

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE  
XENIA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:**

**WORK SESSION  
September 1, 2016      5:00 P.M.**

NOTE: These minutes are a summary of the discussion and are not a word for word account of the discussions. The proceedings were electronically recorded. The meeting place was the Xenia Township Office, 8 Brush Row Road, Xenia, Ohio.

Scott Miller called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m. This was a work session advertised on the Xenia Township website within 24 hours of scheduling the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Scott Miller, Trustee Chair; Susan Spradlin, Trustee; Steve Combs, Trustee; Sheila Seiter, Fiscal Officer; Alan Stock, Township Administrator.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter and Executive Session under sections 121.22 (G)(4) and 121.22 (G)(3), Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Executive Session entered at 5:02 p.m. All elected officials, the Township Administrator, the Fire Chief, and the Township Attorney were in attendance.

Mr. Miller adjourned the Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

## **TRUSTEES BUSINESS:**

Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Stock had any information on the topic of therapy chickens in the Township. Mr. Stock advised that in the Trustees' packet they have information from the Frost family. The Trustees reviewed the papers they were given. Mr. Miller asked for any thoughts or discussion. Mr. Miller advised that there are other people in this neighborhood that surround this property and have a problem with the chickens. Mrs. Spradlin asked if the Frosts had visited the Zoning Board. Mr. Stock informed that hadn't, and advised that he had not yet acted negatively to this yet was because of conversations he had with Stephanie Hayden who was unable to attend the meeting. He advised that these chickens were for ADA and emotional therapy. He said that our zoning resolution does not allow this. He said that has not asked them to go speak with the Board of Zoning Appeals because the question of whether a national standard trumps local zoning. Mr. Combs asked if Ms. Hayden's take on it was that it does. Mr. Stock advised that she said once they call it a therapy animal, then it became a much grayer area. Mr. Stock explained some of the support and care that these chickens have received. Mrs. Spradlin read where the Frost family had requested that the Board of Trustees grant them a variance for their therapy chickens. She said that this would not be the correct way of handling this, and that they would need to go to the Board of the Zoning Appeals. She said that she believes that are entitled to due process. Mr. Combs asked if they knew how the process worked or if they had asked him about it. Mr. Stock informed that he explained their violations to them and explained the process of going through the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Stock advised that he has been out on the site, has been around the chickens, and explains the various tests and inspections that he has done.

Mr. Miller asked for any discussion regarding the detachment from Union Road. Mrs. Spradlin advised that it was tabled from the previous meeting to be discussed this evening. Mr. Miller asked how the Board of Trustees wanted to pursue this. Mrs. Spradlin said that during the previous meeting, Mr. Stock had given the Trustees a letter of response, which came months after the original correspondence, from the City of Xenia. She said that the reason why they postponed the topic until this meeting was so they could all think of a proper way to respond to the letter they received. Mrs. Spradlin said that during the previous meeting, Mr. Stock had said that a formal resolution from the Trustees stating that it was their wish to detach the property from Union Road is needed. Mr. Combs said he remembered the letter from the City of Xenia was in written in a negative tone, and he asked if this was correct. Mrs. Spradlin advised yes, and said that some of the things mentioned in the letter were not accurate. Mr. Combs asked if there would be any costs or fees that would occur as a result of trying to obtain this detachment. Mr. Stock explained the possible fees that could occur. Mr. Combs asked what the essence of the detachment is. Mr. Stock explained what has been discussed in Trustee Meetings. Mr. Stock also

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advised that this detachment will only move forward if consent is given by the City of Xenia. Mr. Combs advised that he knew that the Trustees have previously discussed selling this property and he asked if this detachment would affect that. Mr. Stock explained what would happen. Mr. Combs asked if the property could be sold but the billboard rights retained. Mrs. Seiter advised yes. Mr. Stock offered up to questions for consideration.

Mr. Miller advised that he got a call from Mike Pitman, the Green County Township Association President, and he asked if the Township would be interested in hosting an October meeting. He advised that Soin will be covering the September meeting. Mrs. Spradlin asked if we hosted on already this year or last. Mr. Stock advised that we hosted one last year with the veterans. Mr. Miller suggested that the dinner could be hosted at the Career Center's facility on Brush Row Road. Mr. Miller advised that he has not been in the facility recently, and he is not sure if this event would be possible here. Mrs. Spradlin advised that her and her husband hosted a horse therapy meeting out at this facility which included food that they brought in. She thinks the event will be doable in the Career Center's event. Mr. Stock offered up the option of using of using the Career Center facility on West Enon as well. They discussed who could provide the food.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Spradlin made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Combs Seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Miller – aye, Mrs. Spradlin – aye, Mr. Combs – aye. Motion PASSED by a roll call of 3-0. The Work Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Xenia Township Board of Trustees**

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scott Miller, Chair

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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Susan Spradlin

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Sheila J. Seiter, Fiscal Officer

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L. Stephen Combs

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