

## **BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 7, 2017 at 7:00pm  
Bazetta Township Administration Building  
3372 State Route 5  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Present: Trustee Paul Hovis  
Vice Chairman Trustee Frank Parke  
Chairman Trustee Ted Webb  
Fire Chief Dennis Lewis  
Park Board Chairman Steve Belcher  
Park Board Member Laura Yarabenez  
Park Board Member Jennifer Kuhn

053-17 To accept the resignations of Robert and Megan Giering as Members of the Parks & Recreation Board, effective immediately.

Motion: Trustee Hovis

Second: Trustee Parke

Vote: Trustee Hovis - Yes Trustee Parke –Yes Trustee Webb – Yes

054-17 To appoint Andrea Drotar as a Member of the Parks & Recreation Board, completing the term vacated by Megan Giering, effective immediately.

Motion: Trustee Hovis

Second: Trustee Parke

Vote: Trustee Hovis - Yes Trustee Parke –Yes Trustee Webb – Yes

054-17 To appoint Ryan Stowell as a Member of the Parks & Recreation Board, completing the term vacated by Robert Giering, effective immediately.

Motion: Trustee Hovis

Second: Trustee Parke

Vote: Trustee Hovis - Yes Trustee Parke –Yes Trustee Webb – Yes

- Trustee Hovis informed the Park Board Members in attendance that Candlelight Knolls is not available on 4/29/17 for a Park fundraiser but April 15, 2017 or May 6, 2017 was available. (Park Board later voted to hold fundraiser on May 6, 2017). Trustee Hovis also informed Park Board Members that Optimist Club must be listed on all tickets and marketing for any fundraising, no cash will be accepted by Optimist, and a \$300-\$350 fee will be enforced if tables and chairs are not put back in place properly at Candlelight Knolls.
- Bazetta Park Board Chairman, Steve Belcher, confirmed date and details of March 1, 2017 for Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser and stated that Park Board members will also be meeting to organize the fundraiser at Candlelight Knolls sponsored by Optimist Club.
- Bazetta Park Board Chairman, Steve Belcher, reported on the funds in Park Board account that were earmarked for 'new projects'. Park Board Members agreed to meet and vote on moving funds into the Park 'maintenance and grounds keeping' general fund in order to open the Park - general consensus was new project monies won't be of any use if Park isn't open. Short-term goal would be to open park and then Park Board will work on a long-term Master Plan in order for Bazetta Park to remain a viable part of the community.

**Slideshow** Levy slideshow presented by Fire Chief Dennis Lewis

**Public Commits:**

Bob McBride, Warren-Meadville Rd., asked if Trustees were aware of Township's financial situation before building fire department. Trustees and Chief Lewis explained they were aware but moved forward in the best interest of the Township in order to take advantage of grants and long-term savings.

Owners of Coopers Cycle and Fitness, 134 North High Street, Cortland, Ohio offered Park support with fundraising ideas that include cycling and kayaking. Ideas will be submitted to Park Board for consideration.

Lakeview graduate and Kent State student, Jeni Grooms, suggested partnering with High School students who need community service. Laura Yarabenetz stated she has already received the permission from Mike Detoro, Vice-Principal at Lakeview, to organize clean-up and/or work days thru the support of High School Social Studies teachers who require the 10 hours of community service. Grooms also asked for permission to present ideas to her Kent State community in order to support the Park. Any ideas to be submitted to Park Board.

Lakeview Elementary PTO members, Amy Newton and Jill Steele, offered Park support with a donation and fundraising ideas. Ideas will be submitted to Park Board for consideration. Other suggestions included positive social marketing.

Lakeview Athletic Club members, including Chris Schiavone and Jamie Bland, offered their support and communicated the importance of the fields to the Lakeview baseball program. They took 100 tickets to sell for the Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser and will submit ideas to Bazetta Park Board, including signage on fences. LAC also asked to install 'hood' or large back-stop to prevent baseballs from flying behind home plate. Research will be done and submitted to Park Board and any research that has been done previously by the Township will be provided to LAC.

055-17 To adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm.  
Motion: Trustee Hovis  
Second: Trustee Parke  
Vote: Trustee Hovis - Yes Trustee Parke - Yes Trustee Webb - Yes

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Attested by  
Minutes Taker

X Ted Webb 2/13/17

Attested by  
Chairman Trustee