

Special Beaver Creek Trustee's Meeting

Monday, August 29,

2016

Ms. Graff called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Carol Graff, Tom Kretz, and Jeff Roberts. Fiscal Officer Christy Ahrens was also present. Staff present: Township Administrator/Public Safety Director Alex Zaharieff, Road Superintendent Tim Parks, Fire Chief David VandenBos, Battalion Chief Nathan Heister, and Firefighter Andrew Brewer. City of Beaver Creek Council Members present: Bob Stone, Julie Vann, Deborah Wallace, Brian Jarvis, Zach Upton and Chad Whilding. Staff present: Mike Cornell, Mike Thonnerieux, Kim Farrell, Jeff Moorman, Jeff McGrath, and Jeff Fiorita. Bob Darden of the Beaver Creek Township Park District was also present.

The Purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session with officials from the City of Beaver Creek to discuss joint ventures and items of mutual interest between Beaver Creek Township and the City of Beaver Creek.

Ms. Graff asked to add a presentation from a private citizen to the Agenda.

2016-364 Mr. Kretz made a motion to amend the Agenda to add the presentation. Mr. Roberts seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Kretz, yes; Mr. Roberts, yes; and Ms. Graff, yes. City Council did the same.

Presentation:

Ms. Graff presented the City a document titled, "Birth of a City, a Somewhat-Personalized View of the Incorporation of Beaver Creek, Ohio" written by David A. Shumway. She also presented an original copy, she found at home, of the City Charter to City Council. City Council was happy to accept both documents. General discussion occurred regarding the "Birth of a City" document which is a compilation of the incorporation of the City of Beaver Creek. Ms. Graff stated that there will be a copy placed at the Wright State University Library, Beaver Creek Library, and Greene County Library. Both the City and the Township also received copies for their records. Mr. Shumway was present at the meeting and agreed that the document could be copied for government purposes and people in the room.

U.S. 35 Update:

City Engineer Jeff Moorman gave an overview of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project plus the Shakertown Road project since it falls within the City and Township limits. ODOT has been working to secure funding for the U.S. 35 project and has commitments for much of the finance; however, two obstacles are still in our way: the \$5million TRAC funding and the local funding component. The City Manager presented a letter written to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and a place for City Council, Township Trustees, and County Commissioners to sign in order to show combined support of this project in the hopes of being awarded the TRAC money needed. It does not detail how local governments will pay for the local funding component, but does state that we will provide the local share necessary.

Discussion occurred regarding the County's plan that the local share amount is divided in thirds, with the county fronting the money for the other two jurisdictions, with a payment plan. The City discussed how they could potentially acquire the money need for their local share through grants and paving funds depending on how local funds are divided and assuming the TRAC money is secured. Ms. Wallace stated that she looks for the county to pay more money on this project due to the Greene and The Mall at Fairfield Commons and all the sales tax those two retail centers generate. She also stated that U.S. 35 is a county road as well as a Township and City road. Mr. Whilding agreed and stated that this is the entrance to Greene County. Mr. Kretz said that the Trustees agreed with that idea as well and stated that all of Greene County will benefit from the changes made on

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U.S. 35. Township Administrator/Public Safety Director Alex Zaharieff stated that in order for the Township to secure funds for the project, we would need a long term commitment and would look to use the county's up-fronted money. Other options we are looking into are raising our license fees an additional \$5.00, which will help over time and could potentially bring in \$22,000 to \$40,000 annually depending. Ms. Graff stated that the Trustees are in complete agreement that the County benefits from the sales tax generated in the City of Beaver Creek and Beaver Creek Township and that, together; we need to put more pressure on the county to make the case in support of the need for the improvements on U.S. 35. Mr. Kretz suggested a joint letter be written from both jurisdictions regarding the issue and ask to meet face to face to discuss the issue. General discussion occurred regarding how much sales tax the City and Township give over to the county from our retail centers. Both entities agree that they would like to firm up on those numbers. Discussion occurred regarding that the County Auditor considers sales tax all Greene County and does not delineate. Mr. Zaharieff brought up the concept of creating a Transportation Improvement District (TID) to help secure funding, and cited Austin Landing as a perfect example of a TID; however, the county has to create a TID and has not been eager to look into it. General discussion occurred regarding the Shakertown expansion and the fact that the City of Beaver Creek is already putting up \$900,000 for that construction. Discussion returned to the topic at hand, which is getting both jurisdictions to sign the letter of support for the Super Street concept, even in its vagueness. Mr. Moorman spoke to the citizens in the audience about the Super Street concept and how it is not a true fix, but that it's a band aid due to the cost of the true fix, the Super Street concept was suggested. Discussion occurred regarding the TRAC process and that this will probably be a thirty (30) or forty (40) year band aid. Ms. Graff proposed signing the letter today and creating another letter to send to the Commissioners requesting a meeting. All Trustees and members of Council present signed the letter to the Director of ODOT.

Park Consolidation:

Kim Farrell gave an overview of the three entities with parks in Beaver Creek, what each does, and how a plan to join all three (3) entities into a Park District and put a levy on the ballot in the future might be most beneficial for the community. Ms. Farrell presented three (3) options going forward:

1. Keep things the same, with the City and Township working on an agreement for Rotary Park and each entity being responsible for its own parks. The Township and Park District would probably have to put on levies for their own jurisdictions just to keep going. The City passed a Park levy in 2014.
2. Consolidate the parks through a Maintenance Agreement, where the City would maintain all the parks in the community, with the Township and Park District paying the City for that work. The Township and Park District would need to pass levies to have the funds to pay for the Agreement.
3. Consolidate the parks through a levy, where the three (3) entities would work to update the consolidation agreement, similar to the one in 2012, to join together and place on consolidated levy, under the Park District, on the ballot for all the parks in our community.

Staff from all three (3) entities recommends working through Option 3.

General discussion occurred regarding: a flat fee and how the Maintenance Agreement would cost the Township more than it currently spends. The Township does not have money in the General Fund and therefore, Option 2 is not an option for the Township. Option 3 brings in more funding, for a specific purpose. Mr. Kretz stated that Option 3 would be the best moving forward, but that Option 2 would be a good fall back. Discussion occurred regarding the levy amount. 1.4 mils were placed on the ballot in 2012 and defeated; and the City passed a .9 mil levy in 2014, which passed. If we could keep the levy at .9 mil citizens in the City

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wouldn't pay any more than they currently are paying. Then the City could let the 2014 levy it has fall off. Then we would have the same funding stream and same management of all parks.

Several City Council members did not like Option 3, they liked Option 2.

Discussion occurred regarding: ownership of parks, and Park District members being appointed.

The entities would like staff to work with the Park District to come up with a Feasibility study to see if a .9 mil levy is viable, and an agreement doable.

Discussion occurred on if the City and Township could have appointments on an Advisory Committee, since Park District members aren't elected.

Fire Department Update:

Chief VandenBos stated that there were three (3) topics he wanted to cover tonight and had Firefighter Andrew Brewer begin.

First, Firefighter Brewer spoke about the numbers we achieved to receive the Mission Lifeline Silver Level Award through the American Heart Association.

Second, Firefighter Brewer then spoke about the Lucas CPR device and did a demonstration showing how the machine does CPR compressions consistently and efficiently on patients requiring such need. General discussion occurred regarding: why fire engines and ambulances are sent together, although less now with our ProQ software, because in critical cases an engine and ambulance are sent together for support and the engines carry the Lucas devices, as they are most likely to be in the district when a call needing it comes in, an ambulance might be at a hospital.

Thirdly, Chief VandenBos spoke about the Department's work on creating Standards of Cover for the Fire Department. He stated that this will be a formalized process to figure out where we are successful and the challenges we face, along with potential solutions. The goal is to use the information to measure how we perform and how we can do better. The first draft is due to the Trustees at the end of September and he is happy to share and present the information with City Council, as well.

Roundtable:

Department Heads present for the Township and City were introduced.

Ms. Vann brought up Strategic Planning and how it is a hot button of hers, getting an inventory of what we have and feels that the Township could be pulled into it at the same time so that it could be done for the entire community.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the Grange Hall Road project and that the City is in the home stretch of having it completed, along with the Shakertown and Grange Hall intersection.

Ms. Graff stated that the Library is getting a new roof and improvements inside the Library will take place over the next six (6) months as well.

Discussion occurred regarding: when the City was formed and chickens in the zoning code. Ms. Graff gave a history on each.

Discussion occurred regarding: Rotary Park and the road and parking lot needing to be re-surfaced. The Trustees stated there is no money in the General Fund for that. The City suggested that grants might help if we work jointly; however, maintenance is not normally approved for grants.

Mr. Kretz gave a quick update stating that the Trustees approved a purchase request for the Sheriff's department to have body cameras for each of its four (4) Township patrollers. He stated that residential and commercial development is increasing. He said that the U.S. 35 Super Street should be viewed as a band aid, and interim solution, but that it will help how things happen at Trebein Road. He also stated that if and when we go to the taxpayers with a consolidated park levy, that we have to focus on the economics of the consolidation and factor in what it saves down the road.

Bob Darden of the Park District said he was happy to host Owen's Place open house this past weekend.

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The City thanked the Township for being here and continuing our discussions. The challenge is for both staffs to keep looking for projects the entities can work on together. The Trustees agreed, thanked Council, and stated they looked forward to continuing these joint meetings.

2016-365 Mr. Roberts made a motion to Adjourn at 6:26 P.M. Mr. Kretz seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Roberts, yes; Mr. Kretz, yes; and Ms. Graff, yes.

Trustee: _____

Fiscal Officer: _____