

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of BOARD OF TRUSTEES – BATAVIA TOWNSHIP –

Regular Session

November 21, 2006

The Board of Trustees of Batavia Township met in regular session Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at the Batavia Township Community Center. Chairman Clepper called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Trustees, Chairman Deborah Clepper, Archie Wilson, Lee Cornett, Administrator Rex Parsons, and Fiscal Officer Jennifer Haley. Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve the minutes from the November 6th meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

FISCAL OFFICER

Chairman Clepper then called for review of the vouchers, warrants, or purchase orders. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the vouchers, warrants or purchase orders as presented per dates shown. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called.

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelley stated that there was a pre application meeting regarding the Elig property on Clough Pike.

Mrs. Kelley summarized a letter written by Chief Kevin Riley regarding the emergency access in the final phase of Lexington Run next to Ross Road. It was noted within the letter that Chief Riley believes that the geo web pavers would not be a sufficient surface for a 50,000 lbs fire truck. It was noted that Mr. Embry also feels there will be an issue concerning using the access point for snow removal. There was discussion about redesigning the stub street to be a cul-de-sac regardless of the final outcome decision of the access point. The Board wants to speak with Mr. Riley and Mr. Embry regarding this issue before moving forward with a decision.

Chairman called for the administrative review on case **B-06-04ZFDI, request from Randy Perry for a 12 month extension of the Final Development Plan approval of the Fairfield Ridge PD, off of ST. RT. 132 in Batavia Township.**

Mrs. Kelley presented a summary of the request noting that the Zoning Commission has recommended approval of this request for 1 year. She stated that Mr. Meyer was present to represent the case.

Mr. Meyer spoke about their difficulty in finding a suitable developer. He referenced their letter explaining their various reasoning for requiring this extension.

Chairman asked for any further questions or comments as there were none she then called for a motion. Mr. Cornett motioned to grant a 1-year extension for the approval of the Fairfield Ridge final development plan. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Parsons gave a brief summary of his report to the Board, noting the meetings he has attended. He further stated that the Clermont County Commissioners approved the vacation of the end portion of Snyder Road. He then finished his report.

WORKSHOP

Chairman called for the workshop to begin, at such time the Board and all other attendees moved into the small meeting room.

Discussion began regarding text amendments to the zoning code. It was determined that the vast majority of the proposal was written as intended, with Mrs. Kelley being instructed to proceed with the filing of the text amendments in December . There was a lengthy discussion about portable above ground pools, which have surfaced in the last two years. Mrs. Kelley raised concerns about the rubber walls not meeting the codes requirement for a 4 ft. high fence. It was determined that these pools should be treated identical to all other pools. There was discussion about an overlay district being incorporated along the St. Rt. 32 corridor and Mr. Wocher’s correspondence regarding the procedures necessary to adopt this. Mrs. Clepper noted her desire to protect the Appalachian Hwy corridor. Mrs. Kelley explained that the overlay district requires the same process as a map amendment. It was discussed that a planned development proposal can incorporate many of the protective properties of an overlay district and it is anticipated that the vast majority of the commercial uses that will eventually appear along St .Rt. 32 will be the PD designation. It was determined that the overlay district will be further reviewed at this time.

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve \$2500.00 for the 2007 annual membership to the Chamber of Commerce and to include the Board of Advisors. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

Mrs. Clepper nominated Gina & Tom Patt to the Salute to Leaders nomination. Mr. Wilson seconded the nomination. On the roll being called:

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

Mr. Cornett motioned to approve a \$2500.00 donation to the Clermont Philharmonic for a concert to take place at the Township Community Center in 2007. Mrs. Clepper seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

The Board scheduled the Township Christmas luncheon for December 21, 2006. A fund was discussed

There was discussion about allowing the (BYFL) Batavia Youth Football League to use our back fields for football practice.

The Board reviewed Mr. Parsons's suggestions for the use of the Township facilities. It was determined that the items discussed and agreed upon should be incorporated into the township policy with Mr. Parsons to present them with the final document for review.

There was discussion regarding the maintenance of the walking trail during the winter months. Mr. Parsons was instructed to check with other Townships to see how they maintain their walking trails.

The Board discussed the particulars of the Sheriffs contract. The Trustees spoke of their wishes that will be expected from the new deputy. The Trustess gave Mr. Parsons specific questions to ask Chief Combs.

Mr. Parsons gave a summary of the 2007 budget. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Mr. Wilson motioned to adopt **Resolution 11-2-2006** to transfer \$5,000.00 to the Cemetery Appropriation expense account from the Contingencies account. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion. On the roll being called:

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

There was additional talk about the budget pertaining to line item proposals. The Trustees requested for Mr. Parsons to check on road improvements regarding Erion Road, Benton Road, and Apple Road and report the information back to them.

Mr. Parson stated that Clean & Green has requested \$500.00 for funding. The board was in consensus to not donate any funds to them.

Mr. Parsons discussed the creation of a military memorial. He stated that Mrs. Fraley suggested forming a committee and discussing the options of constructing the project.

Discussion ensued about a grant that the County has applied for regarding the extension of Armstrong Blvd.

The Board stated that CJFED could use the house that the Township purchased at Chapel and S.R. 132 for non-fire training.

Mr. Cornett spoke of the Homeless Shelter needing land for a new building. He noted that they would like to stay within the area and suggested letting them build a shelter on Township property.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Mr. Cornett motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Clepper seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Deborah Clepper,
Chairman

Jennifer Haley
Fiscal Officer,