

Held June 16, 2025

The Etna Township Board of Trustees met on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the Etna Township Hall, 81 Liberty Street, Etna, Ohio 43018 for the purpose of conducting a special meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gary Burkholder.

Trustees Present

Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

Trustees Absent

Others in Attendance

Holly Palumbo, Jackie Cotugno, Don Copley, and Kristina Amundson

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Moved by: Mark Evans  
Seconded by: Gary Burkholder

Yes Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

Carried 3-0

Discussion - Trustee Evans stated he was disappointed the meeting was not properly advertised and signs were just posted the day before. Trustee Evans believes the WIN Waste mailers were not utilized. Trustee Evans believes the Park Committee was not notified of the public meeting.

3. Presentation

Special Public Information Meeting on High Point Park Improvement Project - Amy Kaye Taylor with MKSK presentation

High Point Park Plan.pdf

Amy Kaye Taylor and Olivia Sorenson with MKSK presented on the High Point Park Improvement Project. Phase one and phase two were discussed at the meeting. There were comment cards provided for the residents. Phase one focuses on immediate improvements and infrastructure upgrades. Phase two will involve programming and additional features, contingent on future funding. A timeline for construction drawings was mentioned as July 15th for phase one.

There was a discussion about new appraisal and changes in project details. Trustee McKee questioned why the grills were removed from the park. Don Copley stated the grills were rusted and only had been used a couple of times during the last six months. There was an emphasis on community engagement for future phases.

Victoria Parks - 181 Pebble Creek Drive - Ms. Parks suggested removing the grills completely. The grills could be a safety hazard and removing them would prevent injuries.

Shelly Marie Ipacs - Royalty Drive - Mrs. Ipacs questioned where the stairs would be. Mrs. Ipacs also mentioned that the dog park waste receptacles will put off a bad odor during hot

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days.

The Etina Township Blessing Box will remain part of the park.

Trustee Evans mentioned the possibility of having a safety fence on the 310 side to prevent a child or pet getting onto 310.

There was a concern from a resident regarding the financing of the High Point Park project. Trustee Burkholder explained the process of funding the project.

Clarification on phase one and phase two construction timelines were discussed. There will be a need for public feedback before finalizing phase two.

Issues with the lack of community awareness regarding the meeting were mentioned. Trustee Evans highlighted the importance of involving the park committee for their insights.

There were mentions of potential changes to include playgrounds and other amenities in the design.

The meeting highlighted the necessity for better communication with the community and the involvement of relevant committees to ensure public input is considered in project planning. There is a commitment to send updated plans to the board and seek further community engagement before moving forward with planning.

4. Announcements

Next Trustee Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.


5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by: Rozland McKee-Flax  
Seconded by: Gary Burkholder

Yes Gary Burkholder, Mark Evans, and Rozland McKee-Flax

Carried 3-0

   
Gary Burkholder, President  
Jacqueline Collino, Fiscal Officer

All the resolutions as presented are on file with the Fiscal Officer.