

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**APRIL 9, 2013**

Walters called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Kerr filling in for the Fiscal Officer, Lyon, Fitzgerald, Hogue, Zink present.

Gonzalez arrived at 3:45 p.m.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Fire Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview candidates for Captain position. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview applicants for Major position. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive session at 5:38 p.m., Walters called the General Session to order with all department heads present. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Speaks** – None

**Zoning & Planning Department**

Walters opened the Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment 603-13. George Smerigan, Oxbow Engineering, and Redwood Acquisitions LLC, agents for Akron General Medical Center, request to re-zone from B-3 Commercial business District and R-R Rural Residential District to R-4 Multi-Family Residential District, approximately 23.75 acres located south and east of the SE corner of Portage and Wales.

**ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 A**

Poindexter summarized the re-zoning request for the Trustees. She said it went before Stark County Regional Planning in March and they did recommend approval for the re-zoning. She said it went before the Zoning Commission on March 21 and they recommended approval.

Walters asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the re-zoning request.

George Smerigan, vice-president of Oxbow Engineering, came to represent Redwood Acquisitons LLC. He said Pat Recosy was also in attendance who was representing Redwood.

He said the property is currently owned by Akron General Medical Center. He said the purpose of the re-zoning is to permit the land's development with single family attached units that would be apartments that are owned and operated by Redwood Management. He said they are single story units, attached and are senior targeted. He said the development would be done on private streets, that Redwood would maintain the streets with an on-site manager to handle all aspects regarding the maintenance of the development. He said they think this kind of project is a reasonable and appropriate way to use the property.

Pat Recosy of 387 Medina Road, Medina, Ohio 44256 told the Board more about Redwood and why they are targeting the senior market.

Walters asked if anyone else wanted to speak in favor of the re-zoning. No one came forward. Walters closed that portion of the hearing. He asked if anyone wanted to speak against the re-zoning.

Dick Critchfield of 6674 Thornwood St. which, he said, is directly behind the property. He said he sent an e-mail regarding the property and asked that the Trustees take a trip up to see the buildings in question to see what they would look like in the future. He said he has been there twice and was not overly impressed in terms of congestion. He said his main concern is what it would look like when it was finished. He asked that the Trustees think about the future of Jackson Township. He said there are going to be a lot of rental units going in all over and what will be the cost of these units once the market is flooded. He said property values will probably go down. He said he objects to the re-zoning of this property.

Ann Frizzell of 6774 Portage St. said her property is right up front. She said her concern with a big allotment going in is that the surrounding area drains into that property. She said if you build there, drainage could become a problem. She said there is also a lot of wildlife there all year long. She said she moved to Jackson Township because she didn't want to live in an apartment or an allotment.

Debbie Stedham of 6891 Ashburn St. which she said is near the retention pond. She said she is in total agreement with the other two speakers and that she is against the re-zoning.

Scott Gindlesberger, 6493 Meadowsweet Avenue said he is opposed to the zoning change. He said he disagreed with some of the things mentioned by Mr. Smerigan. He said both Wales and Portage are busy roads and the addition of that many apartments could cause problems. He said he would rather have it zoned B-3 than R-4. He asked that the Trustees deny the zoning change.

Steve Ingram of 6638 Forestwood St. He said he moved here for a reason and asked that the Trustees deny the change.

Walters asked if anyone else wanted to speak against the re-zoning change. No one came forward. Walters closed that portion of the hearing.

Walters said one thing they look at is step down zoning. He said the residential sections are his main concern.

Pizzino said he has a problem going to R-4 in the middle of residential lots especially going out on Portage.

Hawke pointed out that the Trustees have no enforceability over anything with the R-4 zoning. He said he would probably be more supportive of a change to R-3.

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to deny the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. **3-0 yes**

### **Administration Department**

#### **ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 B**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Fireworks Display Contract. **3-0 yes**

#### **ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 C**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Trade Agreement Guidelines with The Repository. **3-0 yes**

### **Police Department**

#### **ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 D**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of our signatures upon the attached Agreement with the Stark County Sheriff. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept the following donations to the "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" Program:

1. \$100.00 from Scheetz Building Corporation
2. \$400.00 From John Harris III
3. \$50.00 from Michael Marvin, MD.

**3-0 yes**

Chief Zink reminded everyone about the Drug Take-Back Program, Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Safety Center. He said the Safety Center will be a permanent site for prescription drug drop-offs.

Walters asked Chief Zink to give the Trustees an update on the budget to date.

### **Public Works Department**

#### **Park Division**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept the following sponsorship donations to the 2013 Community Celebration:

1. \$200.00 from Lloyd Seifer FOP Lodge #206
2. \$1,000.00 from Kaiser Permanente.

**3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 E**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Andrew Haas as a seasonal park maintenance worker (third year), through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.40 per hour, effective April 12, 2013. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Casey Irwin as a seasonal park maintenance worker (third year), through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.40 per hour, effective May 1, 2013. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Tanner Hall as a seasonal park maintenance worker (second year), through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.20 per hour, effective May 6, 2013. **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the hiring of Matthew Marlett as a seasonal park maintenance worker (eighth year), through the temporary service, subject to a negative drug screen, at the rate of \$8.85 per hour, effective April 12, 2013. **3-0 yes**

**Fiscal Office**

**ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 F**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,253,755.68. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 G**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26 and March 28, 2013 Board of Trustees' meetings. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 04/09/13 H**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the March 2013 Financial Reports. **3-0 yes**

**Routine Business**

**Announcements**

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, April 23, 2013, 3:30 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- CIC, April 15, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- LOGIC, May 2, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Jackson Safety Center, Chiefs' Conference Room.
- Board of Zoning Appeals, April 11, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.

- Citizens Advisory Committees:
  - Community Celebration, April 10, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Park, May 8, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
  - Highway/Traffic, May 15, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Friends of the Park, April 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Jackson Library.
- Jackson Township Recycling Station Board, April 24, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Safety Village, June 10 through June 14, 2013, Sauder Elementary School, 8:45 a.m. – 12 noon. Registration forms available beginning April 22 at the Safety Center. Deadline for registration is May 24, 2013.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to set a special meeting for Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. to continue major interviews. **3-0 yes**

Walters said one of the park employees will be off for medical reasons for several months.

**RESOLUTION 13-019, ATTACHED**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion whereas, in attached Resolution No. 13-014, Michael W. Danner was laid off from his full time position of Jackson Township Park Maintenance and Programming Supervisor.

Be it resolved that we hereby rescind the layoff of Michael W. Danner and recall him to the full time position of Jackson Township Park Maintenance and Programming Supervisor, effective April 22, 2013. **3-0 yes**

Pizzino pointed out that this is a temporary call back until the employee comes back.

**Public Speaks – Open Forum**

No one came forward.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn.

**3-0 yes**

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**James Walters**

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**Randy Gonzalez**