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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

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Springfield Township Trustees
June 24, 2025
Regular Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order by Tim Foley, Board President at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Foley stated that our thoughts and prayers are with the Jim Scoby family. Trustee Scoby loved Springfield Township and throughout the years he did his best to help the Township prosper and thrive. Rest in peace Big Jim, thank you for your years of dedicated service to Springfield Township you are sadly missed.

Board Members Roll Call

Trustee Tim Foley	Present
Trustee John Roeder	Present
Fiscal Officer Mark Smith	Present

Employee / Visitors in Attendance: Jennifer Tuttle, Billy Saunders, Jamie Allen, Jake Shaw, Dan Detrick, Maryann Schmidt

Approval of the minutes for the June 10th, 2025 Zoning Hearing

Motion to approve by Mr. Roeder
Second by Mr. Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Road Department/Cemetery

Billy Saunders - Mr. Saunders stated Bird Rd and Redmond Road were closed temporarily due to the storm last week. We have had 2 crews out and an excavator trying to get all the storm debris cleaned up. About 2/3rd completed around the township and should have that finished up before the end of the week. Took delivery of the new playground mulch, it's at the shop on Leffel Lane, it will be installed when the brush is caught back up. No issues at the Cemetery, Mike is doing a good job out there. Mr. Saunders stated that there was a complaint received about a large tree by Forest Hills, close to White Oak. It's a large Cottonwood tree, been there for years, approximately 2-3 ft thick and healthy. Mr. Saunders stated he doesn't see the problem with the tree. The owner wants the tree cut down stating that the tree is impeding the drainage of the ditch. Mr. Saunders stated he does not personally agree with that statement. Mr. Saunders stated that it's not actually a ditch, it's more like a swale. The part of White Oak that he lives at goes up a pretty steep hill, per the pictures, the water goes around behind the tree. Mr. Foley stated that if Billy doesn't feel it is a safety issue or a drainage issue then we should just leave it alone. Mr. Roeder agreed that if it is not impeding the right of way and if it's not dead and not going to cause harm we should leave it alone; also cottonwoods suck up a lot of water too. County Engineer Bob McClure advised Mr. Saunders, that the County pavement project for Bicentennial, Suncrest and

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Ventura; they will start milling that out Friday, and then probably start paving at the beginning of the week. Mrs. Tuttle stated that residence already started calling about it. Mr. Roeder stated that the guys are doing a great job, there was a lot of brush and it is hot.

Fire/EMS Department
Dave Nangle – Not Present
Jamie Allen – No Report

Deputy Jake Shaw – Deputy Shaw stated that his hours have switched starting Wednesday of the storm, he didn't get to drive the neighborhoods that day because of storm out with the trees and powerlines down. Update on a report follow up from Heatherwood; This has happened 2-3 times now, a group of 15 or so teenagers are showing up at 1 AM to a random house and then throwing a party, including drinking in the driveway. Deputy Shaw stated that he will probably switch his hours again because of that, typically off Friday and Saturday, but will likely come in on some Saturday nights to see if we can maybe catch whoever these kids are. Mr. Foley asked if they know who lives in the house or do they just pick a driveway. Deputy Shaw stated, they just pick a driveway, usually on Saturday nights. The homeowner called because they could hear them outside, but the cars that are assigned to that area also work out in Catawba area, so by the time they got to the area, the kids were already gone. Mr. Roeder asked if they were all underage, but they can drive. Deputy Shaw stated yes.

Administrator/Zoning Inspector
Jennifer Tuttle – Mrs. Tuttle stated she received a buyback request from someone who purchased burial plots back in 1989. Mrs. Tuttle looked into the requirements; the request needs to be notarized by the person who bought it and make sure it wasn't promised to someone else and then we can purchase it back for the price they paid for it which was for 2 lots \$190.00 back then, with today's lots are \$950 per lot. So we would pay the same price they purchased, but then we could sell them for the current price; these plots are in the old section A.

Motion to approve the policy of buying back plots at Vale Cemetery when requested by owner.

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Mrs. Tuttle presented information to set another grass abatement hearing. This one is for 3630 Old Clifton Rd., pictures have been provide, part of front yard has been mowed but the surrounding has not. Just need motion to schedule the grass abatement hearing.

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Motion for approval to schedule a Grass Abatement Hearing for July 8th 2025 at 5:30pm based upon the formal grass abatement procedure set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, Section #505.87 for the following property.

3630 Old Clifton Rd. Springfield, Ohio 45502

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Tim Foley

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Fiscal Officer

Mark Smith – Mr. Smith stated there are 2 resolutions being presented one is a Resolution of Necessity for a 1 mil 5 year levy that is up for renewal this fall for the fire fund number 4902 and the other a resolution requesting a budget hearing at 5:45 on July 8th. This would be to approve the budget for 2026. Mr. Smith stated he will not be at the July 8th meeting, however Jennifer Tuttle stated she will be available to present it at the next meeting. The budget is due to the auditor by July 20th, but Mr. Smith stated that he will get it to the auditor when he returns from vacation.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to schedule a Special/General Purpose meeting for July 1st 2025 at 9:00 am.

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Tim Foley

Discussion

Roll Call

Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Mr. Roeder stated Jim was so involved with the Township for 25 years. When the Township bought this property, it was always Jim’s vision to see ballfields and soccer fields on the property. Jim was the one who came up with the name Heritage Park. Mr. Roeder stated he is making a motion to rename the park The Jim Scoby Heritage Park in honor of Jim and his 25 years that he gave this Township.

Motion to change the name of Heritage Park to The Jim Scoby Heritage Park.

Motion to approve by John Roeder

Second by Tim Foley

Discussion

Roll Call

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Resolution: 2025-055

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR FIRE AND EMS TRAINING

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve entering into a Contract for Fire and EMS Training for Josh Tolliver for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for Emergency Medical Technician – Basic training. As noted in the contract, The payment for training is paid upfront; therefore, the student agrees that if service to the Trustees is terminated by his/her own accord, for whatever reason, or by the Trustees pursuant to O.R.C. 505.37 (A); then the Student SHALL reimburse the Trustees for the amount spent on training, including but not limited to tuition, books, general fees, test fees, lab fees and insurance fees as required by the aforementioned school, in the manner provided by in paragraphs 6-10 of the contract.

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Resolution: 2025-056

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve setting the 2025 Tax Budget Hearing for July 8, 2025 @ 5:45 PM

Motion to approve by John Roeder
Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Resolution: 2025-057

Resolution of Necessity

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Trustees to approve ‘Resolution of Necessity’ requesting certification from the Clark County Auditor pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(I), for renewal of a 5 year, 1 Mill Levy for providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs;

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Foley opened the meeting to the public and read the rules.

Maryann Schmidt stated that a few weeks ago they had deer running up and down the road and crossing Bird Rd., Mrs. Schmidt stated that she called the Sherriff's Dept. she said she suggested they put another deer crossing sign up since Bird road is such a busy road. They told her that they don't do that and to contact someone else. Mrs. Schmidt stated she sent an email to the Road Department but hadn't heard from them. Mrs. Schmidt asked if the Trustees are who she should refer her concern to. Mr. Foley stated we need to do a little research and get back to her on the concern. Mr. Saunders stated he reached out to the Game Warden and inquired what, when and where do you decide to put deer crossing signs because deer cross the road all over the place all the time. Mr. Saunders stated that the Game Warden if there are 10 deer accidents in an area in a years' time then it warrants something like that. Mr. Saunders stated that there are deer crossing signs on Bird Rd. a little further down. Mrs. Schmidt stated there isn't any from Old Columbus south to 40. Mr. Roeder stated that the problem is all over the area, when people aren't paying attention to the speed limit signs, they aren't going to pay attention to deer crossing signs. If they hit a deer it will damage their vehicle. Mrs. Schmidt stated it is kind of over right now, but is looking ahead to the fall. Mr. Foley asked if we can get back to her about that. Mrs. Schmidt agreed. Mrs. Schmidt read from a card that she wrote "Dear Springfield Township Trustees, It was with deep regret and sadness that I learned of Jim's passing. While we didn't always agree, we treated each other with respect and friendship. I know that the Scoby Family requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Jim's athletic foundation. However, I would like my donation to remain in the township that we both loved – Springfield Township. So, while it isn't much, I tender my donation, in Jim's memory, to the Springfield Township Treasury to be used in whatever small way it will benefit the township. Maryann Schmidt" Mr. Foley and Mr. Roeder thanked Mrs. Schmidt and discussed using the donation towards a new sign out front.

Edgar Baker stated that there needs to be grass abatement done on the property behind him, the front yard gets mowed, but the backyard is chin high to him. Mr. Foley stated we need an address. Mrs. Tuttle stated that because we aren't allowed to go on private property, so if we can't get a good picture of it someone would need to get a picture for us. Mr. Baker stated that he gives his permission to enter his property to look at it. 2256 Shawnee Ave. Mrs. Tuttle stated that Deputy Shaw will go take a look at it the following day.

Mr. Foley Closed the meeting to the Public as no one else came to speak.

CLOSING REMARKS BY TRUSTEES

- GRASS ABATEMENT HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 8, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
- 2026 BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD JULY 8, 2025 @ 5:45 PM
- SPECIAL GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING JULY 1, 2025 @ 9:00 AM
- NEXT REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 8, 2025 @ 6PM

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Second by Tim Foley
Discussion
Roll Call
Mr. Foley Yes Mr. Roeder Yes

Board Certified

Tim Foley, Trustee

John Roeder, Trustee

Mark Smith, Fiscal Officer