kiracofe of 771 E. Main Street discussed the water and aquifers in the area and future development.

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Trustee Foor asked Jim Kiracofe for an explanation of the Agriculture Easement Purchase Program. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has an Agriculture Easement Purchase Program that any farmer can apply for. The scoring is based on soil, how close you are to infrastructure/development, if it is zoned agriculture you will get the maximum of points if it is not zoned agriculture you will get zero points, you get more points if you are next to farmland already in the program, it is very competitive.

Trustee Foor moved to close the public hearing at 8:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Carlisle on behalf of the Board of Trustees thanked each individual that was on the Comprehensive Planning Committee on.


Resolution 11-07-05-06: Trustee Carlisle moved to accept the Comprehensive Planning Committee's recommendation and to reserve the right for amendments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor.

Discussion: Trustee Foor discussed the property on the east side of the township remaining agriculture and also thanked the committee for their hard work.

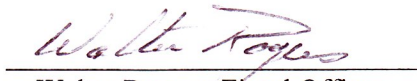
Trustee Foor moved to amend the motion that the Reelhorn property and the other 200 acres remain agriculture. (All property east of the current M1 remain in agriculture) The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

The roll call on the motion as amended passed by unanimous affirmative vote.

Trustee Foor moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlisle and passed by unanimous affirmative vote.



John Carlisle, President



Walter Rogers, Fiscal Officer