

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
February 22, 2010**

SPECIAL MEETING PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY:

The Trustees of Liberty Township met in special session Monday, February 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Liberty Township Hall at 7761 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio. Board Members present were Curt Sybert, Mary Carducci, and Bob Mann. Also present were Township Administrator, David Anderson, Fiscal Officer, Mark Gerber, Chief, Tim Jensen, Captain Reardon, Zoning Inspector, Holly Foust, Park Supervisor, Andy Curmode, and Road Supervisor, John Walkup. Others in attendance are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

Chairman, Curt Sybert called the 2010 Strategic Planning Session to order.

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
2010
STRATEGIC PLANNING**

BLUE SKY 2030

- Enterprise/Business Zone – 30 day permit at SR 23 Greif Park
- Better mix of commercial and residential and retail
 - Development mix (high quality development)
 - School + tax base = Stability
- Regional Global Approach
- Cooperative Growth within the region (county/city/region)
- Business incubator (growing business for the region)
- Increased Senior housing options

STRENGTHS

- Fire – Road – Park – Zoning Depts. (people/services)
- Location to Columbus
- Fiscal/Finances turnaround / better situation
- Working relationship with Powell Zoning/Police Dept/Sheriff/EMA
- Good Working Relationship w/Preservation Parks
- Olentangy Scenic River and scenic corridor designation
- Golf Course amenities
- Pedestrian scale development – No Big Box
- Columbus Zoo / Waterpark + training relationships w/ fire
- Preserving and protecting neighborhoods
- BOT that understands and respects each other's decisions
- Regional 911 Center

WEAKNESSES

- Fiscal Stressors
 - Deficit in fire fund
 - Litigation costs
- Police Protection/law enforcement
- Growing Pains
 - Staffing needs
 - Inter Department Communication
 - Between BOT/Administrator to the Dept. Heads and Staff
 - Capital and equipment needs for fire (end of five year levy)
 - Capital and equipment needs for Road
- Expense for Health care (31% increase quoted for 2010)
- Global finances – Nat'l – State – Local Gov't impact each other
- Zoning Code –
 - Difficulty in meeting needs of businesses and residents
- Taxes – (law enforcement)
- Traffic – (Zoo 4 lanes funnel through Powell)
- Not competing for Best projects (Fortune 500 type)
 - Enterprise zone on 23 (see 2030 Blue Sky)
- Communication to the residents (aside from newspapers)
 - No Newsletter
- Park space and the lack of staffing
 - Capital needs
- HR Staffing

OPPORTUNITY

- SR 23 Development / Greif (Ent. Zones)
 - More opportunities for Development
- Partnering with Powell
 - Amending the CEDA/JEDD
 - Law enforcement
- Consolidation of services
- Resolve litigation to eliminate costs
- Fire Accreditation
 - ISO rating improvements
 - Staffing models
 - Water/hydrants 3-4" lines (North side)
- Economic development
- Del-Co Water – growth (oversizing of lines)
- Trucco Facility – Offices and Salt Barn

THREATS

- Economic Recession
- Coyotes

- Lack of sufficient police protection – quantity
- Success Breeds Failure – More Parks impacts Staffing
- Big Box Development
- Annexation – Loss of Revenue (especially commercial)
- Consolidation by Columbus (Statehouse)
- Continued litigation – management of costs
- Breakdown of communication w/ neighboring communities
- Unionization by employees

PRIORITIES

1. Cost Containment (Litigation/Fiscal/Funding)
 - Park Levy Analysis
 - Union Contracts - two
 - Fire Levy 2012 – Educating the Public
2. Mutual Cooperation/Communication (with Powell and other communities)
 - Law Enforcement
 - Regional Traffic Generators (Big Box)
3. Economic Development and Zoning
 - Overlay District
 - Greif SR 23
 - Utilities
4. Staffing/Hiring
 - Fire – Assistant Chief
 - Park
 - HR
5. Facilities – Fire Station 321 - Exterior
 - Road – Salt Barn
 - Fire Station 323
6. ISO Accreditation (Develop 3 to 5 year plan)

MOTION: Enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.


Mr. Sybert made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Mr. Mann seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Carducci-yes, Mr. Mann-yes, and Mr. Sybert-yes. The motion passed with 3-yes and 0-no vote.

MOTION: Reconvene – Out of Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

Mr. Sybert made a motion to reconvene out of Executive Session and Ms. Carducci seconded the motion and the roll call vote: Ms. Carducci-yes, Mr. Mann-yes and Mr. Sybert-yes. The motion passed with a 3-yes and 0-no vote.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business Chairperson Sybert adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.


Mark S. Gerber, Fiscal Officer


Curt Sybert, Chairman
Board of Trustees