

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Devon Stanley, Mr. Arnie Clebone & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular meeting.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

25-92 Motion to accept the resignation of Patrolman Chris Walla effect July 2, 2025 from the Liberty Township Police Department. We wish Chris continued success.

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

25-93 Motion to pass the following resolution for grass abatements:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris upon the following properties constitutes a nuisance:

Address:	Parcel No.:	Address:	Parcel No.:
332 Beverly Hills.	12-103300	213 Laurel	12-306270
981 Chrysann	12-376786	3483 Hadley	12-025700
240 Dailey	12-430135	224 Dailey	12-245600
432 Seacrist	12-093350	503 Churchill	12-067745
982 Chrysann	12-410075	234 E Liberty	12-274830
2250 Logn Hill	12-672360		

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of this Board's intent to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Administrator Weirick asked the Board if they had an opportunity to review the information Law Director Cherry Poteet provided regarding Belmont Cemetery including a draft resolution. After some discussion the Board agreed to pass the below resolution with the ability to explore other possible options:

25-94 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BELMONT PARK CEMETERY GROUNDS, RECORDS AND FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Belmont Park Cemetery Association, an Ohio non-profit corporation, was incorporated on June 29, 1903, and has maintained and operated a public cemetery known as the Belmont Park Cemetery in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont Park Cemetery Association Board met on June 3, 2025, and voted to dissolve the Association and to transfer all Belmont Park Cemetery Association property including the cemetery grounds, records, and funds to Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Board of Trustees pursuant to R.C. §517.27.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio:

Section 1: As required by Ohio Revised Code §517.27, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees shall accept and take possession of the Belmont Park Cemetery upon delivery to the Township of all property, titles, deeds, records and funds of the Belmont Park Cemetery Association.

Section 2: The Board of Trustees hereby establishes the Belmont Park Cemetery Trust Account, within the Cemetery Fund to receive and hold the funds from the Belmont Park Cemetery Association. The Fund shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and operation of the Belmont Park Cemetery as set forth in R.C. §1721.06 or as otherwise provided by law.

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, NO. Motion carried.

Mr. Devon Stanley left the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman reviewed the 2024 and 2025 Paving Programs with the Board. Wayne also reviewed the progress and cost, so far, for the Center Park Project. The Phase 2 Sidewalk bids will be open this Friday. The CDBG grant was submitted by the County Planning Commission, he said, for the Fredricks project. Wayne mentioned he submitted a grant for signage with high expectations of receiving the \$48,000 grant. A large truck struck a telephone pole on Tibbetts-Wick Road. The pole was split in half with the bottom of the pole shatter. However, the top half of the pole is still dangling, held up by the attached utility wires. It appears service was not disrupted. Wayne is concerned the utility companies won't come out to replace the pole because service was not affected.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly is working on the Alternative Tax Budget for 2026 due next month, he said. He should have it ready by the July 14<sup>th</sup> business meeting for the Board to review and vote, he added. He wanted to let the Board know he will be reaching out to our law director for an opinion on the township's obligations for withholding volunteer payroll deductions.

Trustee Arnie Clebone reviewed the law director's opinion with Trustee Greg Cizmar regarding the old gas station on Tibbetts-Wick Road. Trustee Clebone understood the opinion of the law director that we were not able to require replacement windows. However, Arnie felt the citation should include the fixing the decorative façade and require painting of unpainted areas. The two Board members discussed what can and cannot be cited. Trustee Cizmar had concerns about Trustee Clebone's letter sent to the owners of the gas station implying it was sent from "the Board of Trustees." The letter implies the Board is asking that the structure be demolished by a certain time. Trustee Cizmar added, "you can't ask people to tear down buildings because you don't like the way they look. This structure was not declared unfit or unsafe."

Trustee Greg Cizmar asked Trustee Clebone's ok to order a second port-a-potty at Churchill Park. The cost is minimal, and Arnie agreed to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> facility.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second. Mr. Clebone.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Clebone, Yes. Motion carried.

Next meeting, Monday July 14, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Music in Churchill Park is Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> featuring CinCity & the Saints at 7:00 p.m.

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MATTHEW CONNELLY  
FISCAL OFFICER

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GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON