

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017

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The Columbia Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki, Chris Kritikos. The Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Lt. Keith Boeing were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve regular meeting minutes from November 14, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Open Forum

Elisha Davis requested clarification on the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to Cambridge Avenue and business development. Also, Les Hemingway shared a list of concerns including property sales to a car dealership. Other residents questioned the makeup of the steering committee as well as how the planning was publicized. Mr. Lemon and Mr. Kubicki reiterated the point that private property transactions are just that; private. The Comprehensive Plan does not change zoning and any change from private to commercial would still go through Hamilton County. The intent of the plan is merely to encourage economic development as a means to increase tax revenue to keep resident's taxes from increasing. Planning was well publicized through the newsletter delivered to every resident as well as the website and other postings. Madison Place residents were also encouraged to call the office any time they have a question and perhaps form an online group like Ridgewood's Civic Association to help spread information. The Comprehensive Plan's approval date was delayed to address resident concerns.

Department Reports

Fire Inspector's Report

Mr. Wendell's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Road Superintendent Report

Mr. Servizzi's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Police Report

Lt. McElroy's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection. Lt. Boeing reported that all police patrolling Columbia Township will begin wearing body cameras in February.

Fiscal Officer Report

Ms. Heekin's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

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Department Reports (cont.)

Administrator's Report

Mr. Lemon's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Mr. Lemon shared details regarding several items including the Comprehensive plan. Most was covered in Open Forum; it was also noted that we will now submit the revised Comprehensive Plan to Hamilton County in February.

The LMJF&R Merger with Golf Manor is near completion and will be official in January of 2018. The Golf Manor fire station will remain open and continue to serve the Ridgewood area.

The Bike Path Study was reviewed by Jack Sutton of Great Parks; further studies of costs for adding a leg to the Newtown path to Kroger and other Wooster Pike businesses and extending to the Mariemont Library will be explored.

Roe Street improvements are complete including the planting of 26 new trees chosen by residents.

Madison Place Parking Study is nearing completion

Wooster Pike crossing is being looked at; Traffic Engineers will work with ODOT.

LMJF&R Report

Covered in Open Forum and Administrators Report. Mr. Kubicki had no additions.

Trustees Report

Mr. Kritikos thanked residents and business owners and vendors for the very successful tree lighting celebration in Madison Place.

Communications

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Columbia Township says medical marijuana dispensary is welcome" (11/20)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Editorial "Mayor supports proposed Central Corridor pipeline" (11/26)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Hamilton County misses out on marijuana farms, here's where they'll go" (11/30)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "State picks businesses to grow medical marijuana" (12/1)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Rejected marijuana cultivators predict 'onslaught of litigation' over Ohio's review process" (12/1)
- HCDC: Columbia Township Development Update (November)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Editorial "Mayor's support of Duke pipelines is curious (12/3)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Ohio auditor asks to halt marijuana cultivator licensing because of application scorer's prior drug conviction" (12/6)

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Resolutions

Mr. Kubicki provided the 2nd reading of the Resolution Reappointing C. Michael Lemon as Township Administrator for Calendar Years 2018 through 2019 and Authorizing the Township Administrator's Terms of Appointment. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-38**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of the Resolution Establishing Salary Ranges for the Year 2018.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Columbia Township 2018 Annual Appropriation Resolution. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-39**. All present voted yes.

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of the Resolution To Supplement Resolutions 11-36 ,2016 Columbia Township 2017 Annual Appropriation, 17-09, 2017, 17-11, 2017, 17-13, 2017, 17-25, 2017, and 17-28, 2017. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the resolution **17-41**. All present voted yes.

Old Business –

Bike Path Extension: covered in Mr. Lemon's report

New Business –

JEDZ President 2018: Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to nominate himself. All present voted yes. Mr. Lemon pointed out that this unpaid, volunteer position must always be held by a Trustee.

Deer Park/Silverton JFD: Discussion is needed to determine renewal of Contract expiring March 31st, 2018 or Membership.

Wooster Pike Pedestrian Crossing: we have a proposal from TECH to develop designs for the crossing. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to authorize payment to move forward with design options. All present voted yes.

Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for November, 2017. All present voted to approve.

Announcements – Hamilton County Commissioners have decided to raise Vehicle License fees by \$5.00 to pay for Western Hills Viaduct improvements as well as other projects.

Signing of Minutes and Resolutions – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

Adjournment – Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes

Date

David Kubicki

Date

Chris Kritikos

Date

Caroline Heekin

Date