

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE XENIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING HELD ON:

SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2010 8:00 AM

NOTES: These minutes are a summary of the township business meeting and are not a word for word account of the discussions which took place.

Chair Scott Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Board Members present were John Faulkner, Scott Miller, and Jim Reed. Also in attendance were Fiscal Officer Seiter, resident/prior trustee Richard Montgomery and the following representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 8: Doug Miller, Doug Raters, Hans Jindal and Andy Fluegemann.

Proper notice was faxed to the Xenia Daily Gazette on Thursday, February 25th by Seiter.

Chair Miller advised the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussions regarding the State owned property at US 68 South and Union Road for use by Xenia Township. Miller turned the conducting of the meeting over to Vice Chair Faulkner.

Faulkner provided an update report of the Township's two action items. The first item was a letter of support from the City of Xenia for Xenia Township to acquiring the property. Faulkner read the letter received from Xenia City Manager, on behalf of Council, advising of no interest in the property being discussed. Copies were given to ODOT for their records. He advised item two was for the soil boring testing of which the Township has received two quotes. Attendees discussed the accomplishment of receiving an ODOT permit for the boring company to access the property. There are no costs for the permit. Locations of the test spots were discussed.

ODOT representatives reported on their action items. They provided a survey of the proposed available parcel space of 11.558 acres and advised the appraisal has been completed also. Doug (?) reported on the adjoining property owner's encroachment onto the State property including their swimming pool, driveway and part of the detached garage. Attendees discussed the options of the State addressing the correction now or the Township after the property is acquired. Attendees discussed the option of the encroached area of one half to one acre being acquired by the adjoining owner. Other facts noted were that the State property is in the City and the adjoining property is in the Township and that the location of the home's septic system was not identified. The issue of the encroachment will be further considered for future action.

ODOT representatives advised they prefer to dispose of all excess property. An ODOT representative confirmed the current State property is zoned agricultural. Attendees discussed right-of-way hill side plantings. State is ok with the Township working on the area(s). Mr. Jindal asked about the status of the fire grant the township previously applied for. Faulkner reported the township was not awarded any of the fire grant funds, but plan to apply for other various applicable grants (i.e. EPA for road department) if the property can be acquired.

ODOT representatives reported on the appraisal and fair market value of the property. Mr. Jindal advised he could approve sale at the fair market value. He further advised if the township wanted to acquire the parcel at any less of a figure, a request would need submitted for approval by his supervisor. The request would need to come from the Township as a narrative telling our story with current status and needs including justifications and funding information. Faulkner talked about the options to provide funding for the total project.

Trustees advised they would submit a request for less than fair market value, have the soil boring tests completed and report back to ODOT.

Adjourn: 8:46 am

Scott W. Miller, Chair

Attest:

John D. Faulkner

Sheila J. Seiter, Fiscal Officer

Jim Reed