

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

**Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
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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, Susan Hughes and Chris Kritikos. Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Police Lt. Enderle were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval and Signing of Minutes –

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019. All present voted yes.

HCDC Quarterly Update –

Dustin Montgomery's report is on file for public inspection.

Open Forum – The majority of the Open Forum was dedicated to Madison Place resident's interest in Hamilton County's rezoning of four Cambridge Avenue homes adjacent to the Plainville Road business district. Madison Place neighbors have requested that County Planning and Zoning Officials override the Township's Comprehensive Plan and deny the rezoning to maintain the neighborhood's character.

Stacy Bryant Rose expressed her concerns that the zoning commissioners at the public meeting of the Hamilton County Planning Commission had dismissed their concerns and made "condescending" remarks.

Mike Tigh suggested engaging a landscape architect to offer options for a proposed parking lot.

Jen Bryant discussed a letter written by an attorney representing several residents to the Hamilton County Zoning Officials. The letter outlined several objections to the rezoning application. Ms. Bryant felt the letter was not given the consideration they would have expected. Mr. Kubicki was not aware of the letter and asked to be copied on this and future letters addressed to the commission.

Mr. Kubicki suggested putting efforts towards revising the master plan by engaging the other residents. He also suggested residents could find ways to help clean up more challenged properties along Plainville.

Mr. Kritikos recommended the trustees continue to hold "Township Talks", or informal meetings with residents, to discuss these and other issues affecting the township. He suggested holding a meeting in the near future.

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Department Reports –

Road Superintendent Report

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

Police Report

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

Fiscal Officer Report

Ms. Heekin's report is available for public inspection.

Administrator's Report

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

LMJF&R Report

Covered in Mr. Lemon's report

Trustees Reports

Mr. Kritikos share details of the upcoming community block party on September 8th in front of the old firehouse on Murray. The theme is a Tailgate Party with an appearance from Ken Anderson.

Communications –

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "Only 18 of 56 Ohio medical marijuana dispensaries are operational. Why?" (6/20)
- Cincinnati Enquirer: Article "'People Over Porsches' loses first round in dealership growth plan" (7/4)

Resolutions

Mr. Lemon provided the 1st and only reading of a Resolution Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Tall Grass, Weeds and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for Multiple Non-Compliant Properties, Dispensing with the Second Reading, and Declaring an Emergency (Emergency) Ms. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kritikos to suspend the rules. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to adopt the **Resolution 19-11**. All present voted yes. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to invoke the emergency clause. All present voted yes.

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Mr. Lemon provided the 1st reading of a Resolution Authorizing a Renewal Agreement for Professional Services for General Economic Development Assistance; Authorizing Administrator to Enter into Agreement with Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC). The 2nd reading will be provided in the August meeting.

New Business –

Mr. Lemon reported that the 2020 Budget needs to be submitted to the County. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to submit the Budget. All present voted to yes. There has been a request to remove No Parking signs on Bramble. The Fire Department has no objections. This would provide an additional 6 parking spaces. The Trustees had no objection. Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Mr. Kritikos to remove the signs. 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 June. All present voted to approve.

Announcements –

- Work Session:Date to be set soon
- TIRC (Tax Incentive Review) Meeting: Takes place at HCDC on Mentor Avenue July 10 at noon. One Trustee to attend.
- TIF:Pending no Abatements on the Woeste expansion the Township would capture revenues upwards of 30 to 50k with future growth as values increase

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

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

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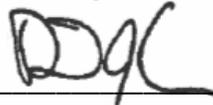
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Susan Hughes

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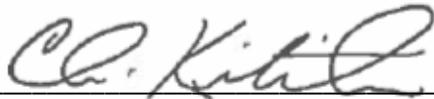
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David Kubicki

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Chris Kritikos

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Caroline Heekin

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