

SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2024 AT 7:00PM

TRUSTEES WILSON, STEIMLE, AND DURBIN AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK MET ON JULY 18, 2024 AT 7:00PM TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL GRANTS.

AFTER THE PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE AND PRAYER LED BY TRUSTEE WILSON THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.

SABRINA SCHNARRENBURG PRESENTED ESTIMATES FOR THE CEMETERY VETERANS' MEMORIAL. THE ESTIMATES DID NOT INCLUDE HANDICAP SIDEWALKS. 2 BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE THIRTY-FIVE FOOT TALL FLAG POLE WOULD BE THE BEST OPTION WITH AN EIGHT FOOT CIRCLE OF LANDSCAPING. STEPPING STONES WOULD LEAD OUT FROM THE SHELTER TO THE FLAG POLE. IT WOULD BE GROUND LEVEL SO NO STEPS WOULD BE NEEDED MAKING IT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. A SIX FOOT WIDE SIDEWALK WOULD EXTEND OUT FROM THE LANDSCAPED AREA WHERE SIX MOUNTED MARKERS WOULD BE PLACED. TRUSTEE DURBIN SUGGESTED THAT IT SHOULD BE LAID OUT BEFORE A FINAL DESIGN DECISION IS MADE. TRUSTEE STEIMLE CLARIFIES THAT THE MARKERS WOULD BE FACING THE OUTSIDE OF THE LANDSCAPPED AREA. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT HE WILL GO OUT AND MARK THE LAYOUT.

RON BULOW ASKED ABOUT FLYING A MILITARY FLAG DURING A FUNERAL AND PRESENTING IT TO THE FAMILY. PAM SANDKER SAID THAT PERHAPS THE MILITARY DETAIL COULD SUPPLY THE FLAG.

IT WAS STATED THAT THE PURPOSE FOR THE SHELTER HOUSE IS FOR RAINOUTS. THE COLOR FOR BENCHES WAS DISCUSSED. BURGUNDY WAS SUGGESTED TO MATCH THE CURTAINS. RON BULOW ASKED IF THE FLAG POLE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BALL OR EAGLE ON TOP. HE HAS A BALL THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE IF IT IS NEEDED. SABRINA STATED THAT THE TIME TO ASSEMBLY THE BENCHES WOULD COUNT TOWARD VOLUNTEER HOURS TOWARD THE MATCH. THE BENCHES COULD HAVE DONOR NAMES ON THEM. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO PUT BENCHES ON CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS AROUND THE CEMETERY FOR WALKERS. THE COLOR OF THE BENCHES IS TO BE DETERMINED. MAINTENANCE

DEPARTMENT HOURS AND THE COST OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL ALL COUNT TOWARD THE MATCH.

SABRINNA ESTIMATED THE COST OF THE PROJECT BASED ON MID PRICING WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 WILL 333 VOLUNTEER HOURS. ALSO, THE ODNR REQUIRES THE PURCHASE OF A SIGN AT A COST OF \$100. POSSIBLE DONORS SUGGESTED WERE: SARDINIA READY MIX, BETHEL VFW, DUKE ENERGY, BIGGBY COFFEE.

SABRINNA STATED THAT IF A GRANT IS AWARDED THE PROJECT COULD BE DONE IN PHASES. SHELBE BAIRD ASKED IF BOYSCOUTS COULD VOLUNTEER FOR HOURS TOWARD EAGLE SCOUT. ED STANLEY HAS A LETTER ASKING IF THERE WAS ANY PROJECTS THAT THEY COULD DO.

CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO ELECTRIC TO THE SHELTER HOUSE. MAY LAY CONDUIT BEFORE POURING CONCRETE. THE FLAG POLE WOULD NEED TO BE SET BEFORE ANY CONCRETE WORK COULD BE DONE. TRUSTEE DURBIN SUGGESTED THAT BARS' NURSERY MAY BE ABLE TO DESIGN A LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPE DISPLAY.

SABRINNA STATED THAT THE REIMBURSEABLE GRANT FROM ODNR COULD BE DONE IN PHASES AND REIMBURSED BEFORE GOINT ON TO THE NEXT PHASE.

THE VERSION OF AUTHORIZATION WILL BE READY BY THE AUGUST MEETING. WAYS TO GET ADDITIONAL POINTS TO HELP OBTAIN THE GRANT WERE DISCUSS. THE USE IS MORE RECREATIONAL THAN IT IS CEMETERY. TWENTY-FIVE POINTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED FOR NOT HAVING BEEN AWARDED A GRANT BEFORE. THE FINAL FILING MUST BE DONE AT THE DEEDS AND TITLES WITH THE COUNTY. THIS TIES THE FLAG POLE TO THE PROPERTY SO IT CANNOT BE SOLD. AUGUST 15TH IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE GRANT FILING IT MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED BY THAT DATE.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED PAM SANDKER IF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COULD WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROJECT. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT HE WOULD REACH OUT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION. TRUSTEE DURBIN STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT GRANT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

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TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED ABOUT GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR MAINTNANCE EQUIPMENT THROUGH USDA. SABRINNA STATED THAT THERE ARE 55% MATCHING GRANTS AVAILABLE. THE ROAD MAINTENANCE NEEDS A MOWER. TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE GRANT. SABRINNA RESPONDED THAT THE GRANT IS ONGOING. BAXLA TRACTOR PARTICIPATES. THERE IS A WEBSITE THAT LISTS THE EQUIPMENT AND PARTICIPANTS. TRUSTEE WILSON PRESENTED SABRINNA A LIST OF ITEM THAT ED STANLEY HAD COMPILED. SABRINNA ALSO STATED THAT THE HOURS THAT SHE WORKS ON THE GRANT APPLY TOWARD VOLUNTEER HOURS.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO MAKE THE WEBSITE MORE USED FRIENDLY. SHE WAS TOLD TO CONTACT GRANT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

TRUSTEE DURBIN ASKED IF THERE IS A GRANT AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ZONING. SABRINNA SUGGESTED CONTACTING DESMOND AT CLERMONT COUNTY.

THE CBDG IS A 100% PAID FOR GRANT.

SHELBY BAIRD ASKED IF THERE IS A GRANT AVAILABLE FOR CYER SECURITY UPGRADES. TRUSTEE WILSON ASKED ABOUT MICROPHONES AND AN AMPLIPHI ER FOR THE MEETING ROOM. IT COULD ALSO BE USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS WANTING TO UPGRADE THE DIGITAL SIGN IN FRONT OF THE FIRE HOUSE. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HAS A NICE SIGN. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING WOULD BE A GRANT TO APPLY FOR.

MOTION BY DURBIN TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY WILSON.