

Wells Township

June 3, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Wells Township met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 6:30 PM at 79 Hudson St, Brilliant, OH.

Officials present were:

Ben Batenburg, Trustee
Rodney Roe, Trustee
Leslie Harvey, Fiscal Officer

Others in attendance

Sean Norman, Butch Keyoski, Bub Lazear, Georgia Jarman, Ricky Crawford, Chrissy Crawford, Dwain Harkins

Trustee Roe stated the Board has had time to read the minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting and if there are no additions, deletions, or amendments, the minutes of May 13, 2025 stand as approved.

25-06-01 Trustee Kameron motioned to accept the May 13, 2025 minutes as approved. Trustee Batenburg seconded that motion and it passed 3:0.

25-06-02 Trustee Kameron motioned to approve bills totaling \$205,069.69. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe stated he has been presented with a Resolution of Necessity requesting certification from County Auditor Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Wells Township that: A resolution declaring the necessity of a renewal levy of one-half mills for the purpose of providing funds for parks and recreational purposes for Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, to be put to a vote of the electors of the Wells Township, Jefferson County Ohio.

Trustee Roe entertains the motion to adopt this Resolution of Necessity on June 3, 2025.

25-06-03 Trustee Kameron motioned to approve passing and signing the Resolution of Necessity for the renewal levy for the Wells Township Parks and Recreation purposes, to be submitted to the County Auditor's office. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe reports that Solicitor Clark has reviewed and made any necessary changes to the Park and Recreation Pool Rental Agreement Form. The only pricing change is the fee(s) for lifeguards to man rental parties from \$30.00 to \$40.00 cash only. A motion to accept the rental agreement and the lifeguard fee increase is needed and will be effective immediately.

25-06-04 Trustee Batenburg motioned to accept the Parks and Recreation Pool Rental Agreement form as revised by Solicitor Clark and to approve the lifeguard fee increase to \$40.00 effective immediately. Trustee Kameron seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe read an announcement from the Ohio Department of Taxation:

Ohio will have a sales tax holiday from 12:00am Friday, August 1, until 11:59pm Thursday, August 14, 2025. During this time, the exemption will apply to all sales of goods that are \$500.00 or less except for certain watercraft, motor vehicles, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vapor products, or an item that contains marijuana.

Trustee Roe reports that Cole Still attended training in Nashville, TN. His overnight accommodations were previously approved. Parking for 4 nights totaled \$275.60. Trustee Roe entertains a motion to approve payment placed on US Bank credit card for the \$275.60 fees.

25-06-05 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve the parking fees for Cole Still's training in Nashville TN for a total of \$275.60 and to pay these fees. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe announced the Trustees received a memorandum from the Jefferson County Commissioners regarding the Recreation Grant awards. It states Wells Township has been awarded a \$9,000.00 grant for 2025. Receipts must be turned in to the County Commissioners for the total amount no later than December 31, 2025. Trustee Batenburg requested a thank you letter be generated on Township letterhead to be sent to the Commissioners.

Trustee Batenburg presented Butch Keyoski and the road crew with a certificate of appreciation from American Legion Post 573 for all their work they do for the community.

Trustee Batenburg reports the flag pole repair at the Legion's Memorial on Market St has been completed. Trustee Batenburg suggests a thank you letter, on Township letterhead, be sent to Amanda Flynn and Brent Regal with Ascent for their donation of the poles given to the Township. John Walters went out with his rig and trailer to pick up and haul the poles for the Township. Nicholas Batenburg did a nice job of welding the flag pole. These letters are to be signed by all Trustees.

Trustee Kamerer stated Steubenville Township contacted him before this meeting to report the paving project on Tarr's Hill is ready to begin. They will need the assistance of Wells Township road crew. Tarr's Hill will be closed during the project.

Trustee Batenburg also announced the Township now has a dumpster for yard waste. Anyone in the Township has access to use this dumpster for tree trimmings, lawn clippings, etc. The dumpster is located where the sanitary office is on the Township property. This will be posted on the Township's website, along with social media sites. There should be no more dumping over the sand pit hill anymore. There is no cost to the residents. There is to be no other waste dumped into the container – only used for organic waste. Bub Lazear stated people were dumping something into the dumpster next to the Township building. Trustees stated there are cameras and they will have it looked into.

Trustee Roe asked Fiscal Officer Harvey if there were property clean-up letters that needed to be signed at this meeting. She stated she was not given anything. Trustee Batenburg stated they were not ready yet for approval and signing.

Trustee Roe asked if the gas company has been on Steuben St digging holes? Trustee Batenburg stated he believed that was the water department as part of their project.

Butch Keyoski noted the "no dumping" signs have been placed. He also reports the big Massey tractor is down for a period of time for repair work. Repairs to the bucket truck have been done to the brakes totaling \$984.78. Two and a half miles of ditch lines have been cleaned. Pavement patching has been done in several locations. Several trees have been removed from stream channels. Started trimming trees back. Cleaned and inspected all catch basins and culverts. Re-stoned the pool parking lot and park. Will be working on building ramp into police parking lot. He received a request from residents on Beech Flats, they are asking for a street light.

Chrissy Crawford reports the community yard sale is this weekend. Several people from country areas will use the old middle-school football field. Signs were donated by a participant. Chrissy also reports the acid pump exploded and need to purchase another. Cost is \$320.00. Trustee Roe entertains a motion to approve the purchase of an acid pump for the community pool at a cost of \$320.00.

25-06-06 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve the purchase of an acid pump for the pool at a cost of \$320.00. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Chrissy also noted 12 umbrellas need replaced at the pool and needs two picnic tables replaced at the pool. Trustee Batenburg stated Walmart has them for \$179.00. He suggests getting two of them.

25-06-07 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve the purchase of two picnic tables from Walmart for \$179.00 each. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Chrissy noted the small freezer in the concession stand is not working any longer. Fiscal Officer Harvey stated Lowes has a 6.1 cu ft freezer for \$249.00.

25-06-08 Trustee Kamerer motioned to purchase a small 6.1 cu ft freezer for the concession stand from Lowes for \$249.00. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Chrissy also asked about the bench up by the tennis court off Third St? Trustee Kamerer noted it can be taken out. Chrissy stated it doesn't need to be removed, just two boards replaced.

Chrissy also stated fireworks are scheduled for July 3, but has there been a rain date confirmed? Trustee Kamerer stated they should have a rain date confirmation tomorrow.

Dwain Harkins stated he plans on breaking ground first week of August off Township Road 159. He stated the foundation will be poured, met with the power company about spotting poles. Power company stated there is not enough room for a clear right of way and that trees need cleared back 10 feet. Mr. Harkins stated there is nothing there bigger than 6 inches in diameter. Trustee Batenburg stated he wasn't sure if this could be done in-house or have Kenny Kourim clear the area. Trustee Kamerer stated Kenny would have his chipper and all other required equipment there. Trustee Batenburg reminded Trustee Kamerer the township has a chipper that can be utilized. Mr. Harkins stated any chipping could easily be blown back onto his property. Trustee Batenburg told Butch Keyoski to go take a look at it and confirm we can do it in-house and just go ahead and clear it. Mr. Harkins asked if something could be done about the property owner that placed his mailbox too far into the road, making it hard to get around? Trustee Batenburg stated the Trustees would go out and talk to the property owner about moving it. Mr. Harkins also asked about a cul-de-sac turnaround that is required by law. This could affect Joe Ellis's property. Trustees will talk with Mr. Ellis.

Trustee Roe requested an Executive Session under ORC 121.22 for personnel matter.

25-06-09 Trustee Batenburg motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:57pm. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion.

25-06-10 Trustee Kamerer motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:16pm. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

With no further business, Trustee Roe entertains a motion to adjourn.

25-06-11 Trustee Batenburg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. Trustee Kamerer seconded and it passed 3:0.

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