

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE & TIME: Thursday, January 19, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Millcreek Township Hall, 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville Ohio 43040

LEGAL NOTICE: The Millcreek Township Board of Trustees will hold a joint public meeting with the Millcreek Township Zoning Commission on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Millcreek Township Hall, located at 10420 Watkins Road, Marysville, OH 43040. The purpose of this meeting is to provide feedback to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission pertaining to the findings of the draft Upper Scioto Balanced Growth Plan and to consider adoption of the 2012 draft Park & Activities Plan and/or implement various recommendations of either draft plan.

This meeting will be followed by an annual organizational meeting of the Millcreek Township Zoning Commission where may elect officers, set an annual meeting schedule, adopt rules of procedure, consider initiation of text amendments to the Millcreek Township Zoning Resolution and/or any other matters that may come before the Zoning Commission. The public is invited to attend.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Trustee Chair Bill Lynch and Zoning Commission Chair Joni Orders at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Zoning Administrator Joe Clase called the roll of members present.

Trustees Present:

Keith Conroy
Bill Jordan
Bill Lynch

Zoning Commission Present:

Jocelin Boutet, *Alternate*
Kenny Coakley, *Alternate*
Jim Lawrenz
Joni Orders
Freeman Troyer
Greg Wisniewski

Absent Members:

None

Others Present:

Joe Clase, *Zoning Administrator*
Richard Howar, *7470 Brown Road*
JoAnne Rausch
Larry Rutledge, *9870 Watkins Road*
Bill Schrader, *13600 Watkins-California Road*

MORPC UPPER SCIOTO BALANCED GROWTH PLAN MAP PRESENTATION: Erin Grushon, Associate Planner with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) made a presentation regarding the status of their planning effort. She stated that they have support from at least 75% of the governmental jurisdictions within the watershed area. They have been meeting for over a year and working with representatives from local jurisdictions to develop criteria for different focused land uses. She

presented a draft map depicting the following areas of planning interest:

- Priority Development Areas
- Primary Conservation Areas
- Primary Agricultural Areas

Erin Grushon indicated that 40% of the watershed falls in one of the ^{above} following areas. She stated that MORPC is hoping to get comments back from local jurisdictions by the end of January or shortly afterward. This plan is focused on 25 year land use projections. Trustee Keith Conroy inquired about the criteria used to map Primary Agricultural Areas. Erin Grushon stated that criteria focused on what land is most suitable for agricultural uses, but they are asking local jurisdictions to develop their own recommendations. Trustee Bill Lynch stated that the limited criteria applied to the existing map is problematic and recommended the Township consider developing local criteria for agricultural lands.

Greg Wisniewski inquired why there was a development focus on ^{certain} intersections. Erin Grushon stated that they met certain criterion. Joclin Boutet inquired why the quarry was not labeled. Erin Grushon stated that it would be up to the Township to include it in one of the areas. Bill Lynch stated that rented farm land appears to be excluded from the Primary Agricultural areas. ^{and criteria behind it.}

Joni Orders inquired about the game plan for getting comments back to MORPC. Bill Lynch stated that he would like to review the Primary Agricultural Areas with the public before sending comments to MORPC. Freeman Troyer inquired what drawbacks would there be for not labeling land. Bill Lynch stated that this may encourage developers to think of land as an option for development.

Bill Lynch, Joe Clase, Jim Lawrenz and Joclin Boutet volunteered to meet and further discuss a procedure for providing comments back to MORPC.

Erin Grushon encouraged interested individuals to visit www.balancedgrowthplanning.morpc.org or www.balancedgrowthohio.gov to learn more about this planning effort.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP PARK & ACTIVITIES PLAN DRAFT PRESENTATION: Joe Clase presented a draft of the Millcreek Township Park & Activities Plan. He discussed the importance of the plan in documenting and further developing public comment received in the 2011 community survey. He reviewed a brief history of the Township and its importance to planning. He reviewed existing conditions, survey results, the Township Park amenities and use today along with other recreational opportunities, such as the Union County Joint Recreational District, Union County Family YMCA and planned soccer fields on Watkins Road and the Shelly quarry. He reviewed some draft standards for park and recreational development within the Township, recommended park and trail improvements, recommendations for local activities and events and funding options.

It was mentioned that a tetherball is needed, sand volleyball, bocce ball and a star gazing map would be nice additions to the plan. Big Equipment day, township business owner day and an art contest or FFA event could be coupled with some of the recommended events. Bill Lynch stated that he would like to see a cost breakdown of all recommended improvements as an easy guide for the Trustees when budgeting. Keith Conroy mentioned that the playground upgrade could be modeled after Glacier Ridge playground.

Joe Clase stated that he would like to also identify alternative funding sources and assist the township in seeking such funding. For example, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources offers NatureWorks grants for development of park amenities. There is \$12,272 available for use in Union County in the next round of funding. The application is due February 1, 2012. It was recommended that fitness equipment and playground equipment upgrades be a focus of such a funding request.

Keith Conroy moved to approve the following resolution of authorization for the NatureWorks Program. Bill Lynch seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Program, and

WHEREAS, the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees own and maintain a public park at 10420 Watkins Road, and

WHEREAS, the recent public participation has resulted in recommended improvements to the public park, and

WHEREAS, the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees has recruited a group of residents who have drafted a Park & Activities Plan outlining various planned improvements to the public park, and

WHEREAS, the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees,

- 1. That the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees approves filing an application for financial assistance.*
- 2. That Trustee Bill Lynch is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.*
- 3. That the Millcreek Township Board of Trustees does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Program.*

All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Joe Clase stated that he would like to continue to research the subject and revisit the draft plan at a future Zoning Commission meeting. He mentioned that his focus for this coming month would be getting the grant application prepared, submitted and beginning to research park improvement costs. He encouraged residents interested in helping out to attend future Zoning Commission meetings and e-mail him any information they would like to see incorporated.

ADJOURNMENT: Bill Lynch made a motion to adjourn the special Trustee meeting. Bill Jordan seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Bill Lynch declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Greg Wisniewski made a motion to adjourn the special Zoning Commission meeting. Joclin Boutet seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Joni Orders announced the meeting to be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Zoning Commission Chair Joni Orders at ~~8:07~~ p.m.

ROLL CALL: Zoning Administrator Joe Clase called the roll of members present.

Zoning Commission Present: Jocelin Boutet, *Alternate*
Kenny Coakley, *Alternate*
Jim Lawrenz
Joni Orders
Freeman Troyer
Greg Wisniewski

Zoning Commission Absent: *None*

Others Present: Joe Clase, *Zoning Administrator*
Keith Conroy, *Trustee*
Bill Jordan, *Trustee*
Bill Lynch, *Trustee*

MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL: The board reviewed minutes from December 15, 2011. Freeman Troyer made a motion to approve minutes from the December 15, 2011 meeting, as presented. Greg Wisniewski seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS: None

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT / COMMENTS: Joe Clase discussed his activities in December 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: Kenny Coakley asked that any discussion or action regarding the drafted wind turbine regulations and economic impact statement guidelines be tabled for discussion in January 2012.

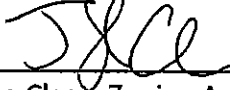
NEW BUSINESS: Greg Wisniewski moved to nominate Joni Orders as Chair. Freeman Troyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Freeman Troyer moved to nominate Greg Wisniewski as Vice Chair. Jim Lawrenz seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Jim Lawrenz moved to elect the 2012 Zoning Commission officers as nominated. Greg Wisniewski seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

Greg Wisniewski moved to schedule regular meetings for 2012 on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the November meeting to be held at the same time on the second Wednesday of the month. Joclin Boutet seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Joni Orders announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Joe Clase stated that he would ensure the meeting is advertised.

ADJOURNMENT: Greg Wisniewski made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Freeman Troyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried. Joni Orders announced the meeting to be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

PREPARED BY:




Joe Clase, Zoning Administrator

ATTEST:



Joni Orders, Zoning Commission Chair

APPROVED:



Date