

September 18, 2007 – REGULAR SESSION

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at the Batavia Township Community Center. Chairman Clepper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Trustees, Chairman Deborah Clepper, Mr. Archie Wilson, Mr. Lee Cornett, Fiscal Officer Jennifer Haley, Administrator Rex Parsons, and Zoning Administrator Denise Kelley. Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remained standing for a minute of silence for the troops.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve the minutes from the September 5th meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Wilson	abstain	Motion carried

FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Haley gave her report. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the financials, payments - certificates, purchase orders. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Hike-Bike trail payment – Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the \$10,000 payment. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Bayberry Crossing application will be presented to the Board on October 20, 2007.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has a hearing on Sept 20, 2007 concerning the Todd property.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Parsons said the approved newsletter went out today.

Chapel Rd. intersection – The contract will be awarded to J.R. Jurgensen on Wednesday. The project will start on Friday September 21, 2007 and will take about three weeks.

The Philharmonic free concert is this weekend at the Township Community Center, September 22, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Parsons has jury duty the first week of October.

There were pictures taken of our new cruiser.

The plans for the picnic shelter have been approved by the County. The contract will be approved and awarded at the Commissioner's meeting on September 29th. Construction will start that week.

Sidewalks in Presidential subdivision – Partials of sidewalks have not been placed as a few lots have not sold. There was a bond to finish the sidewalks but they were never completed.

6:15 P.M. - ZONING CASE B-03-07Z BROCK WARREN – HARTMAN LN./ELMWOOD RD.

This is a zone change request for approval from R-1 to PD.

Jonathon Wocher gave PD map amendment presentation and overview of the case. The concept drawing was of a two building, one story strip mall on the property.

Mark Walker spoke on behalf of the applicant’s case.

Mrs. Clepper opened the floor for public comment which proceeded at 6:54 p.m.

Butch Davis, 4421 Elmwood Rd. – Spoke against the development. He detailed his list of reasons.

David Jordan, 4480 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the development. He had a detailed list of issues. Traffic and ingress and egress would be a major problem for that area.

Sherrill Hondorf, 4490 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the development.

Susan Tausch, 4461 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the development.

Rick Lauer, attorney for applicant. Mr. Lauer spoke on behalf of the applicant and zone change, not only for this proposal but for future zone change requests.

Harold Gatz, 4484 Hartman Lane - Spoke against the prior speaker and against the development.

Zach Ison, 4500 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the zone change and the development.

Ron Singleton, the applicant, spoke on behalf of development. He says he will build homes on the site versus the P.D. if he did not obtain the zone change to PD.

Tom Casbar, 4488 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the zone change and the proposed P.D. He requests denial of the change.

Derrick Burchett, 4550 Hartman Lane – Spoke against the zone change.

Jenny Ison, 4500 Hartman Lane – Added that possibly, a retirement condo-type village should be considered instead.

Ron Singleton made a few more comments on his perspective and may choose to alter his plans based on the feedback he heard tonight from the area residents.

Mr. Wilson motioned to table the proposal until the next scheduled meeting and continue in 30 days to view another plan. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Chairman Clepper called for adjournment for a 5 minute recess at 7:55 p.m. The Board then reconvened at 8:01 p.m. and returned to regular session.

8:01 P.M. - ZONING CASE B-07-02Z PAUL GRAMMAS FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP – LITTLE CREEK II / PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES II

This is a request for continuance of the permit. Mr. Jonathan Wocher reviewed the report.

Carl Hartman spoke on behalf of the applicant and the extension of the P.D. The Board asked many questions.

Zoning recommended granting the extension.

Mr. Cornett motioned to grant an extension of the phasing plan II and IIA up to September 2008. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	Motion carried

WORKSHOP

The parking lot and trail are complete. The fence stops at the guardrail. Mr. Cornett motioned to continue the fence in front of the guardrail for an additional \$ 4320.75.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mrs. Clepper	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mr. Cornett	yes	Motion carried

Deputy contract – Clermont County Sheriff’s Office wants us to bring on a third deputy. Mr. Parsons gave the statistics on the calls and the volume from the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Cornett motioned to add the 3rd deputy starting November 1st per contract and the agreed amount of money stated. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

Mr. Cornett	yes	
Mr. Wilson	yes	
Mrs. Clepper	yes	Motion carried

Evaluation process – The Township Trustees are to list the strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement. All agreed to follow the schedule for evaluations.

The intersection of 222 and Union Chapel – This will be repaired after the Bethel, State Route 133 project.

Copier – Mr. Parsons said the lease expires November 1st and he is researching the options.

Basketball Goal Policy – The Board does not want to take action at this time.

Batavia Schools – The superintendent wants to make an hour presentation regarding school funding and how they spend their money. The Board agrees we do not want to host a presentation.

Senate Bill 117 – This is effective Monday September 24, 2007. This deals with cable franchise fees that the township receives from cable companies. There will be no more free cable at the township buildings, etc. Mr. Parsons will discuss with Chris Moore to review the impact and the possible implementation of a “right of way ordinance” to accommodate the cable equipment.

Mr. Parsons mentioned the annexation of 4.4 acres on Main Street in Amelia (American Legion Post 773 property) to be annexed to the village of Amelia.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Wilson motioned to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Cornett seconded that motion. Meeting adjourned.

Deborah Clepper,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley,
Fiscal Officer