

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WALNUT TOWNSHIP, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OH - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

11420 Millersport Rd., Millersport, OH 43067

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Fairfield County Commissioners Hearing Room – 210 East Main St., Lancaster, OH

January 9, 2024 -1:00 PM

Township Officials present/absent:

Officials present – Trustees, Terry W. Horn, William R. Yates and Douglas G. Leith. Officials absent – Fiscal Officer, Underwood.

Department Heads present:

Zoning Inspector – Mike Berry

Invited guest(s) present:

Fairfield County Commissioner – David Levacy, Fairfield County Regional Planning Director - Holly Matei, Regional Planning - Joshua Hilberry; Fairfield County Soil and Water - Jonathan Ferbrache; Fairfield County EMA Director – Jon Kochis and Fairfield County Prosecutor, Assistant – Steven Darnell

Number of members of the public present: 5

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Chairman Yates and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Advertised Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss regulating fill within the north Walnut Township Floodplain.

Discussion:

Holly made us aware that her office had been contacted by ODNR and FEMA that there were updated Flood Insurance Rate (FIRM) maps for Fairfield County, that do NOT include Walnut Township. The last map revision was in 2012. In accordance with this revision the County needs to update their flood plain regulation in accordance with FEMA's most current model code. These must be adopted by April 25, 2024. If not updated, the flood insurance program goes away. Therefore, Holly suggests that we put the Walnut Township discussion after today on hold until the County changes are adopted.

Holly then provided the group with the Paulding County language for Flat Rock Creek as a basic starting point for any updated language. In our case the County will potentially identify the area of Walnut Township that would be affected by fill regulations. The next step will be to identify the areas that the regulations will apply to.

Holly will have suggested draft language for our next meeting that will fall after the 2024 floodplain regulations are adopted.

The Township should be looking at what preliminary areas should be included in the regulated area by March 1st. This will potentially include Township Sections that are within the Buckeye Lake Flood Plain.

Any changes to the County Flood Plain Regulations within Walnut Township will go through the Public Hearing process before they are adopted.

Adjournment: At 1:15 PM, Trustee Yates made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Minutes Recorded By: Trustee Horn

Pam Underwood, Fiscal Officer

William R. Yates, Chairman

Terry W. Horn, Vice Chairman

Douglas G. Leith