

The regular meeting of the Green Township Board of Trustees held on February 26, 2007 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustee Mitchell, present; Trustee Winkler, Present; Chairman Upton, present; Fiscal Officer Straus, present.

Chairman Upton moved to amend the minutes for the regular meeting of February 12, 2007 to change Resolution #07-0212-S to read "Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion." Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Hamilton County Commissioner Pat DeWine addressed the Board to make a presentation on the status of Hamilton County. Commissioner DeWine stated that the number one challenge facing the County is public safety. He further stated that his concerns include budget balancing, the jail issue, making County government easier to deal with and improving customer service, encouraging businesses to invest and do business in Hamilton County and focusing on controlling the growth of County property taxes.

Trustee Mitchell inquired about CMHA's purchase of approximately 120 housing units throughout Hamilton County in 2006. Mr. Mitchell stated that none of those were purchased in Green Township and inquired about the status of the contract renewal between CMHA and Hamilton County.

Trustee Winkler stated that she appreciated Commissioner DeWine's statement that County Commissioners do appreciate and listen to recommendations from the Board of Trustees in regards to their respective jurisdictions. Trustee Winkler stated that the Green Township Board of Trustees does put many hours and much effort into zoning issues and getting the best development possible. She asked Commissioner DeWine to recognize the tremendous effort that has been put into recommendations and to give them great consideration at the County level.

Chairman Upton asked about Drake Hospital. Commissioner DeWine stated that Drake Hospital was losing money several years ago and depended on huge subsidies from County taxpayers. The County Commissioners were able to deal with the Health Alliance, who increased admissions by 85% and dramatically cut losses.

#### **WESTCHASE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT HEARING**

Chairman Upton opened the Westchase Park Neighborhood Lighting District Hearing for the purpose of establishing a lighting district on Greenoak Drive, Wellington Chase Court, Westchase Park Drive, and Summit Oak Lane.

Chairman Upton stated that legal notices were published on January 25, 2007.

Director of Development Goetzman stated that this is an existing subdivision that has lights that were installed by the developer. The developer has now completed the project and the residents are now taking over the operation of the lights within the subdivision.

Chairman Upton asked if anyone was present opposing the establishment of a lighting district. Hearing no one he requested a motion to approve.

#### **RESOLUTION #07-0226-A**

Trustee Mitchell moved to pass a resolution declaring a necessity for artificial lighting of streets and public ways O.R.C. 515.06 Westchase Park Neighborhood Lighting District. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye.

Chairman Upton recognized Boy Scout, Brian Merz, Troop #465, St. Al's, who is attending the meeting to work on his Citizenship in the Community badge.

#### **RESOLUTION #07-0226-B**

Trustee Mitchell moved to pass a resolution accepting and approving the financial reports as submitted. Chairman Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye.

**RESOLUTION #07-0226-C**

Trustee Mitchell moved to pass a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property at 3895 Ebenezer Road in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio listed in the Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 241, Parcel 129 consisting of a residence with approximately 0.258 acres at a cost of \$90,000.00 and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign all documents in connection with the real estate transaction. Chairman

Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye.

Chairman Upton asked Director of Public Services Schlimm if the State will be removing the island at Bridgetown and Glenway. Mr. Schlimm stated that removal of the island is planned for 2008.

**RESOLUTION #07-0226-D**

Trustee Mitchell moved to pass a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property at 3915 Ebenezer Road in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio listed in the Hamilton County Auditor's Book 550, Page 241, Parcel 128 consisting of a residence with approximately 0.215 acres at a cost of \$87,000.00 and authorizing the Township Administrator to sign all documents in connection with the real estate transaction. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye.

Administrator Celarek made the following announcements:

1. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 605B County Administration Building, 138 E. Court Street to hear the following cases:
  - a. Case# Green 06-04, applicant is Jim Ritter, PDA, Inc., concerning 3401 North Bend Road, east of Cheviot Road and West of Philloret Drive to change zoning from "B" and "C" Residence to "OO" Planned Office. To demolish two residential structures and construct a two story 35,050 square foot office building with associated parking areas, with one access point to North Bend Road and allow for future demolition of an existing 6 unit apartment building for parking lot expansion.
  - b. Case# Green 06-06, applicant is Greg Otis, AIA, for ZIP DIP at 4050 Drew Avenue on the southeast corner of the Drew Avenue/Harrison Avenue intersection, Cincinnati, Ohio, from "C" Residence to "EE" Planned Retail allowing for demolition of existing ice cream stand and one single family home on the property to construct a new 900 square foot ice cream stand building with associated outdoor seating, a 15 space parking lot and access drives from Drew and Harrison Avenues.
2. There will be a press conference to announce the commencement of construction of the Rybolt Road Realignment Project. It will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Hearne Road near Harrison Avenue (between West Hills Apartments and the Imperial House Motel).
3. The Trustees congratulate Keith Peace who will be awarded his Eagle Scout award on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. at the Eagle Court of Honor at the Fr. Hilvert Center at St. Ignatius Church.
4. Ms. Cecelia Ross, 3884 West Fork Road, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 7, 2007.

Fiscal Officer Straus announced that the Modified Cash Basis statement for the year end is completed and will be posted on the Township website. Also, there are three Bills pending in the Ohio House that eliminate the Estate Tax, raise the exemption amount to \$600,000, or give the Township the right to opt-out. Any of these could be fiscally damaging to the Township.

Attorney Frank Hyle stated need for executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, personnel matters, and acquisition of property. Action may be anticipated.

Administrator Celarek reported that the airport Noise Compatibility Study has been received by the Township. It is available to the public during normal working hours.

Trustee Mitchell expressed his thanks to Jim Miceli for his service to the Airport Noise Abatement Committee.

Director of Public Services Schlimm reported that many residents are taking advantage of the opportunity to bring tree limbs to Kuliga Park. This service will be provided through March 30, 2007. On March 31, 2007 the Hamilton County Yard Waste Drop-Off service begins. Mr. Schlimm announced that the Rybolt Road Relocation Project is set to begin any day now and will begin with the installation of a new storm sewer on Hearne Road at Harrison Avenue.

Chairman Upton read several thank you letters.

Director of Development Goetzman had nothing to report.

Fire/EMS Chief Witsken reported on the recent purchase of automatic snow and ice chains for the Fire and EMS vehicles. Chief Witsken thanked the Board for that purchase.

Police Chief West reported that the recent snow and ice storms was cause for many auto accident calls to the Police Department.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Mitchell moved to recess into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation, personnel matters, and acquisition of property. Action may be anticipated. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Winkler: Aye; Trustee Upton: Aye; Chairman Mitchell: Aye. The meeting was recessed at 6:08 p.m.; reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #07-0226-E**

Chairman Upton moved to pass a resolution authorizing the filing of an appeal in Common Pleas Court regarding the Jack Bohning Workers' Compensation Case and retaining the services of Lisa Patterson of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister at the rate of \$165 per hour. Trustee Winkler seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Abstain; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye.

Trustee Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Upton seconded the motion. Trustee Mitchell: Aye; Trustee Winkler: Aye; Chairman Upton: Aye. Meeting was adjourned 7:34 p.m.