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# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE

## BOARD OF CANFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Meeting held on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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Canfield Township Trustees held a regular meeting in the Canfield Township Hall on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm. Chairman Brian Governor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*In as much as these meetings are recorded, these minutes are to provide information of the most salient points, and not intended to describe all conversations and testimony verbatim. Recordings of most meetings are available for listening to in the Township Hall, and a copy may be obtained upon request from the Fiscal Officer.*

### ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Chairman requested that Denise Joseph, Fiscal Officer, call the attendance roll:

Mr. Paloski	present
Mr. Governor	present
Mrs. Cartwright	present

Also present was Fiscal Officer Denise Joseph, Township Administrator/Road Superintendent Keith Rogers, Zoning Inspector Traci DeCapua and Assistant Public Works Maintenance Foreman and Cemetery Sexton Bob Burkett.

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The Board recognized Lana Speece Vanaucker of 4133 S. Turner Road. Mrs. Vanaucker voiced her complete disapproval to the Mill Creek MetroParks Board's deer culling.

The Board recognized David DiRusso of 431 Shadydale Drive. Mr. DiRusso, who is the manager for the owner of the vacant lot on the southwest corner of Herbert Rd. and State Route 46. He questioned why the contractor (who was using the lot as a staging area) was evicted from said lot, stating there was no notification/correspondence regarding this matter. Mr. DiRusso asked if there was any resolution/motion passed condoning these actions of the Zoning Inspector Traci DeCapua.

Mr. Governor stated he received Mr. DiRusso's letter; the tenor of the letter implied possible legal action which Mr. Governor did not want to see transpire, but legal counsel was sought with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office; Mrs. DeCapua was included in the conversation. The Prosecutor's office will follow-up with Mr. DiRusso.

Mr. Governor stated to his knowledge the Board did not pass any resolution/motion to that effect; and also stated he did not know if it was necessary to do so.

Mr. Governor and Mr. DiRusso had further discussion. Mr. Governor stated the Township is not making this a legal matter; the Township does seek legal counsel to make sure the Township is responding to Township matters properly.

The Board recognized Lex Calder of 145 Willowbend Drive. Mr. Calder who is on the City of Canfield Parks and Recreation Board and spearheaded the idea for a bike pump track which is a

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circular loop consisting of rollers and berms. The pump track at Fair Park in Canfield is small; 120 feet long and 65 feet wide. A \$30,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and \$50,000 from the City of Canfield made this project happen. Mr. Calder asked the Board if the Township would be interested in a pump track in the area; the Board stated more details would be needed.

**MINUTES:** Chairman Governor moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 15, September 12 and October 10; special budget meeting minutes of October 5; and the public hearing of October 10, 2023. These minutes with suggested changes were incorporated and accepted.

**ADMINISTRATOR/ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mr. Paloski spoke with several residents who live on Championship Court and Legacy Boulevard; they are concerned about speeding on Legacy Boulevard and are requesting 25-mph speed limit signs be installed. Mr. Governor stated there is a motion on the agenda for these signs at tonight's meeting.

Legacy Drive residents approached the developer in 2020 about a street lighting district to no avail. Mr. Paloski updated the residents stating that Fiscal Officer Joseph spoke with the developer last year, a petition for streetlights has to come from the owners of more than 50% of the feet in front of the lots and lands abutting on the streets and public ways where the lights would be placed. In this case it would be the developer who would be responsible for the petition and the costs associated with the installation of the lights.

Langston and Summit residents stated there is a 2 way stop (north/Summit & south/Brixton Crest); residents are requesting a 4 way stop sign since Langston Run is now connected to Raccoon and traffic is heavy on Langston Run. Mr. Rogers stated an engineering study would have to be completed; a traffic count of so many cars per day going up and down Langston would be needed to justify a 4 way stop; and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices states you cannot install a stop sign to slow traffic. Mr. Rogers will request a preliminary quote from Engineer Dave Bakalar with Thomas Fok & Associates, Inc.

Residents on Tyler Drive are extremely happy with the speed tables. Major Jeff Allen, Mahoning County Sheriff's Department stated the tables are definitely slowing traffic down and believes they could be installed on other roads. A third speed table was scheduled to be installed however it was decided to wait to see how snowplowing goes this winter. Mr. Paloski stated essential services such as ambulance and fire had no issues with the speed tables; and Mr. Burkett reached out to the school bus drivers for feedback.

Mr. Rogers stated he met with Dave Bakalar this morning at the OPWC meeting and Mr. Bakalar stated he is working on the project plans for Briarwood; and the bid book will go out in February 2024.

**ABC Water and Stormwater District:** Mr. Rogers stated he is waiting to hear back from the District's Attorney on whether a Pebble Beach access drive can be installed; language needs to be correct on who owns the property and has access to the easement.

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Mr. Rogers stated Revere Run and Linden Place curb and gutter restoration is completed. The Pleasant Valley drainage ditch project is scheduled to begin tomorrow and should take 3 days to complete. The District will seek a possible Water Pollution Control Loan (WPCLF) or apply through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for Joyce Ann Drive funding since the engineer's estimate was \$625,000.

**Cornersburg and Dean Hill Cemeteries:** The Historical Society rescheduled a walk-through event at Dean Hill Cemetery for this Saturday October 28, 2023. The scheduled walk-through requires a special event permit secured through the Zoning office.

**Township Park:** Mr. Burkett stated the park will be closed beginning November 3, 2023; the City of Canfield Billing Freeze Request Form needs to be signed which is included with the check.

**Public Works Report:** Mr. Burkett stated the preparation work for the Villa Rosa 2024 paving project is nearly complete.

The Public Works employees will continue with the Pebble Beach culvert cleaning this Saturday, weather permitting.

The new truck should be completed the first or second week of December 2023.

**ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Paloski inquired about the house at 5216 W. Western Reserve. Mrs. DeCapua stated the house will be taken down by the owner; John Monroe is the contractor.

Mr. Governor inquired about the wind and solar farms. Mrs. DeCapua stated the large-scale solar farms over 50 megawatts consist of 200-600 acres of property and there are at least 4 or 5 large tracts in the Township which are currently being farmed but could be adapted for that utility. A farm owner in the Township has been approached by one of the solar energy companies.

Tonight's motion/resolution is requesting a hearing with the Mahoning County Commissioners to prohibit large scale solar and wind farms in the unincorporated areas of Canfield Township. Wind and solar farms under 50 megawatts can be regulated by Townships and will be included in the zoning update.

Mrs. DeCapua stated on October 10, 2023 the Board approved the abatement of 4900 S. Turner Road. The letter prepared for Board signatures states this decision along with affirming that the owner has 7 days to abate or the abatement will be done by the Township; the original resolution is attached.

Mr. Governor moved to accept the Administrator/Road Superintendent, Public Works and Zoning reports as presented.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:** Mrs. Joseph will be at the budget meeting this Saturday October 28.

Mr. Governor moved to accept the Fiscal Officer report as presented.

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**New Business / Motions / Resolutions:**

**MOTION 2023-122**

**Wind and Solar Farms**

Mrs. Cartwright moved to approve **Resolution #2023-10-24-17** Requesting the Mahoning County Commissioners adopt a Resolution to Prohibit Construction of any Economically Significant Wind Farm, Large Wind Farm or Large Solar Facility in the Unincorporated Area of Canfield Township. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**MOTION 2023-123**

**Speed Limit Sign Request**

Mr. Paloski moved to approve under the authority of ORC Section 4511.21 (k)(2), setting a 25 mile per hour speed limit in the following platted subdivision within Canfield Township: Legacy Boulevard. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**MOTION 2023-124**

**Objection to Sherba Expedited Type 2 Annexation**

Mrs. Cartwright moved to approve by Resolution **#2023-10-24-18** authorizing the Township's outside legal counsel to file an objection with the Mahoning County Commissioners for the Petition for the Expedited Type 2 Annexation, Sherba, PPN 26-011-0-014.00-0 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**MOTION 2023-125**

**Warrants & Electronic Payments**

Mr. Paloski moved to authorize the payment of all the Township's outstanding obligations. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**Trustee Comments:** There is a Good Evening, Canfield scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 pm at WayPoint 4180. Mr. Paloski will be giving the presentation.

Mr. Governor mentioned he was approached by someone interested in purchasing some of the northside of the Township Park land.

**Next Meeting Date(s):** The Board will hold a budget meeting on October 28 at 9:00am; and regular meetings on November 14 & 28, 2023 at 7:00pm. These meetings are scheduled to be in person at the Township Hall and will be advertised appropriately.

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### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Governor adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

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Mr. Brian W. Governor, Chairman

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Mr. Joseph N. Paloski, Trustee

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Mrs. Marie Izzo Cartwright, Vice-Chairman

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Mrs. Denise M. Joseph, Fiscal Officer

Minutes prepared by:

Cindy Williams

*Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees*

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