

# Kinsman Township Trumbull County Records of Proceedings

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## Regular Meeting Held on October 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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Chairman Greg Leonhard called the meeting to order. All elected officials were present.

Greg Leonhard asked that all present stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg allowed Kyndel Miller to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Walk in the Park that was held in Kinsman Park on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Kyndel gave the trustees \$1,210 that was raised for the Kinsman victims of the July 20, 2019, flood. Kyndel also gave the trustees an additional \$84 that was raised for park maintenance expenses. The trustees expressed their gratitude for all of the hard work and time that Kyndel and those that helped out put into hosting the event.

Marge said that Karen Ellwood also received additional donations from the Bike Run that she organized on September 21, to benefit the Kinsman flood victims, in the amount of \$1,600. The trustees thanked Karen, Bob Bakos, and all those that helped with the event. Marge will bring all of the donations to the Community Foundation for deposit into the Northern Trumbull County Community Foundation Fund on Tuesday morning.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to accept the reading of the minutes of the September 23, 2019, regular trustees meeting, as corrected.

**Correspondence:** The Trumbull County Engineers office sent the trustees notification that Delin Thomas Road between State Route 5 and Kinsman Pymatuning Road will be closed from Tuesday, October 15, 2019, through Friday, October 18, 2019, for a culvert replacement.

### Old Business:

1. Greg reminded everyone that the Kinsman Fall Festival is scheduled to be held next Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2. Shop with a Cop for tips is to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Times Square Restaurant. When you are served your meal by the police, the tip you leave will be donated to the Shop with a Cop program.
3. Greg had a request to post an explanation of a replacement levy on the Kinsman Township Facebook page. He explained replacement of a levy brings the existing levy back up to the current tax rate. The current 2 mill Road and Bridge levy up for renewal or replacement is forty years old and is collecting at only .75 mills. The replacement will help greatly to repair and maintain roads.

Greg is waiting to hear back from ODNR regarding the water problem at Main Street and Yoder Street. Fred also mentioned to the public that the new dump truck had to be purchased due to the old dump truck engine being too costly to repair.

### New Business:

1. Greg said that Marcy Campbell would like to be considered as an alternate for both the Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

[RN2019-087] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to appoint Marcy Campbell as an alternate to the Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Linda Miller	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

- 2. Greg explained that a resolution needs to be made to proceed with the application for Phase 3 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project. Phase 3 will go from the Library to the Square. Private donations will cover the township’s portion of the grant. Linda feels that the phase of sidewalk project should go up the east side of Main Street. Greg said that Gary Shaffer of the Trumbull County Engineer’s office reminded him that the deadline for application of the project is soon. The new pieces of sidewalk that were replaced after the sewer project will remain. It is understood that private donations will pay for the township’s portion of both Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Jett Excavating would like to move the large stone that came from the sewer project and is now next to the Christmas tree, to the site of the home that was removed on Lakeview Drive. It was suggested by the county engineer that a plaque would be made to commemorate the July 20, 2019, Kinsman Flood. Linda said that a resident had showed interest in the stone a while ago. Greg has spoken with him.

Greg said that the Lakelands residents would like to be the first ones to cross the bridge after waiting so long to get their vehicles back home. It would be nice to have the first responders and Dan Brannon of Sunburst present since Sunburst has continued to pick up the Lakelands residents’ garbage free of charge.

A large tree came down on Ridge Road today just north of County Line Road. It has since been cleared.

The Trumbull Township Association meeting is Thursday night in Braceville.

- 3. Linda said that there was a complaint regarding lumber trucks that are using Delin Thomas Road. The second phase of repair is for the township to go from where the widening and resurfacing of the road ends to Kinsman Nickerson Road. Without weight limits, the road can disintegrate and money spent on repair would be wasted. Greg will have Leroy speak to the owner of the truck. It may be best to wait until a weight limit can be posted on the road before paving the remaining section.

Linda has received a \$300 check from Gustavus Lodge as a donation for use of the old school grounds. Linda thanked them for their donation.

Linda clarified that the Park Committee only makes recommendations to the trustees for work to develop the park at the site of the old high school. The trustees will make the decisions based on their recommendations. Park Committee meetings are open to the public.

- 4. Zoning- Mark gave the trustees his September 2019 Zoning Inspector report. A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting the fiscal officer.

Mark received an opinion from Attorney Mark Finamore regarding 5G cell towers to be placed on utility poles. As a township, we are allowed to charge a pole fee. Mark suggested a blanket fee to be charged once the 5G is brought in as this will be easier than to try and police all of the poles in the township. Zoning Board language regarding this will be submitted to the trustees possibly by the next meeting. Mark explained that 5G service is usually found in municipalities and may be limited to Kinsman township limits. The zoning board can regulate every 2,000 feet.

Hubbard Township has 5G within the city limits. The 5G cell service would be beneficial to the township.

- 5. Greg asked Cory how the EMT training is going. The check for classes for the two trainees has been signed. Cory said that training is going well.  
Greg spoke with Leroy and the police don't have anything new to report other than the reminder that tomorrow is Shop with a Cop for tips at Times Square, so please come and eat.  
Shawn turned in his September Police report. A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting the fiscal officer.
- 6. Zoning Board- nothing to report.
- 7. Public- A resident stated that his dog has gotten sick from catching rats that are coming from the house across the road from him located on State Street. There is a strong odor coming from the house. The Health Department has been sent to the home but the township hasn't received notice that it has been condemned. Linda suggested that the resident call and complain to Chris Wilster at the Health Department and she will follow up.  
The resident also has concerns about the appearance of the property across from IGA and the disrepair of the property to the north of it.  
A resident said that she is very happy with how nice the property and fence looks at the tractor shop on Main Street.
- 8. Marge read the description of the repair work that Shelley Memorials proposes to do to through private donations to grave stones at the old cemetery.

[RN2019-089] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to give permission to Shelley Memorials to do repair work to several stones and their foundations at the site of the old cemetery. The repairs will be paid for by private donations.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Linda Miller	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

- 9. Tim Tricker submitted a proposal from Kirila Contractors for an area of the Lakelands that he would like to have paved.

[RN2019-090] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to have Kirila Contractors pave a 240 square yard area of road near the Kinsman Dam at a cost of \$2,300.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Linda Miller	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

Fred Stahl made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to adjourn. The time was 6:46 p.m. The bills were paid.

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## Special Meeting Held on October 22, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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Greg Leonhard opened the special trustees meeting. Greg said that he and Fred walked the east side of Main Street to look at the existing sidewalk condition.

The Trumbull Community Action Program application for Phase 3 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project has a deadline of October 25.

[RN2019-088] Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to authorize submission of the application for the TRU-Kinsman Township SR5 Phase 3 Sidewalk Project, with an engineer's estimated total cost of \$240,221.00, agree to pay the local match of 20% of the estimated cost, which would be \$48,044.20, as pledged by private donors to the township, and agree to maintain the sidewalks upon completion of the project.

The vote was as follows:

Greg Leonhard	Yes
Linda Miller	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019.

The guardrails at the Lakelands access road have been installed.

Greg called Badger School to let them know that buses can now travel the Lakelands to pick up students from their homes.

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## Regular Meeting Held on October 28, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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Chairman Greg Leonhard called the meeting to order. All elected officials were present.

Greg Leonhard asked that all present stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Fred Stahl, to accept the reading of the minutes of the October 14, 2019, regular trustees meeting, as corrected.

**Correspondence:** The Trumbull County Commissioners took action on October 9, 2019, to adopt a resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to review the engineering and traffic investigation to declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on Mayburn Corners Barclay Road in Kinsman Township, as the 55 mph zoned speed limit is unrealistic; this action is per the recommendation of the Trumbull County Engineer.

### Old Business:

1. The internal workings of the clock donated by the Gustavus Masonic Lodge have been taken to be cleaned and repaired. It may cost \$75. Greg thanked Ken Stafford for making these arrangements.
2. Greg has not heard back from ODNR regarding the water problem at Main Street and Yoder. On Saturday, Greg spoke to Representative Michael O'Brien who is going to make another phone call to find out the status.
3. Greg said that the trustees had a special meeting on Tuesday, October 22, to discuss Phase 3 of the Kinsman Sidewalk Project. The sidewalk for this phase will now go from the square along the east side of Main Street to Lakeview Drive. Marge will read the minutes at the next meeting. Both sides of Main Street will be done when this phase is completed.
4. Linda contacted Tom Klejka of the Trumbull County Engineer's office regarding the flooding at the end of Elm Street. He said they cleaned out the culvert but the trouble is on the south side of the culvert where there is shale and other debris. He contacted ODNR and has gotten permission to work on it.

Linda called the Trumbull County Combined Health District regarding the home on State Street. They could not detect any smells or rat problem, however they told Linda that the house may have to be condemned, as it has fallen into disrepair quickly.

They also told Linda that they are also looking into requiring the resident to exterminate for the rat problem and there is now a dumpster at the house on Mayburn Barclay.

Linda also spoke with Michelle at Shelley Memorial regarding their proposed repairs to several headstones at the old cemetery. It will be better to wait until springtime to work on the stones, possibly around Memorial Day. She will contact the township to let us know the timeframe. The area to be worked on should be free of debris.

5. Fred told the public regarding the sidewalk project, the township will not spend any money, as the township's share of the grant will be donated privately.

Fred asked if we can install a microphone and speakers, as some people in the back of the room cannot hear the meeting. Mark Posey will set up a microphone system at no cost to the township. The trustees thanked him for his help with this matter.

Fred asked about the detail of the ambulance reports that we receive through our contract with Johnston Ambulance. The reports we received are not broken down per run, but rather the information is broken down for the monthly time period and for each township. Marge asked Fred if he would contact the Johnston Fiscal Officer and trustees to discuss if a more detailed report is available.

### **New Business:**

1. Greg addressed the public records request regarding the Pymatuning Creek Scenic River designation. As a township, we cannot waive the cost of the records as requested. It is a nominal cost and will be given to the requestor as soon as possible. Greg is going to speak with the county prosecutor regarding this to be sure it is done to the letter of the law.

2. Fred thanked resident John Fitch who found a shotgun that fell off of the back of the owner's truck and returned it to him. Fred and the trustees are proud of residents like this in our community, as the shotgun is worth about \$2500.

Fred said that some upcoming community events are the Trunk or Treat at the Kinsman Presbyterian Church Thursday, October 31, from 5 to 6 p.m. Kinsman's Trick or Treat Night is to be held on Thursday, October 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the American Legion's Pancake Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Christmas decorating contest will be sponsored this year by Stahl Printing and the Gulf Station. There will now be two different categories and the details of the contest will be posted on the township Facebook page. This year there will be more prizes and a different judge, as there will be a different judge every year.

3. Road- Tim said that Delin Thomas Road project is completed. The part of Delin Thomas from the project south that the county was going to tar and chip will wait until springtime because of time and weather.

They have completed both of the large culvert repairs on Delin Thomas on the north end. They found free steel pipes from the state that replaced the 36" pipes with 48" pipes, saving the township \$3600. Tim said that they have finished up by VanKanegan's this past week. Tim said that they have one more day of tar and chip and patch. He said they are getting loads of big stone in to fill in some of the ditches that were washed out. The culvert that runs across Ridge Road to Webb West is rotted out. They will put some stone in and the culvert will have to be replaced soon. They currently have 240 tons of ice control and Tim feels that will get them through the season.

4. Zoning- Mark told the trustees that he has written a new home permit on Ray State Line Road. It has been a fairly quiet month.
5. Leroy gave the trustees his Shop with a Cop report of donations through waiting on tables at Times Square. The event raised \$2,860. Leroy will take the children shopping on December 10<sup>th</sup> to local shops. The children and their families will go to dinner. There will be around 25 children.
6. Fire- Nothing.
7. Public- Leona Moyer, President of the Kinsman Badger Alumni Association had a request from a member to find out information regarding placement of a monument dedicated to teachers of tenure at the old high school grounds park. Greg suggested she write up a proposal to be

submitted at the next park committee meeting. Linda will get her contact information and let her know the date of the next park committee meeting.

- 8. Steve Papalas suggested that Greg try to reach Gary Shaffer on Thursday to discuss the bridge on Kinsman Pymatuning.
- 9. Public- Resident Doug Piontkowski submitted a packet of information regarding scenic river designations for Greg to review and he asked for ODNR to review it as well. He feels that there could be a landowner violation. Greg respectfully disagrees since there have been no such issues over the past 50 years of the scenic river program. Greg will review the information packet and also forward it to ODNR for their review, as well.
- 10. A resident said that he drove over the new bridge at the Lakelands. He said the engineering and construction company worked diligently until the bridge was completed and did a great job. Greg said that the owner of Jett Excavating is a graduate of Badger schools. The resident said that there were a lot of people on the Main Street side of the Lakelands that lost a lot of belongings, and had a lot of damage. Greg told him that the Northern Trumbull County Community Foundation has helped many families that sustained damage, and that his own father had lost over 90% of his belongings in the flood.
- 11. Fred reminded everyone of the upcoming election and ballot issues.  
There will be no candidates' night.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss zoning personnel.

The trustees returned from executive session at 6:41 p.m.

Linda said that it was brought to the trustees' attention that the township zoning inspector averages about \$35 per month in zoning mileage.

[RN2019-089] Linda Miller made a motion, seconded by Greg Leonhard, to increase the zoning inspector's pay from \$350 to \$385 in lieu of paying mileage fees to him.

The vote was as follows:

Linda Miller	Yes
Greg Leonhard	Yes
Fred Stahl	Yes

Passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

Greg Leonhard made a motion, seconded by Linda Miller, to adjourn. The time was 6:42 p.m. The bills were paid.

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