## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of Meeting Etna Township Trustees Special Meeting GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148 September 9, 2020 Held. 20. The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at the Etna Township Garage for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carlisle. Jeff Johnson led the invocation and John Carlisle led The Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Carlisle read the Public Hearing Requirements. Roll call showed Trustees Jeff Johnson, Randy Foor, John Carlisle, and Fiscal Officer Walter Rogers present. Trustee Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. Trustee Johnson moved to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Foor and passed by unanimous affirmative vote. **Old Business -**To consider the application submitted by Scannell Properties for property owners Robert and Judith Reelhorn located at 11176 National Road to rezone from Agricultural District (AG) and General Business District (GB-1) to Planned Mixed-Use Development District (PMUD). The public hearing was closed on August 26, 2020. The Trustees have received the requested modifications from the applicant. Bill Lozier is representing the Licking County Transportation Improvement District (TID) and is working on a study of the traffic in this area. He provided an overview of what the TID does and explained how the township and county is governed by the Ohio Revised Code. The township approached the TID about a Circulator System to help with the truck traffic and congestion. Bill Lozier referenced the Etna Parkway Project and discussed extending the road over I70. Bill Lozier provided a map of the proposed plan. Trustee Carlisle would like to see a full or partial interchange, which requires a lot of Federal requirements from the Federal Highway Administration. This loop would provide a relief on the truck traffic. It is easier for a truck to make a right turn versus a left turn. They have initiated traffic studies at these interchanges and impact studies in this area. This development is on Tollgate Road and will be supported with the traffic studies in this area. This concept is in the study phase. These improvements will not leave any parcel landlocked regarding access. Bill Lozier feels Etna Township has done a great job trying to stay ahead of the traffic issues in the township. If the rezoning is approved then the TID will work with the developer to help handle the truck traffic from their development which they have had some discussion regarding already. The MORPC Study included a junction from US33. Bill Lozier has worked with Fairfield County TID and Violet Township regarding truck traffic. The law does not allow counties to prohibit truck traffic like a city can. A north south road from Etna to Violet township would help the townships but not the City of Pickerington. The bridge over I70 on Tollgate Road is owned by O.D.O.T. not the county so it would be up to O.D.O.T. to close the overpass. Bill Lozier does not know why they would want to maintain two bridges so close together and an alignment with Etna Parkway would help with the truck traffic and make a thru route and get the trucks away from the cars. This development would have access from Tollgate Road. The Trustees discussed the Traffic Study and the full study has not been provided to the township but has been provided to the Licking County Engineer's office. The Trustees discussed the proposed site plan with two buildings on the property and verified the three entry points on Tollgate Road and one on US40. David Hodge explained the access point on US40 will be a right-in right-out only going east bound on US40 for all traffic. On Tollgate Road they currently propose four access points and are currently working on these access points and this plan with Licking County and the township and stated this is not the final plan. One access is from the auto lot and the two down further are for truck access which they are studying the possibility of combining two accesses. The southern will be predominately auto but the trucks could access also. This is a concept and they will be back with the Preliminary Development Plan and Final Development Plan after they complete the Traffic Studies. The Trustees discussed two of the entrances being too close together and recommended combining them. They also discussed the other entrances and possibly combining them also. The Trustees discussed the entrances with the developer. They discussed keeping the auto and truck traffic separate for safety. The text will need to be approved this evening regarding the access and then site specific with the Preliminary Development Plan and Final Development Plan. The developer is currently working with the Licking County Engineer's office on the Traffic Impact Study and will make modifications from their recommendations and approval by the Board of Trustees.

The application in front of the Trustees is the original application and will be modified this evening. The text regarding access and entrances on Tollgate Road will need to be amended.

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