

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Bellbrook City Council Meeting

Work Session

September 25, 2017

PRESENT: Mr. Nick Edwards
Mr. Forrest Greenwood
Mr. Darryl McGill
Mrs. Elaine Middlestetter
Mrs. Dona Seger-Lawson
Mr. Mike Schweller
Mayor Bob Baird

GUESTS: Mr. Harold Ackerman, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District
Ms. Elizabeth Betz, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District
Mrs. Caroline Destefani, Sugarcreek Township
Mrs. Mary Frantz, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District
Mr. Mike Pittman, Sugarcreek Township
Mr. Jeff Stewart, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District
Mr. Barry Tiffany, Sugarcreek Township

This is a summary of the City Council joint work session held with Sugarcreek Township Officials, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District Officials and Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District Officials on September 25, 2017 at 5:45 pm.

City Manager, Mr. Schlagheck informed everyone that the city will have a new 3.0 mill, five year safety levy on the ballot in November. This is due to cuts in State shared revenue as well as a decline in investment income. The levy will provide funds for a full-time school resource officer. The school has requested a full-time resource officer for the schools within the City. Also, a new full-time firefighter position will be added. This will improve coverage by staffing 2 full-time firefighters for every shift. Funds would also be designated for downtown improvements. Mr. Schlagheck also said that the city is in the processing of updating its comprehensive plan. This will focus on the west corridor of 725 and the downtown area.

Mrs. Mary Frantz, President of the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Board of Education, said the district is in the process of hiring a new superintendent. Dr. St. Pierre has resigned effective the middle of January. She said currently, Dr. Jeff Lewis is acting superintendent. Mrs. Frantz said there will be a focus group on October 17th to aid in the search of a new superintendent. She also said they have completed their five year strategic plan. Mrs. Frantz said the districts overall grade card was a B which ranked the district at the top in Greene County and second in the region. Mrs. Frantz said she knows in the future, the district will have to address all of the growth.

Mr. Barry Tiffany, Sugarcreek Township Administrator talked about the 600 apartment units that are coming to the Township. He said there are another 240 units in process. Many of the units are upscale apartments that are not attractive to families. Mr. Tiffany also said there are about 800 single family homes that are under construction or in process. He said they will have a fire renewal levy on the ballot in the spring. Mr. Tiffany also spoke of new businesses that will be opening soon.

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The township recently passed a resolution to continue the safe routes to school project from the middle school down to East of Eden. Mr. Tiffany also said an additional lane will be added on Brown Road along with a new traffic signal at the intersection of Brown Road and Wilmington Pike. He also talked about potential improvements to the area in front of Target on Feedwire Road.

Mr. Jeff Stewart, Executive Director of the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District, said they have had a 300% increase in acreage over the last five years. They now maintain 700 acres. The recently acquired Morris property located at Lower Bellbrook Road and State Route 725 is about 178 acres. A new parking lot will be completed there in December along with new signage. The Park District is also updating signage at Sackett Wright Park.

Being no further business the work session ended at 6:42 pm.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Jami L. Kinion, Clerk of Council