

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **Greenfield Township Trustees** *Meeting*

June 11, 2025 - Held 6:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the Firehouse. Trustee Cotner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch and Kent Searle were present.

Trustee Cotner presented the minutes of the May 28, 2025 Trustee Meeting for approval. He asked for a motion, if no changes were noted. Trustee Kosch noted a change that needed to be made on Page 1, bottom, regarding a transfer of funds. There were some incorrect letters and numerals that needed to be removed. With this change, Trustee Kosch moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER: Fiscal Officer Jessica Kull reported on the following business: Fiscal Officer Kull asked for a motion to pay the bills, warrants 3687 to 3702; and the electronic debits 134-2025 to 148-2025. Trustee Searle moved to approve the payments; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Jeff Williamsen, Zoning Inspector, presented the following business: Future Meetings: June 24, 2025: Jeff will attend a GIS mapping class through the OTA.

Also on June 24, 2025, the Board of Zoning Appeals has a hearing on a Mithoff Variance for a setback at the corner of Coonpath and 33.

Past Meetings: The BZA had a meeting and hearing on June 2, 2025. The BZA met to approve minutes on June 10; and the Zoning Commission also had a meeting on June 10.

Permits: Only one permit has been issued since the last Trustee meeting. There are three pending, and Jeff is waiting for payment for those three permits.

Property Visit: One property visit was conducted at 1755 Winding Oak where they are building an accessory building.

Candidates for the BZA and Zoning Commission Positions: Jill Maiher was in attendance to interview for the BZA position. Trustee Searle made a motion to go into Executive Session to interview Mrs. Maiher as a candidate as Greenfield Township BZA or Zoning Commission; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Trustee Searle moved to come out of Executive Session; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.

Trustee Searle made a motion to appoint Jill Maiher to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the seat vacated by Donna Kosch that expires at the end of 2026; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

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At this time, Trustee Cotner performed the swearing in of Jill Maiher as a newly appointed member of the Greenfield Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

New Applications: Jeff reported the new forms for Accessory Structure, Accessory Structure Ag Exemption and private pool are done. He is now working on the primary structure form. He noted there has only been one new home application submitted since he started his position last August.

He noted the Zoning Commission approved the draft forms for the Accessory Structure, Accessory Structure Ag Exemption and private pool application forms at their June 10 meeting, and asked the Board if they would like to review them. The Board agreed they would like to review the forms before approval.

New Zoning Map: A new zoning map was issued for the Babamov rezone from R1 to HB. Those have been printed and posted on the Township website. There are four copies left.

Zoning Commission Meeting - Zoning Code Changes: At the Zoning Commission meeting on June 10, there were 14 minor items to be changed in the Zoning Code, some being clarifications, and also a couple of new items. The plan is to have them integrated into the Zoning Code for the next Zoning Commission meeting so they can be reviewed. Then, a hearing can be scheduled for the Zoning Commission. After that hearing, the changes can be presented to the Board. Discussion continued regarding integrating the Township Zoning Code into the model Zoning Code for the County.

ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT: Tom Shafer, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, presented the following business:

Cemetery Deed: Tom presented a cemetery deed for signature for Dana Hengst Driscoll, Greenfield Cemetery, Lot 96, Section F, Graves 3 & 4.

Summer Resurfacing and Blacktop Projects: Tom presented his plan regarding resurfacing in the Township over the summer season, and asked the Board for their input. He explained he planned to get Carroll Knolls, i.e. Jeannie, Wendy and Bonita Drives, done; along with Feldon Court and Franchel Court (off Coonpath). He had spoken with the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, as he would also like to do the north end of Old Columbus Road as an "alternate" project. By combining Carroll Knolls, Feldon Ct. and Franchel Ct. as a package, the Township can get a better price on the work. There is enough money budgeted to have all of this work completed.

Tom explained he would also like to potentially get the bottom portion - about 1,200 feet - of Mt. Zion Road resurfaced; this is where the Township had installed a crossover pipe last year. This would also be considered an "alternate" project. He asked the Board if they felt he should explore this possibility with the County to find out what the cost might be.

He went on to explain there are areas on Burchey Rd., Havensport Rd. and Coakley Rd. that are deteriorating and need attention. Tom had spoken with the County Road Superintendent and he had agreed that they could help the Township with these areas once they are done with

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the culvert project on Carroll Eastern Road. Tom will follow up with the County to confirm whether or not they can help out; and bring the detailed information and cost to the Board. If they can't do Mt. Zion, Tom can collect a bid and see where the number falls.

Tom explained the resolution to be presented which would allow the County to move forward with the Township's summer paving work, i.e. bidding, advertising, and the opening and collecting of the bids.

Fiscal Officer Kull presented **Resolution 2025 06 11**: This is "A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2025 Resurfacing Project".

Trustee Cotner made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 06 11; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Tom reported the first round of mowing has been completed, and he had Bob Lanier, new part-time road worker, do that mowing. He felt Bob did a great job. There were some areas that needed to be cut back further, as Bob learns the areas and mowing that need to be done.

Trustee Kosch raised the issue of a dead tree off 158 - about 926 Rainbow Drive. Tom explained Gary Arbaugh had trimmed it but didn't remove it, as he said it was not dead; however, Tom said he would go out and take a look at it again.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Brad Smith presented the following business:

New Full-Time Hire: Chief Smith reported interviews had been conducted, and asked for a motion to approve the hiring of the chosen candidate, Jaydon Thomason-Whaley, upon successful completion of his pension physical and stress test.

Trustee Searle made a motion to appoint Jaydon Thomason-Whaley as a full-time firefighter, pending background checks and pension physical; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Ladder and Pump Testing: This will be conducted next week. The Department invites other Departments from around the county to be involved, as well.

Heritage Day Event: Chief Smith reported he had spoken at this event on the history of the Fire Department. The event had a nice turnout.

Departmental Compliments: Two letters were received from families who expressed their appreciation for the care and concern shown by the members of the Department.

Chief Smith raised the issue of discussing the OP&F issue. Trustee Cotner made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the OP&F issue with Darius Burnette of Payroll Vault; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

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Trustee Searle moved to come out of Executive Session; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

Trustee Cotner made a motion that there would be a cap of \$200 to obtain reports from HR Butler to be provided to the Fiscal Officer, to give to Payroll Vault; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Cotner made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Trustee Searle moved to come out of Executive Session; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Trustee Cotner reported that no real decision had been made.

FLOOR: Cheryl Kohler of Amanda Township Zoning spoke from the floor on behalf of the group "Protect Amanda Township" concerning the proposed solar project in their Township. She provided some papers to the Board for their information. She asked if the Board would be willing to write a letter on behalf of Amanda Township, and she outlined the timeline and various activities that have occurred to attempt to stop this project from moving forward. She noted the project involves 1,700 acres of property. Discussion continued concerning the activities that have occurred around this project to attempt to stop it. Jeff Williamsen stated the group could use the letter he had already sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board as a template, including their information, so they could voice their opposition to the project. Jeff stated he would send the letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board on the group's behalf. Ms. Kohler noted she had already attended several other Township Trustee meetings, and she thanked the Board for their time.

Debbie Fisher was in attendance to voice her concerns about the traffic issues at Coonpath, 158 and Rainbow Drive. She cited a recent accident that happened, and stated how difficult it was to get in and out of her driveway due to the traffic and speeding cars. Tom Shafer stated he had spoken with Eric McCrady of the County Engineer's Office who had told him ODOT was considering changing the speed limit to 40 mph as a result of the speed study.

FROM THE TRUSTEES: With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Kosch made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.