

**Perry Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2019 7:00 pm**

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Sergeant Kyle Branham

Trustee Chessler opened the meeting by welcoming special guest, Staff Sergeant Kyle Branham, to lead us in the Pledge this evening. Trustee Chessler gave a brief summary of Sergeant Branham's dedicated service and military background. In addition, Trustee Chessler stated that Sergeant Branham has been a vital and active part of the Perry Township Community Events.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler thanked Staff Sergeant Branham for being here and presented him with a flag and display case as a token of appreciation for his dedicated service to our community and to our country. Sergeant Branham stated his thanks to the Board.

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Consider Material Quotes for 2019

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board previously announced that we would receive and open and consider Material Quotes for road paving materials for the year 2019 and indicated that we have received several submissions. Trustee Chessler stated that the Road Superintendent and Fiscal Officer have preliminarily reviewed these submissions and inquired of Road Superintendent Masalko if he would read into the record the vendor and any other identifying information regarding the quoted materials.

Road Superintendent Masalko read aloud the following companies that submitted:

1. D & R Supply, Inc.
2. Huth Ready Mix & Supply Co.
3. Massillon Asphalt Company
4. Oster Sand & Gravel, Inc.
5. Diano Supply Company
6. National Lime and Stone Co.
7. Northstar Asphalt, Inc.
8. The Shelly Company, The Limestone Division and the Asphalt & Gravel Division
9. Tiger Sand & Gravel, LLC
10. Hei-Way, LLC
11. American Sand & Gravel
12. Allied Corporation

Trustee Chessler acknowledged receiving these material quotes in a timely fashion and made a motion that the Board acknowledge these quotes and refer them to the Law Director and Road Superintendent for further review and recommendation; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Swearing In Ceremony of PT Fire Medics

Trustee Chessler stated that he has the privilege and responsibility tonight to recognize and welcome five new part-time hires to our Perry Township Fire Department.

Trustee Chessler stated that he would read aloud the names of these new part-time employees and ask each of them to step forward, raise their right hand and state their name to repeat the following oath:

**Andrew Braham
Keith Jarvis
Ethan Lowery
William Muster
Abigail Schweitzer**

I, _____ do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of the State of Ohio and the charter Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio, the Rules, the Regulations and Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler extended his congratulations and indicated that their signatures would also be needed for their Oath of Office and Certificates.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that Andrew Braham, Keith Jarvis, Ethan Lowery, William Muster and Abigail Schweitzer be hired as part-time employees of the Perry Township Fire Department; they shall comply with all township resolutions, state and federal laws related to the total average hours worked per week and per year and they will be required to follow and complete all the current requirements placed on probationary members; they will be afforded all benefits currently applicable to part-time employees; starting wage of \$13.25 per hour; hiring date will be Tuesday, February 5, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board would take a brief recess and extended his thanks to the family members as well as the current and former members of the Fire Department for their presence here tonight.

5 Minute Recess

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval: None.

Township Business requiring Board Action: None.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of Richville Cemetery Grave Marker

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board had previously been aware of this matter last year and inquired of Mrs. Anania, here this evening, if she could relay the current situation of their grave marker at Richville Cemetery. Mrs. Anania relayed that their leaning grave marker had not changed any.

Trustee Chessler referenced notes from a meeting held last November concerning the Anania grave marker and relayed the costs of remediation for the complete repair in the amount of \$553.20; Trustee Chessler inquired of Administrator Fetzer to confirm that amount; Administrator Fetzer indicated that was correct. Trustee Chessler also referenced all in attendance at the November meeting; the Law Director, Administrator, Cemetery Sexton, Ohio Monument Foundation representative and Mrs. Anania.

Law Director Hall confirmed that the remediation costs in the amount of \$553.20 would include: removal of the monument to enable the removal of the existing foundation, placing a new foundation and then re-setting the monument.

Mrs. Anania stated that the reason their grave marker was sinking was because it was not caged. Law Director Hall relayed that if he may, he wanted to clarify the discussion at the November meeting wherein this issue regarding the Anania headstone sinking at one end was not really the fault of anybody, the foundation was placed correctly, the grave excavation was satisfactory and is believed that the set of the soils shifted aiding in this sinking issue with the Anania headstone. Mr. Hall also explained that further discussion at the November meeting indicated that in the future, the term cribbing, reinforcement measures, be considered when opening a new grave next to an existing one.

Trustee Haines inquired where the \$553.20 quote originated from. Law Director Hall indicated from Ohio Monument Foundations. Trustee DeChiara remarked that this (sinking) issue looked like it was affecting the monument next to the Anania monument as well. Law Director Hall again referenced the November meeting and the direction of Ohio Monument Foundation representative and indicated that now that they know the type of soils and potential settling, any future foundations would be wider in scope to account for that.

Trustee Haines referenced the supporting documents before the Board and relayed one of the recommendations that Ohio Monument Foundations relayed for future burials; when backfilling during a burial excavation, something other than dirt should be used.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the cemetery sexton, the Law Director and the Administrator to take all steps necessary to contract with Lang Monument Company at a cost not to exceed the quoted amount of \$553.20 to rectify, completely, the situation with the grave of the Anania family at the Perry Township Cemetery; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Trustee Chessler indicated to Law Director Hall that we would use this as a learning experience and asked him if he would draft some thoughts, with the cemetery sexton's assistance, to look at other communities to see what standards and policies were in place to ensure that whoever's hired and might

come on to our lands to do this work, that they either provide a bond, insurance coverage or meet the standards that we have so this doesn't happen again. Mr. Hall stated that this recommendation would be ready if not at the next meeting, the first meeting in March.

New Business:

Trustee Chessler made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$193,915.62 for the week ending January 22, 2019 and bills in the amount of \$59,852.45 for the week ending January 29, 2019 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$320,184.09 for the week ending February 5, 2019 for a combined total of \$573,952.16; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Accepting 12-18-18 Work Session Meeting Minutes; 12-18-18 Regular Meeting Minutes and 1-15-19 Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received, in the Supporting Documents, minutes drafted for the meetings of December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting; the Work Session of December 18, 2018 and the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting and asked if there were any changes or corrections to those.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept those minutes to be approved as submitted; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, abstain. Mr. Haines, yes.

Administration:

Consider Accepting OTARMA Police and Fire Grant in the Amount of \$2,000

Trustee Chessler stated that this first item is to consider accepting the OTARMA Police and Fire Grant in the Amount of \$2,000.00; Trustee Chessler referenced a memo the Board received dated February 4, 2019 that details this and the below referenced check amounts. Trustee Chessler relayed that the OTARMA Board of Directors created a program which supports Police and Fire Departments in creating and updating their policy and procedure manuals by utilizing Lexipol or a similar program; our Police and Fire Departments have been recipients of this newly established grant. Moving forward, we shall receive this grant funding on an annual basis.

Consider Accepting BWC Check in the Amount of \$791.00

Trustee Chessler stated that this next item is considering accepting a check from the Bureau of Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$791.00; it is reimbursement payment for a handicap claim which occurred in 2015.

Consider Accepting Stark Tusc Wayne Clean Up Grant in the Amount of \$2,500

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board is being asked to consider to accept a check from the Stark Tusc Wayne Clean Up Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00; this comes to the Board for our willingness to host

recycling sites throughout the Township; moving forward, the Board will receive this is a lump sum payment in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Consider Accepting Yard Waste Site Grant in the Amount of \$8,428

Trustee Chessler stated that the Yard Waste Site Grant, new beginning in 2018, is also up for acceptance in the amount of \$8,428.00. Trustee Chessler relayed that the staff are in the process of making some edits to the upcoming program in 2019; the Board will soon receive our Yard Waste application for the year and the components of the program, but we are now in a position to accept these amounts.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on these explanations and these amounts, made a motion that the Board of Trustees gratefully accept the grants from OTARMA, the Bureau of Workers Comp and the Stark Tusc Wayne Waste Management District; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Fire Department:

Consider Part-Time Hiring

Consider Purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the Fire Department to purchase four (4) Scott X380-series Thermal Imaging Cameras from Warren Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$32,636.00.

Chief Martin gave a brief explanation regarding the three (3) thermal imaging cameras that the Fire Department currently utilizes; they are approximately eight years old and the technology is dated. Chief Martin indicated that a committee was formed to explore and recommend the replacement of the current TIC's, their detailed report attached before the Board, consisting of Harold Ritz, Andrew Kendrick, Rick Gialluca and Adam Silla; Rick and Andy here this evening to answer any questions.

Trustee Haines inquired if they had actually seen the imaging cameras and experiment with them. Andy indicated that representatives from three companies, Fire Force, Finley Fire Equipment and Warren Fire Equipment came out for demonstration of their cameras and that they were able to demo each of them. Trustee DeChiara inquired if any of the cameras had the ability to transmit that video out to a command vehicle; Andy stated yes and briefly explained the lower, mid and higher tiers of the camera systems and how their committee deciphered if the technology features would justify the cost for their use.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler thanked Chief Martin and the Fire Department committee members for their time and effort into such a detailed report supporting their camera system recommendation.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of the four (4) Scott X380-series Thermal Imaging Cameras from Warren Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed the quoted amount of \$32,636.00; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Purchase of Identifix Online Repair Database Subscription Service

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of Identifix Online Repair Database Subscription Service from Identifix at a cost not to exceed \$1,428.00 for a 12-month subscription.

Chief Martin indicated that Identifix is the automotive service, maintenance and repair industry's largest and most reliable database of continually updated, experienced-based information for what breaks on vehicles and how to fix it. Chief Martin explained that because the subscription service will assist the Road Department mechanics in their repair and service efforts, Road Superintendent Masalko is willing to share the cost of this service; two terminals will be available to the Township; one access terminal will be located at the Administration Building maintenance area and the second terminal will be located at the Road Department garage.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of Identifix Online Repair Database Subscription Service from Identifix at a quoted cost not to exceed \$1,428.00 for a 12-month subscription at a cost to be evenly divided between the Road Department and the Fire Department; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Zoll Auto-Pulse Warranty

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the Fire Department to purchase a 3-year extended warranty from Zoll Medical Corporation to cover the department's three (3) Auto-Pulse CPR devices at a cost not to exceed \$12,600.00 or \$4,200.00 per year.

Chief Martin indicated that the department currently has three (3) Zoll Auto-Pulse CPR devices; the devices are battery powdered. The 3-year extended warranty will provide for nine (9) new batteries; three (3) in-vehicle chargers, free loaner device should a device require repair and discount on supplies.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the Chief's recommendation and request, made a motion that the Board authorize the Fire Department to purchase 3-year extended warranty from Zoll Medical Corporation to cover the department's three (3) auto-pulse CPR devices at a cost not to exceed \$12,600.00 for the life of this 3-year agreement; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Police Department:

Consider Purchase of Police Interceptor SUV's and Necessary Equipment

Police Chief Pomesky stated that in 2018 the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of two (2) Interceptor SUV's for 2019; they have been recently delivered and there is a need to place an order for the equipment to outfit these vehicles.

Chief Pomesky relayed the quotes from Fallsway Equipment, total price for the equipment, decals and installation is \$21,894.62; and Hall Public Safety was also contacted to submit a quote in the amount of

\$22,279.26. Chief Pomesky stated that his recommendation was to utilize Fallsway Equipment based on their phenomenal past service.

Chief Pomesky stated this secondary proposal is for the in-car camera systems through Digital Ally; total price for two in-car cameras in the amount of \$8,110.00.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Police Chief to enter into the agreement with Fallsway Equipment for the goods and services necessary to equip our police interceptors; the price for the equipment decals and installation is not to exceed \$21,894.62 and that's subject to the request regarding the indemnification that the Board authorize the Police Chief to enter into the Agreement with Digital Ally for the installation and ancillary services for the cameras at a cost not to exceed \$8,110.00 for both the cameras; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Police Levy

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board has previously reviewed our budgetary matters, on several occasions, with both the Road and Police Departments and discussions regarding upcoming needs, budgets and staffing levels have taken place. Trustee Chessler relayed that the Board has asked the Police Chief to make recommendations with regard to the levies; the Law Director has requested certification of the proposed levy amounts from the Stark County Auditor and has prepared a Resolution, attached before the Board.

Regarding the Police Department levies, Law Director Hall indicated that the first is a straight renewal of the 3.9 mill levy, last collected in 2018, last received this year and back in front of the voters for five (5) more years which would be county year 2019, first received in 2020.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve a Resolution of a renewal of an existing tax for the benefit of the Perry Township Police District, Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department or the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, at a rate not exceeding three and nine tenths (3.90) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-nine cents (\$0.39) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

Trustee DeChiara briefly explained that he was initially opposed to the idea of having multiple levies for one department, but felt it was best to go with these separate levies at this point and time; Trustee DeChiara stated that he would like to see a consolidation of these levies in the next five years.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Trustee Chessler indicated that this next item, again is a product of several meetings of discussions and Board considerations; the Board asked the Law Director to submit to the county Auditor and certification on another levy, the 3.49 mill levy that is already on the books.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adopt a Resolution to renew an existing three and forty nine one hundred's (3.49) mills tax levy and an increase of two and five tenths (2.5) mills tax levy to constitute a levy of five and ninety nine hundredths (5.99) mills for the benefit of the Perry Township Police District, Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department or the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under applicable sections of the Revised Code or the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to maintain or to obtain police protection at a rate not exceeding five and ninety-nine one hundredths (5.99) mills for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to fifty-nine and nine tenths cents (\$.599) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five (5) years commencing in 2019, first n in calendar year 2020; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Road and Park Department:

Consider Snow and Ice Treatment Purchase

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board has received a memo from our Road Superintendent of February 1, 2019 saying that due to the busy snow and ice season, it is time to replenish our supply of salt. Road Superintendent Masalko relayed that he is asking for the Board's approval for the vendors of Cargill Inc. De-icing Technologies and DRS Services for salt purchase and elevation in the amount of \$257,590.00.

Trustee DeChiara inquired what the price difference was from last years per ton purchase and this year's; Mr. Masalko indicated that last year's price was \$50.00 per ton and this year's price is \$62.00. Trustee Haines inquired if we were currently half way through our salt supply; Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed approximately half way.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board, pursuant to the request of the Road Superintendent, authorize the purchase, as needed, of salt in an amount not to exceed the total of \$257,590.00 from the vendors of Cargill Inc. De-icing Technologies and DRS Services; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Road Levy

Trustee Chessler stated that this next item on the Agenda is the Board's further consideration of a levy for the upcoming ballot for the Road Department; the Board has previously discussed this matter similarly with the Road Superintendent, we have considered our budget, our staffing and our needs to buy salt and equipment, and the Law Director has served our request of certification which has been done.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on this, for discussion purposes, made a motion that the Board put on the ballot for the upcoming May election, today, a ballot measure for an additional tax for the benefit of Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Perry Township at a rate not exceeding 5-mills for each one dollar valuation which amounts to fifty cents (\$0.50) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for five (5) years commencing in 2019, first due in calendar year 2020; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Trustee Chessler stated that it deserves noting that the levy that is currently on the books is in the amount of 3-mills and it is the Board's position that should the voters approve this 5-mill levy, the Board would rescind the 3-mill levy; the effect of that is that we would have 5-mills generating tax dollars at today's current valuation; we would rescind the 3-mills that is generating money at older and lesser valuations; we feel that this is the amount of money necessary to operate the Road Department so that we can put our roads on a twelve year cycle to repave the streets as they become deteriorated and need paving roughly every twelve years and also to purchase the trucks, equipment and one additional member of staff at the Road Department.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Law Director:

Consider Resolution to Renew a Contract with Life Force Management

Trustee Chessler indicated that this next item under the Agenda is under the Law Director to consider a Resolution to renew a contract with Life Force Management. Trustee Chessler referenced a memo that was supplied to the Board from one of the Board members, as well as some correspondence from the Law Director. Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall that this is a first renewal of a contract that was put in place about a year ago. Mr. Hall confirmed in November of 2017.

Trustee DeChiara indicated that he had communicated to the Law Director in regard to obtaining an updated report on the monthly number of runs; he did receive a very detailed report from the company but relayed that he would still like to obtain a more simplified report to better interpret this information.

Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall; like any other contractual arrangement that we have with a third party that they provide adequate assurance or surety for any misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance. Mr. Hall verified a contract signature would be needed and relayed that again, this was just a continuation of an existing policy through Life Force Management. Mr. Hall stated that once we get through the pending matters, the Township would be in a good position to rebid this next fall for 2020.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the written Resolution before the Board, made a motion that the Board approve a Resolution on the recommendation of the Fire Chief and upon review and approval by the Law Director to authorize and approve an extension and renewal of the contract with Life Force Management to evaluate and take all steps reasonable and necessary related to 2017 Emergency Medical Services invoices paid from the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Credit Card Use Policy

Trustee Chessler referenced the supporting documents before the Board and indicated that it was called to the Board's attention by the Law Director that the State Auditor's Office is insisting upon local government entities such as the Township to adopt and approve a policy for the use of credit cards; Mr. Hall previously notified the Board that there would be a written Resolution, here before us tonight.

Trustee Chessler inquired of Law Director Hall if there was anything else in regard to this document that the Board would need to consider or put into the record. Law Director Hall confirmed no but indicated that he wanted to point out that the Township currently has a credit card use policy in place, but to be in compliance with the law, the Auditor's office is recommending much more detailed accounting and reporting.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve, upon the recommendation of the Law Director and as required by House Bill 312, that the Board adopt and approve the Perry Township credit card use policy as amended February 2, 2019 as to the terms and conditions as set forth in this written Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

Law Director Hall stated that he wanted to confirm and would coordinate with the Fiscal Officer and Administrator regarding this, that each authorized user has to receive and sign that they received a copy of the new credit card use policy.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Zoning:

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration: None.

Fire Department: None.

Police Department:

December Activity Report

Road Department: None.

Parks/Recycling: None.

Zoning: None.

Law Director: None.

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Nicole Gulley, 4435 Baunach NW – Ms. Gulley indicated that her son Nicholas is one of the children that passed away last year and stated that she was nominated to be the spokesperson among the group of parents who have come together much like family, since they all have a lot of questions regarding the memorial they hope to place to honor all of their children's' lives. Ms. Gulley indicated that they felt angry; they have raised money and have taken donations from many generous people to place a memorial and are now being told that the Township's Risk Management do not recommend that this be allowed in the parks.

Dean Porter, 3546 Hilton St. NW – Mr. Porter stated that Nicole was saying aloud what they are all now questioning. Mr. Porter stated that one of their big concerns as well is that people are saying they are scammers and really had no real intentions of placing a memorial. Mr. Porter stated that he was here to inform that they still do have every intention of going forward with a memorial. Mr. Porter verified meeting with Trustee Haines and relayed their conversation regarding the consideration of other options versus placing a monument of that type in the park.

Trustee Haines referenced the letter from OTARMA (Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority) to Perry Township that in part read 'we recommend that the Perry Township Trustees not allow a private structure memorial/shrine, statue to be placed on Township-owned property, including Perry Township parks'. Law Director Hall stated that he wanted to clarify that the Township's insurer was recommending the Board decline any private monument on Township-owned property, including the parks, it was not because of the circumstances in this request.

Ms. Gulley referenced the private memorial currently in Summerdale Park; Trustee Haines indicated that there was a bench placed there, it was not a monument. Law Director Hall indicated in regard to a private monument, if it would fall over and injure somebody, the question would be who is responsible and who is liable and our insurance company is saying do not accept that risk. Ms. Gulley indicated that she, on behalf of the other parents, did not accept this as the reason for not being able to place this memorial in the park.

Trustee Chessler referenced the initial discussion from the November meeting and stated that we all left the meeting wanting to do something appropriate and tasteful but added that more conversation was relayed to the Board to consider, as unlikely as it could be, that this could be a place where a similar event could occur. Ms. Gulley referenced the wrecked car that was placed in front of the high school before the prom and stated that although there was possibly underage DUI's happening the night of the prom, she did not feel that this wrecked car would encourage underage drinking just the same as this memorial or monument would give kids reasons to commit suicide.

Trustee Chessler relayed that he felt that one of the suggestions regarding a bench was an alternative to recognize and commemorate these lives in an appropriate way and to recognize that one thing that would bind these six souls together. Ms. Gulley stated that they appreciate the Board's willingness to compromise, but indicated they feel like a monument would be sturdy whereas a plaque on a park bench could easily be vandalized; it has gone from a \$6,000.00 plus memorial down to a few park benches. Trustee Haines inquired of Ms. Gulley what their compromise would be; Ms. Gulley stated that if it was a matter of making the memorial smaller in size, that could be considered, but indicated that she did not approve of the idea of benches.

Trustee DeChiara stated that he has also experienced suicide in his family and indicated that he knows that this is something they will never get over but relayed that the Board wants to coordinate in helping memorialize their children, but in a way that would be a compromise for everyone. Trustee DeChiara referenced the November 6, 2018 meeting and made the point that both sides understood that the Board would be given final approval on the memorial and structure details; Trustee DeChiara stated that we are at that point and this is what we are now trying to do.

Samantha Miller, 3453 Banyan St. NW – Ms. Miller verified that what is basically being said is that we can still do something, just not in the scale that we planned it and upon approval. Trustee Haines confirmed that was where the idea for the benches came in, and also indicated the thought or suggestion of dedicating a new piece of playground equipment or memorial garden, something that would be within a park setting.

Ms. Gulley verified that their group of parents had previously discussed doing something to improve upon the dugouts or concession stand since all of their children had played ball but wanted to keep in mind a place where their children's' friends could go to remember them.

Randi Porter, 3546 Hilton St. NW – Ms. Porter indicated that their group of parents would again meet to come up with a few suggestions and then inquired if they could again come back to the Public Speaks portion to relay what they decided upon.

Trustee Chessler stated that they were invited to do that or if they wanted to plan to meet during the day; Trustee Chessler added that this collaboration would help to collectively explore the ideas as to the scope, location, size and form. Trustee Haines indicated he would be happy to again meet with Mr. Porter or any of the parents to brainstorm ideas and would then relay to the Board for final approval. The members of the Board thanked the group of parents for being here this evening.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Chessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer