

Allen Township Trustees

December 20, 2023

The Allen Township Trustees met in special session at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all members present. Trustee elect Roger Clark and Cindy Land from the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office were also in attendance. Approximately 60+ residents and non-residents were in attendance.

Flanagan opened the meeting by advising the attendees that there would be no public comment accepted at this time regarding the resolutions that are being considered.

A Resolution regarding The Intention of the Board of Allen Township Trustees to Proceed With Zoning was presented by Cindy Land. Flanagan read the resolution aloud prior to moving for the adoption of the resolution. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

A Resolution to Establish an Allen Township Zoning Commission was presented by Cindy Land. Flanagan read the resolution aloud prior to moving for the adoption of the resolution. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes. The five zoning commission members are Heather Schlaeppli, Nikki Goodwin, Denise Timmerman, Dallas Sterling and Mark Maas.

Several comments were made by residents in the room that did not understand that these resolutions alone do not make zoning effective in Allen Township. This only begins the process to Place zoning on the ballot for consideration by Allen Township voters. Cindy Land described the steps required to have Allen Township zoning placed on the ballot for voter approval. She advised that to have zoning on the November 2024 ballot is quite an ambitious goal but doable. The Allen Township Zoning Commission will need to work extremely hard to meet the required time line. There will be several public hearings throughout the process for public input on the issue.

A Resolution Establishing a Prohibition on The Cultivation, Processing and Retail Dispensing of Adult Use Marijuana and Prohibiting the Cultivation, Processing and Retail Dispensing Of Adult Use Marijuana in Allen Township, Hancock County, Ohio was presented by Cindy Land. Flanagan read the resolution. Flanagan moved for the adoption of the resolution with Stacy seconding the motion. Roll call - all yes.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of warrants and electronic payments totaling \$8,735.36 for outstanding bills. Stacy moved to pay these bills with Smith seconding. Roll call - all yes.

Cindy Land presented a Resolution authorizing the Board or Allen Township Trustees to enter into a lease agreement with the Van Buren Community Sports Association (VBCSA) for a term of 1/1/2024 through December 31, 2028. Stacy moved to adopt the resolution with Smith seconding. Roll call - all yes.

Cindy Land presented a new Sportsplex lease for the term of 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2028. Stacy Foltz and Ryan Caudill representing the VBCSA were in attendance to discuss the new lease and address several concerns of the Trustees. Items discussed were: parking along SR613, playground deficiencies, field scheduling, tournaments, financial statements and VBCSA representation at township meetings. Stacy moved to enter into the lease with Smith seconding. Roll call - all yes.

Road maintenance for 2024 was discussed. It is recommended that TR114 (CR140-TR14) be chip and sealed in 2024. Several roads are in need of minor patching and were identified to be address next year as well. There were no hot-mix pavement recommendations at this time for 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The 2024 Reorganizational meeting will be January 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Mark J. Schimmoeller, Fiscal Officer
(Proper notice given by publishing & posting with agenda.)

Kevin Flanagan, Chairman