

**Minutes of the Urbana Board of Trustees Meeting  
held Monday, February 5, 2024**

The Board of Urbana Township Trustees met on this date with Trustee Blair Stinson, Trustee Roger Koerner, and Trustee Matt Harrigan present.

Present:

Dan Evilsizor

Melissa Evilsizor

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Trustee Stinson – Has everyone had a chance to review the meeting minutes and Financial Status Reports? Are there any additions or corrections to that? Hearing none, Mr. Koerner moved seconded by Mr. Harrigan to approve the January 15, 2024 meeting minutes and current Financial Status Reports. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Moving right in to reports please. Richard do you want to give road report?

**Richard McCain, Road Supervisor**

I put back up the Boggles Run road sign.

I put the new joystick in the big truck. That is about it.

Mr. Stinson – I want to add to that. Richard did a good job when we had some trouble with all of the trucks with the last snow. He has the box torn apart on the truck. Alex Sherman should be commended for dropping everything and getting Richard back in here and working.

Sean do you have the zoning and cemetery report?

**Sean Tullis, Zoning Inspector**

See attached.

They will install the grave marker on Wednesday for Dan Lambert (Sean and Blair).

Mr. Stinson – Matt do you have anything on the hall rental committee?

Mr. Harrigan - I did receive responses from the fiscal officers. (See attached chart) red – do not rent, green - rents, yellow – community center responsible for renting out.

Two of the twelve townships definitely have an agreement. Once I get Adams, I would like to have Richard and Roger look at them. They are only necessary for bench marking.

We can then decide if there is a deposit or rental fee.

Mr. Stinson – moving on to old business.

Mr. Harrigan – the business cards are done. Boldman Printing did them really quick.

Mr. Stinson – the only other thing I have is the continuing on street parking.

Ms. Perry – Jane (Napier, Asst. Prosecutor) indicated that she will need to get a resolution for you.

Mr. Stinson – ok, still tabled. Any new business?

Mr. Stinson - we have a couple of things here. The county engineer sent out the 2024 resurfacing program. It has to be turned in by the 16<sup>th</sup>. I am going to ask since you (Roger) and Richard have the most experience with the roads, if you would go and get an opinion on what needs chip sealed and striped. And then someone has to have it there by the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Koerner – agreed to meet with Mr. McCain and complete the request.

Mr. Harrigan – is that a yearly thing?

Mr. McCain - yes so they can schedule it.

Mr. Stinson - they have to get the emulsion and material ordered.

Mr. Koerner - we will do it.

Mr. Stinson - the next thing I would like to discuss is that Brad Bodenmiller would like us to join in support of the application of the Logan County Commissioners for the Urbana Bellefontaine connector (Resolution – 2024 003 W)

This is going to be for support only. There is no financial end to this. Our bike path is extended through the edge of Urbana Township. They are asking all townships connected to support this.

So if you guys are in favor? Mr. Koerner moved, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to approve Resolution 2024-003-W in support of the Urbana Bellefontaine bike path connector. (copy attached)

Mr. Harrigan – is there a time frame?

Mr. Stinson – it's 2 years away. He is trying to get a grant. The more support they have the better.

Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

Mr. Stinson – the last thing I have is to remind everyone that the next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Ms. Perry will notify the newspaper.

Does anyone else have any new business? Seeing none I will open up for comments. Dan do you have anything?

Mr. Evilsizor – Questioned regarding drilling on Hickory Grove a couple of months ago to put in power poles and you took some action to get that halted.

Mr. Stinson - you don't get that halted. They insisted there was no environmental issue. They are using peat gravel and going down 14 feet. Its' a public utility but I was pretty much dismissed.

Mr. Evilsizor - and then with the earlier conversation, about deer along Hickory Grove road, you said that's a county road not a township. What is the townships concern was with the poles and not the deer?

Mr. Stinson clarified question.

Mr. Evilsizor - Why is the township ok to get involved in getting involved about the electric poles and not the deer?

Mr. Stinson – indicated he did not get involved on behalf of the township and only asked as a concerned citizen for the water at his home. Stated that he did not once mention when talking to AES that he was a township trustee.

Mr. Evilsizor – were you not concerned that there were dead deer?

Mr. Stinson - we did notify the county.

Mr. Evilsizor - what were the dates that the township did the mowing at Mike Pullin's property?

Mr. Stinson – believe to be each Thursday.

Mr. Tullis – why?

Mr. Evilsizor - what expense does the township have on the property?

Mr. Stinson – We thought that it was a cemetery. We were told that there was an abandoned cemetery and we had to mow it.

Mr. Evilsizor – who told you that?

Mr. Stinson – I have no idea. It was before me.

Mr. McCain - it was the historical society going around putting those signs out.

Mr. Evilsizor – so if the historical society goes and puts around signs that makes it a cemetery?

Mr. McCain – we were told to mow it. It's the Ohio Revised Code that townships are responsible for cemeteries. I didn't know who owned what property, I was just told to mow it. It took me right at 30 minutes.

Mr. Stinson – the main thing is that it has been resolved now. Mr. Pullins is going to mow it.

Mr. Evilsizor – township money was used that shouldn't have been used.

Mr. Stinson – again we were doing what we were asked to do.

Mr. Evilsizor – by Lew.

Mr. Stinson – no one was tighter than Lew with the money. Mike is taking care of it now.

Mr. Evilsizor – raises my next question. When was it decided to give 5 minutes for comments?

Mr. Stinson – if someone wants to comment we are giving them 5 minutes.

Mr. Evilsizor - All the resolutions I have seen don't limit comments.

Mr. Stinson - I think this was before I was here. Anything else?

Mr. Evilsizor– regarding the brush cuttings done of trees that were down. How many quotes were solicited?

Mr. Stinson – we looked for as many as we could find.

Mr. Evilsizor – was that the Wrights? The good ole boy club?

Mr. Stinson – people solicit for our business. No one has ever looked for our business. That was our biggest concern. We had no one come forward.

Mr. Evilsizor – how did that come about because they aren't even in our county.

Mr. Stinson – they work in Urbana all the time. They are here now, and just did the new grocery (Aldi).

Mr. Evilsizor – do we have any idea what the cost was for that.

Ms Perry will provide the cost to WD Excavating to Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Evilsizor – The concrete work at the cemetery. Who performed that work?

Mr. Tullis – I resent your implication.

Dan – I asked a question.

Mr. Tullis - Tony Swank.

Discussion ensued about concrete work and vendors.

Mr. Evilsizor – it was my question to the board. You said Michael (McGuire) had personally done work for you in the past.

Mr. Tullis - I wasn't going to go to bid for two.

Mr. Stinson – the other thing to add for that is that we couldn't pour that ourselves for what he charged us.

Mr. Evilsizor – how much is that?

Ms. Perry will provide the amount to Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Tullis – I go an additional 4 inches around so that we don't hit the stones.

Mr. Evilsizor – about how many cubic inches are these?

Mr. Stinson – they all vary.

Mr. Tullis – it depends on the monument.

Mr. Evilsizor - did it turn out to be profitable for the township? So he charged more than 80 cents?

Mr. Stinson – in the end he was correct.

Mr. Evilsizor – going in there was no knowledge of what it was going to cost.

Mr. Tullis – quite frankly, he was probably going to donate it to the township because he was probably going to throw away. I knew it wasn't going to be more than \$800.

Mr. Evilsizor – in the minutes from the last meeting page 2, there was a reference from the County Line Road and the State is the only one who can influence them. Do we not have friendly relations with neighboring townships?

Mr. Stinson – the state has the better chance of going to them and speaking with their residents. The county engineer told their county engineer that it needed done. That's really between them.

Mr. Evilsizor – I think it's a good job on what you guys have done. It would seem like it would be better to have good cooperation between neighbors.

Mr. Stinson – it's something that county has to do to meet with their resident. The gentleman on our side was more than cooperative when we met with him.

Mr. Evilsizor – last thing. I have just a little hand out that I will hand out to all. I mentioned this to Sandi a few months ago. We have other townships in this county and other townships in neighboring counties that have pursued that. (Ohio Checkbook handout)

Mr. Stinson – thanked Mr. Evilsizor.

Mr. Koerner moved, seconded by Mr. Harrigan to pay the bills. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Check No.	Date	Payee	Total Amount
20305	02/05/2024	ADT	\$67.61
20306	02/05/2024	AIM Media	\$151.85
20307	02/05/2024	AutoZone	\$130.76
20308	02/05/2024	VOID	
20309	02/05/2024	Boldman Printing	\$34.00
20310	02/05/2024	Champaign County Twp Assn	\$53.00
20311	02/05/2024	Cintas	\$72.49
20312	02/05/2024	County Engineer	\$1,210.75
20313	02/05/2024	CT Communications	\$140.60
20314	02/05/2024	Henderson Products	\$705.51
20315	02/05/2024	Joe Rees Welding	\$60.00
20316	02/05/2024	Koenig Equipment	\$93.01
20317	02/05/2024	Lantz Sales	\$68.91
20318	02/05/2024	Pioneer	\$135.66
20319	02/05/2024	R&L Hydraulics	\$31.05
20320	02/05/2024	Roberts Refuse	\$68.50
20321	02/05/2024	Ward Excavating	\$240.00
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<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,263.70</b>

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Being no further business, Mr. Koerner moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Harrigan.

**2-5-24**

**Zoning**

1. We have a BZA meeting Tuesday, 2-6-24 at 6:00 pm. The first part of the meeting will be an organizational meeting to elect officers. They will then vote to approve or deny two variance applications. The first will be for a second freestanding sign for Farmers Equipment at 1749 East Us HWY 36. The second is for a taller storage barn for Mike Loverde at 1247 St Rt 54.
2. Zoning permit pending for a home addition at 551 South Dugan Rd. John Burko A1 Home Improvements. 614-554-5888
3. Zoning permit pending for a 32'x40' storage barn on Middle Urbana Rd. Mike Bainer 502-494-9419.

**2-5-24**

**Cemetery**

1. I need to install a 24"x12"x4" grave marker for Dan Lambert, Plot #27, Gravesite 1,2.

**2-18-24**

**Zoning**

1. The BZA committee approved 2 variations during their meeting on Tuesday, 2-6-24. They approved a new sign for Farmer's Equipment and a taller barn for Mike Loverde.
2. Zoning permit was issued for a home addition at 551 South Dugan Rd. John Burko with A1 Home Improvements is building it for Brad Winner.
3. Zoning permit was issued for Mike Bainer, 502-494-9419, for a 32'x52' storage barn at 4180 Middle Urbana Rd. Bryan Roebuck is building it.

**2-18-24**

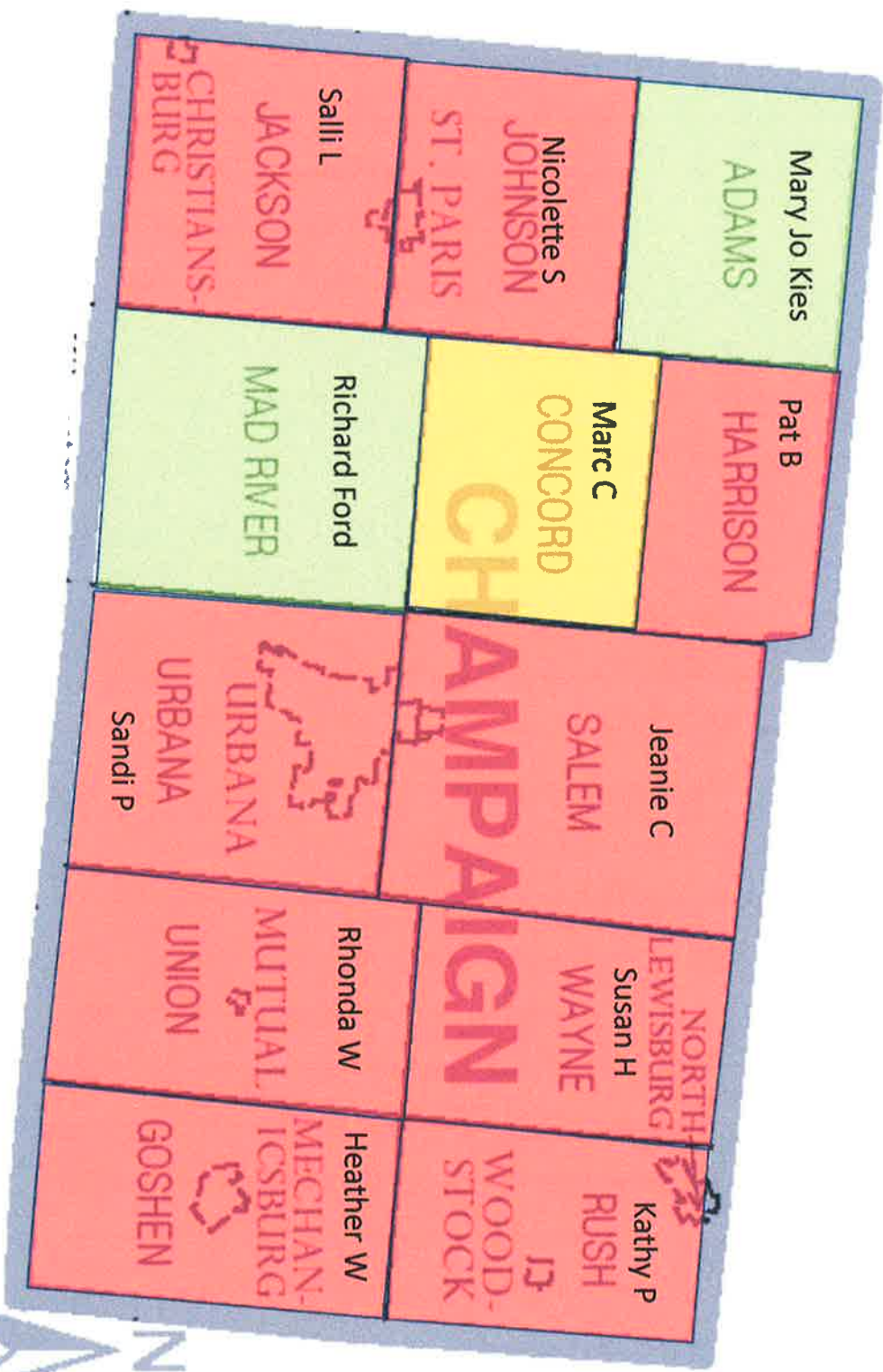
**Cemetery**

1. We buried George Prosser on 2-14-24 in Plot #328 ,Gravesite 5.

## Township Rental Committee information

- Received responses from all County Township Fiscal officers Jan 21, 2024
- 2/12 Townships rent their township for use (Mad river and Adams)
- I have received only the Mad river township agreement currently.
- I will reach out to Adams this week.
- These township agreements are only necessary for benchmarking purposes only.
- Sandi and Richard have given me our current UT agreement.
- The committee will RED pen for necessary updates / changes.





**Resolution 2024-003-W**

***A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST AND/OR THE ONE-TIME STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (OTSCIF) REQUEST FOR THE URBANA-BELLEFONTAINE CONNECTOR OF THE SIMON KENTON TRAIL: TO PAVE A FINAL COURSE OF HOT-MIX ASPHALT; PERFORM WORK TO RESOLVE GEOMETRIC AND DRAINAGE ISSUES; AND, ADD BIKE PATH RAILING WHERE WARRANTED BY THE TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM.***

The Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at the office of the Board of Trustees of Urbana Township, Champaign County, Ohio at 2564 State Route 54, Urbana, Ohio 43078 with the following members present: Blair Stinson, Roger Koerner, and Matt Harrigan.

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders—a 501(c)(3) non-profit—was founded in 1997 to develop a shared-use trail; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Board of County Commissioners and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop the first 2.5 mile section of the Simon Kenton Trail between State Route 55 and Woodburn Road south of Urbana with this section being officially opened to the public on July 1, 2001; and,

**WHEREAS**, between 2002-2004, community partnerships between the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, Champaign County Board of County Commissioners, Clark County Board of County Commissioners, National Trails Park and Recreation District, City of Springfield, City of Urbana, West Central Ohio Port Authority, and Clark County Transportation Coordinating Committee resulted in the completion of the Simon Kenton Trail from Springfield through Urbana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana received funds to renovate the Urbana Depot in 2005 and completed the project including restoration, repair, new restrooms, landscaping, sidewalks, and street lights in 2007; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana and Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to complete Phase 1 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail as an asphalt path from the Urbana Depot on Miami Street to the northern corporation limits of Urbana and it officially opened to the public on June 3, 2012; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellefontaine and the Simon Kenton Pathfinders worked collaboratively to develop Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail from the northern corporation limits of Urbana to Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine; and,

**WHEREAS**, the sixteen (16) miles of trail were constructed as a crushed aggregate surface in order to connect the two communities together sooner and this Phase 2 of the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector opened to the public in the Spring of 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.13 mile section of the trail from the end of the present asphalt pavement (Urbana corporation line) north to State Route 296 in 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed a 2.30 mile section of the trail south from Carter Avenue in Bellefontaine to Township Road 199 and the parking lot at Carter Avenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders chipped/sealed the final 5.22 miles from Township Road 199 to the Logan/Champaign county line, the West Liberty parking lot and ramp access to the trail, and the remaining 6.23 miles from State Route 296 to the Champaign/Logan county line; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Trail is part of the State Bike Route System (Bellefontaine-West Liberty-Urbana-Springfield-Yellow Springs-Xenia) and continues to Cincinnati; and,

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors to Ohio should be able to ride their bike from the highest point in Ohio at Campbell Hill near Bellefontaine (1,549' above sea level) to the lowest point in Ohio at the Ohio River near Cincinnati in Hamilton County (455' above sea level); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUC) commissioned a technical memorandum to evaluate a feasible alternative to replace the chipped/sealed Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector with hot-mix asphalt including profile analysis to identify any geometric or drainage issues, earthwork and erosion repair, and need(s) for bike path railing; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Kenton Pathfinders, several communities along the Simon Kenton Trail, and several other organizations desire to see this final course of hot-mix asphalt, resolution of geometric and drainage issues, and addition of bike path railing applied to make this section of trail more usable for all types of bicycles which will result in increased usage and tourism; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Logan County Commissioners is willing to pursue funding through a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF URBANA TOWNSHIP, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO**

**SECTION 1:** That this entity supports the application by the Board of Logan County Commissioners for a Capital Budget Request and/or One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) request for the Urbana-Bellefontaine Connector of the Simon Kenton Trail to pave a final course of hot-mix asphalt, perform work to resolve geometric and drainage issues, and add bike path railing where warranted by the technical memorandum; and,

**SECTION 2:** That this entity supports the continued efforts of the Simon Kenton Pathfinders to work collaboratively to develop the trail system within the local community; and,


**SECTION 3:** That this resolution shall be ceremonial in nature with no commitment for local government funding from this entity.

Mr. Koerner moved, seconded by Mr. Stinson to adopt the Resolution. Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes, Mr. Harrigan, yes.

This Resolution is hereby adopted on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Attest:

  
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Blair Stinson, Trustee

  
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Roger Koefner, Trustee

  
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Matt Harrigan, Trustee

  
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Sandra G. Perry, Fiscal Officer

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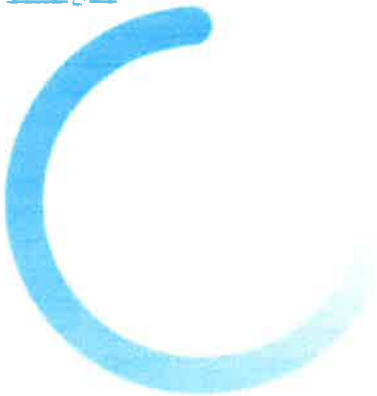
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Roll call was as follows: Mr. Stinson, yes; Mr. Koerner, yes; Mr. Harrigan, yes.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Blair Stinson, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sandi Perry, Fiscal Officer