

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL METING
January 25, 2008
1:00 pm

Chairperson, Carolyn Sims called the special meeting to order. She announced the meeting was intended to be a policy & procedure workshop and to name the new access road to the campground.

Trustees in attendance: James Likley, Carolyn Sims, and Timothy Kratzer.
Attendance: Martha Evans, Fiscal Officer, Dennis Delagrange, Ronald & Marlene Oiler, Ryan & Kelly Gregoire, Willie Carassco & son.

Carolyn stated we have two interested parties in naming the road. Ryan Gregoire (in memory of his mother) and Willie Carassco to promote his sports businesses.

WILLIE: The road was created because the State of Ohio took the campground's access to Lake Road, so the access road was created so the campground would have frontage and access to Lake Road. I feel the name should reflect something to do with the campground and/or soccer such as Family Park or Victory Lane (per Willie's letter on file)

CAROLYN: I'm not interested in Family Park or Family Way, because you don't know what the long-term use of the property will be. My suggestion was Chippewa Valley Drive. I feel it honors the Gregoire family because they named it when they owned the property, Willie Carrasco kept the name and he now owns it, and the road was created as an access to the campground. It's logical.

KELLY GREGOIRE:

- 2004 Gregoire Lane was reserved at the tax map office for naming of the future access road all it would take would be a letter from the Trustees that the road be named Gregoire Lane.
- In the last 4 years there has been little or no camping at the campground. I do not see where the name Chippewa Valley is relevant.
- Other roads in the township has been named for individuals etc. Daniels, Hulbert, Buffham. (See letter from the Farm Bureau Exhibit #2 on file in clerk's office)
- Because of community support (Petition Exhibit #3 on file in the clerk's office) of local registered voters we obtained 115 signatures and had only 1 person turn us down, that was the first person we approached.
- The Gregoire name means "watchful"

RYAN GREGOIRE:

- 1) Long term goal would be naming the road Gregoire Lane
- 2) My company would adopt this road (mow road sides and keep trash picked up)
- 3) Pay for signage dedicating this road to my Mom and Ovarian Cancer awareness.
- 4) Sponsor a walk for life-dream down this road

5) The name is not out of line even though that's what its all about

JOHN MINER:

A) John Miner is Garlene Gregoire's son-in-law and works for Ohio Edison. His job is to do the new service hook ups. Many area are taking the names of the previous property owners. This just makes common sense - Why not name it Gregoire Lane?

RYAN GREGOIRE:

Many people thought the Medina Sod Farm built the road and it would be named Gregoire Lane.

CAROLYN SIMS:

The township does not have a program that would allow you to adopt the road. The township is responsible for plowing and mowing.

RYAN GREGOIRE:

The state of Ohio took more than the 6 acres of land that they paid for. We have 10 acres of land that is not useful. The road was build to benefit the community as a whole not just an individual.

KELLY GREGOIE: Could a vote be taken now because I must leave this meeting.

CAROLYN SIMS asked if there were any comments?

WILLIE CARASSCO replied "Ryan is emotional about his mother. I understands how he feels but you just have to live with it. It's hard for me not to say anything.

KELLY: Ryan could have gotten a lot more signatures. The community made a decision by signing the petition and therefore the community has spoken. Please take a vote as I have to leave the meeting.

Jim made a motion to name the access road "Gregoire Lane", seconded by Tim.

Tim commented to support the cancer research.

Discussion: Carolyn was not supportive of the name as it was created for the campground and Willie Carrasco's opinion mattered.

Roll call: Tim, yes; Carolyn, no; Jim, no.

There was dialog between Carolyn and Ryan over many matters: Staging areas, flood plain etc.

Ryan stated the flood plain is a county issue and it is border line on how we are being policed.

Ryan signed off on the south Kokosing staging area. Ryan is satisfied with KoKosing.

JOHN MINER: Are you going to name that road today? Carolyn, yes. John, how many are going to name the road, 2?

Carolyn made a motion to name the road "Chippewa Valley Drive". Motion died for lack of second.

MARLENE OILER: Consider the cancer walk and the importance to bring people to the township from all over. Possibly consider Memory Lane.

TIM: We are talking about a cancer victim. Gregoire name is known to the township. You are doing a disservice to the 115 people.

Tim moved to name the access road "Gregoire Parkway". Motion died for lack of second.

Willie's son (Orlando Carasco): We need a compromise.

CAROLYN: Everyone is aggravated but we need to move forward and we probably cannot make both people happy.

TIM: To ignore 115 signatures is irresponsible.

Jim made a motion to name the access drive "Westfield Valley Drive, seconded by Carolyn.

Discussion: Ryan stated it doesn't make sense and he does not like it.

Roll call vote: Jim, yes; Carolyn, yes; Tim, No.

Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Jim made a motion to move Jack Poe from alternate on the BZA to the term expiring 2012, seconded by Carolyn.

Discussion: Jack has had regular attendance and training.

Roll call note: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Tim moved to appoint Lee Evans to the alternate position on the BZA, seconded by Jim.

Discussion: Tim: Lee knows the zoning book and issues however hope this board would not affect his full time job. Jim: just the fact that he is out in the township. He has brought to light valuable information in the past, he is a good candidate and a value to the BZA level. He is a good source of information. We know there is a concern about his name on the roster. Carolyn: I have reservations, anytime you see one name on the township roster too frequently, it can raise concerns. But Lee knows his zoning book. He'd make a good board member. I would hope his board decisions would not affect his full-time employment with a future board.


Roll call vote: Jim, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

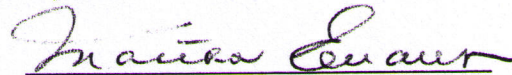
There was discussion on zoning fees. Year 2007 the zoning permits issued brought in nearly \$6,000.

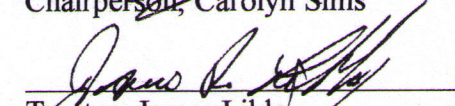
The cost of our zoning boards, zoning inspector, and secretary was in excess of \$26,000. Tim did not have a chance to review the information since he was not at the last meeting. The discussion will continue at the Feb. 4, 2008 meeting.

Jim moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim. Unanimous.

APPROVED March 17, 2008


Chairperson, Carolyn Sims


Fiscal Officer, Martha Evan


Trustee, James Likley