

Minutes of the
Milton Township Board of Trustees

September 19, 2011

Meeting was call to order by Supervisor Robert Benjamin at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Present: Robert Benjamin, Linda DeBroka, Don Kronewitter, Eric Renken, and Sharon Ward

Also present: Attorney Roxanne Seeber, Zoning Administrator Paul Sniadecki and Planning Commission Charmin Kelly Sweeney.

Public Comment

Public comments were made

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one change, moving Kaminski lawsuit to the end of the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by DeBroka to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2011 meeting, second by Renken. Motion passed.

Community Reports

Sniadecki reported that all forms on the Internet that he is responsible for have been updated. He suggests that we still need to standardize our forms. All current issues are being taken care of and cleanup is going well. He is working on 1 variance and 1 condition use. He has been working with the lawyer a lot on the Kaminski lawsuit.

Smith Chapel Historical Society reports they have 3 weddings still this year. There is a Christmas program December 3rd at 7:00 PM. There are also several wedding already scheduled for next year.

Renken gave a report on the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the progress that has been made on current and new ordinances. Sniadecki will help the committee turn their suggestions into proper ordinance changes.

Old Business

Private Road Ordinance

Motion by Renken to send the Private Road Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to reword section 23.03 D and 23.04 F for further clarification, second by Benjamin.

There was discussion and public comment.

The motion was amended by Ward to also have the Planning Commission state in 23.06 A 8 that there are county fees, second by Benjamin. Motion passed.

The final motion, to send the Private Road Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to reword section 23.03 D and 23.04 F for further clarification, and to add to section 23.06 A 8 that there are county fees.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; Nays: None

Motion Passed

Milton Township Policy Manual

Motion by Benjamin to table the policy manual until the next meeting, second DeBroka. Motion passed

New Business

Snow Plowing RFP

Motion by Renken to submit Request for Proposal for winter snow removal, second DeBroka. Motion passed

Zoning Ordinance Change 13.15D

Motion by Benjamin to recommend to the planning commission to consider for church, school, park, and government sign usage along US-12 and how the sign is measured, second Renken. Motion passed

Motion by Benjamin to accept 13.15 D as presented by the Planning Commission, second Kronewitter.

Roll call vote: Ayes: DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin; Nays: None

Motion Passed

Zoning Ordinance Change 14.04

Motion by Renken to accept 14.04 as presented by the Planning Commission, second DeBroka.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBrka; Nays: None

Motion passed

Zoning Ordinance Change – Addition of Medical Marihuana

Motion by Renken to accept article 20 (Medical Marihuana) as presented by the Planning Commission, second Kronewitter

Roll call vote: Ayes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka; Nays: None

Motion Passed

Equipment Purchases

Discussion; moved to approve equipment purchase with an increase in the budget.

Poverty Exemption/Asset Test

Motion by Renken, second by Kronewitter to adopt a resolution to adopt a Poverty Exemption/Asset Test for the Board of Review.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter; Nays: None

Resolution number 2011-15r is adopted.

Ag. District Residential Building

Discussion; the planning commission is making this a priority.

Milton Township Roads

Motion by Benjamin, second by DeBroka to adopt a resolution to have MDOT perform a speed and signal study of Gumwood Rd. and the intersection of Gumwood Rd/US-12.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken; Nays: None

Resolution number 2011-16r is adopted.

Resolution for Continuing Existing Millage Levy

Motion by Benjamin, second by Renken to adopt a resolution to continue existing millage levy.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Benjamin, DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward; Nays: None

Resolution number 2011-17r is adopted

Financial Reports

Audit Update

Update was given on the audit and that it is still on track to be submitted by 9/30/2011.

Review of Township Budget

Motion by Renken, second by Benjamin to adopt a resolution to increase the 2011-2012 budget for \$3,500.00 to Other Revenue, \$200.00 to Township Board Equipment, \$1,400.00 to Zoning Administrator PC, and \$1,900.00 to Clerk PC. With correction to Clerk PC account number from 101-191-970 to 101-295-970.

Roll call vote: Ayes: DeBroka, Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin; Nays: None

Resolution number 2011-18r is adopted

Treasurer's Report

DeBroka reported as of August 31, 2011 the General Fund checking balance is \$131,588.76. Treasurer's report accepted as submitted.

Approval of Checks

Motion by Renken to accept checks as presented, second DeBroka

Roll call vote: Ayes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka; Nays: None

Motion Passed

Board Member Comments

None

9:02 PM Benjamin asks the board to continue the meeting; there is unanimous consent to continue the meeting.

Motion by Benjamin to go into a closed session as recommended by the township attorney regarding the Kaminsky litigation, as discussion in an open session could be detrimental to the financial or settlement interest of the township, second Kronewitter.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Kronewitter, Renken, Ward, Benjamin, DeBroka; Nays: None

The board entered a closed session without board member DeBroka at 9:04 PM

The following people were invited to join the remaining board members in the closed session:
Douglas & Nina Ditsch, Gary & Nancy Gaskill, Dave DeBroka, Linda DeBroka, and Laura Bywaters

The board came out of close session at 10:47 PM.

Motion by Benjamin to reject proposed settlement by Mike Bell, second Renken.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ward, Benjamin, Kronewitter, Renken; Nays: None; Abstain: DeBroka

Motion Passed

Motion by Kronewitter to adjourn, second Renken. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 PM

Respectfully submitted

Eric Renken (electronically signed)

Eric Renken

Township Clerk

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