

## MINUTES OF THE EAGLE TOWNSHIP BOARD & TRUSTEE

June 15, 2005

- Present:** Advisory Board members Tom Yeo, Chairman; Robert Schein, Secretary; Ralph Stacy; Judith Essex, Trustee
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** Zionsville Town Hall in the Community Room

### Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Yeo called the meeting to order.
2. **Minutes from April 20, 2005 Meeting.** The April 20, 2005 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with comments by the Board.
3. **Financial Report.** The Trustee provided the Board the April and May, 2005 Financial Report. The April and May, 2005 receivables totaled \$37,250.55. The second quarter fire protection contract for the Zionsville Fire Department totaled \$42,412.50 and other expenses totaled \$961.48.
4. **Park Board Report.** The Trustee and Board Member Stacy advised the Board of the Eagle Township Parks Board meeting held on June 14, 2005. The Trustee advised that Parks Board President, Jeff Papa, and other Parks Board members had decided to utilize the volunteers that showed an interest in assisting with Eagle Township Parks matters. The Trustee advised that she would head up the grants and funding committee as well as the rail trails matters. The Trustee further advised that Board Member Stacy would head up the commitment for land resources.

The Trustee further advised that the Parks Board executed Resolution No. 2005-1 for the establishment of a joint land resource committee between Eagle Township Park and Recreation Board and Zionsville Park and Recreation Board. The Trustee further advised that she sought legal counsel for comments regarding the authority that this joint land resources committee would have and its impact on any decisions it made as well as the binding effect of the same. The Trustee advised that legal counsel indicated that the committee ultimately can't bind the Eagle Township Board or the Town of Zionsville and that the committee was more of an advisory and recommendation committee. The Trustee further indicated that she was advised by legal counsel that if the Parks Board is not pleased with how things are going it could opt of the resolution at a later point in time.

The Trustee further advised that Natasha Russell with Duke attended the Parks Board meeting. The Trustee and Board Member Stacy discussed that an estimated annual

maintenance fee for the proposed donation of land from the Anson Project may be approximately \$100,000. The Board then had discussions regarding obtaining additional estimates to accurately account for projected maintenance fees and to determine if it makes financial sense to accept the donation from Duke in exchange for the Eagle Township maintaining such property.

5. **Fire Department.** The Trustee provided the Board with a summary of the May 17, 2005 board meeting of the Fire Department. The Trustee advised that representative Tom Longest indicated that the Fire Department was looking at financing options for a new ambulance and that Chief Van Gorder was looking at a policy for providing credit to the volunteer members of the Fire Department for attending various meetings.

The Trustee further advised that Chairman Yeo and she have attended three meetings with respect to the joint fire territory meetings, and they have a fourth meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2005. Chairman Yeo reported that he felt that Chief Van Gorder has been very prepared at those meetings. Board Member Schein inquired as to discussions with respect to the fire station and the pending Real Estate Purchase Agreement provided to the Board from Duke, and whether any discussions had occurred at these joint fire territory meetings regarding going forward with such agreement. Board Member Stacy suggested to the Trustee that she should talk to Whitestown Town Council to see if it planned on annexing south to Eagle Township. Chairman Yeo said he will follow up with Chief Van Gorder and Whitestown regarding the planning in response to Board Member Stacy's question.

The Trustee further advised that she had spoken with Worth Township Trustee Rob Guest regarding EMS service. The Trustee advised that Rob Guest indicated that Worth Township is applying to take over the EMS service and suggested to the Trustee to apply jointly. The Trustee indicated that she will coordinate with Chief Van Gorder and follow up on the same. Board Member Stacy inquired as to whether there is any subsidy of local ambulance funding from the county to townships and suggested that we should look into this issue.

6. **The Boone County Commissioner Letter.** The Trustee provided the Board with an April 25, 2005 letter from the Boone County Board of Commissioners which contained the Commissioners' vision for Boone County's future. The Commissioners' vision statement discussed growth, education, cooperation, roads, and green space.
7. **Other Business.** Board Member Stacy provided the Board with a handout involving the Anson Project physical plan which addressed Eagle Township and the revenue allocations and expense allocations. Board Member Stacy inquired as to whether the tax rates were correct and whether the report was accurate. Board Member Stacy noted that the report recommends a fire impact fee and questioned whether anything had been done to follow up on this issue. After some discussion, Board Member Schein indicated that he would prepare a draft letter to the County Commissioners to inquire as to the status of any fire impact fees involving potential recoupment to Eagle Township.

The Trustee further reported to the Board that she has had meetings regarding the upcoming budget and is preparing a preliminary report for the July, 2005 meeting. She further advised that she will meet with Chief Van Gorder regarding the Zionsville Fire Department's members.

The Trustee further provided a summary of a letter she received from Andy Buroker of Krieg DeVault regarding building corporation matters. After some discussion amongst the Board, the ownership of the fire station was discussed and questioned on exactly who would own the fire station after the bond has been paid in full in 2008. Specifically, would the Town of Zionsville own the fire station or would Eagle Township. Chairman Yeo indicated that we should discuss how this will be approached as Eagle Township and the Town of Zionsville continue the fire territory discussions.

8. The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Zionsville Town Hall in the Community Room.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.