

SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP – SPECIAL

Thursday, September 29, 2011 – media notified

The special meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hunt at 5:34 pm. R/C: D. Barrett-present; J. Hunt-present; R. Snell-present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Sagamore Park Improvement Project and adjourn to executive session to consider the purchase or sale of property where premature disclosure of information would give unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the public interest and any other business.

Guests present were Gina and Bill Rocco, Jeff Snell the Township Attorney, Richard Wasosky the engineer from Euthenics who designed the Park project and Joe Paradise from the Summit County Engineer's Office.

Mr. Barrett reported about four years ago the Township contacted the Department of Transportation regarding a grant. Grant money was available for parks and road projects in the parks. During the process of working with Congressman Steven LaTourette and the DLC, Mrs. Snell applied for a grant. The grant was released in early 2011 to improve the park and the roads around the park. The project was to be completed in October 2011, but due to the weather, probably won't be completed until next spring. Mrs. Snell stated that prior to working with Congressman Steven LaTourette, the Township had made several applications with Nature Works for a grant through the State of Ohio. The grant process has been going on for approximately six years.

Mr. Hunt reported that on December 17, 2009 the President signed the Special Spending Bill that included \$343,000 in Federal Funding for Sagamore Hills Township; April 28, 2010 the Township actually received the \$343,000 (slightly less because earmarked funds are subject to rescissions). Mr. Hunt stated Resolution 11-36 adopted 7-20-2011 awarded the bid for the Park project to Chagrin Valley Paving.

Mr. Rocco had numerous questions about the bid process, which were addressed by the Trustees. An inspector (not the Township) oversees the work of the contractor on the project. When the project is complete, the Township is responsible for the final maintenance of what was put in or completed. The Township designates a person that will be responsible to the EPA when they come in and inspect on a regular basis.

Mr. Rocco asked if there was an impact study done for the area of the catch basin. An impact study was not required and not performed, but Mr. Rocco felt an impact study should have been performed.

Mr. Barrett apologized to Mr. Rocco for not knocking on his door to speak with him or sending him a letter about the project.

Mr. Barrett made an offer to sit down with Mr. & Mrs. Rocco to plan some landscaping at the back of their property after completion of the detention basin.

Mr. Rocco asked if the angle of the detention basin could be changed, leaving more distance between his property line and the detention basin. A discussion followed. Mr. Barrett said the cost to change the angle of the detention basin would involve the engineer revising his plans and calculations. This would also hold up the contractor working on the basin and additional costs would be encountered. Mr. Barrett stated the Township is legally correct in the positioning of the detention basin, but agreed with Mr. Rocco there is a moral issue with Sagamore Hills Township residents to consider looking at both points of view. The Engineer recommended some landscaping be done on both sides of the property line

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rather than move the angle of the detention basin. Mr. Barrett stated the Township will meet with the engineer.

Motion made by Chair Snell to adjourn to executive session at 6:55 pm to consider the purchase or sale of property where premature disclosure of information would give unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal private interest is adverse to the public interest and any other business. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor. RECONVENE 7:10 pm. All in attendance.

No decision was made in executive session.

Mrs. Snell moved to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. R/C Vote: all in favor.