

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8, 2015 in Dublin

I. Introductions

II. Roll Call & Communications

Wenger called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Present: Anderson; Braverman; Brooker Scocco; Davis; Eppig; Etchie; Ezell; Kennedy; Logue; Ray; Reger; Wenger

Absent: Edelman; Hopkins; Keough-Jurs; Kinskey; Moeller; Ronayne; Schmidt

Others Present: Dersi Davis

III. Motion to Follow or Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Ezell to approve the agenda. Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2015 Board Meeting

Dersi Davis mentioned the roster needed to be updated. Ray said that the figure on page four (4) should be 2,500 and not 2,000. A motion was made by Braverman and seconded by Logue to approve the minutes. Motion passes.

V. Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2015 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by Braverman to approve the minutes. Motion passes.

VI. Action and Discussion Agenda

Apple vs Granger Township Update

Robert Oast distributed a final document of the OSU student research.

Items to note:

- Page 8– Method of analysis
- Page 10 – Endangered townships (9%)
- Back of report – Tabular data.
- Last page – Opinion of the COA.

Braverman asked to review the SC question – whether the township zoning ordinance was enacted in accordance with the “comprehensive plan”. Township says the zoning ordinance acts as the comprehensive plan.

Wenger identified Granger Township and noticed that it is the only community in Medina County in danger.

Wenger asked about the OTC/CCAO meeting. Ezell said the Township Association is happy we’re exploring this. We need to engage townships more. We focus a lot on bigger issues and city issues. The Townships need more assistance; and there is a huge opportunity to work with them. Etchie reported that there are more requests for township related content at the State Conference.

Wenger asked when the decision will be made. Oast said 90-120 days for the process – which is any day now.

Ray asks how this takes us to the next step in formulating a definition of the comprehensive plan. Wolf says the purpose of the research was to determine who was potentially affected.

Ezell hopes to keep this going as policy work with graduate students as an academic exercise.

Egan mentioned Portage County has some concerned communities. What can the Akron Section do to further the cause? Should the Section reach out and encourage comprehensive planning to those in danger? Or at least make them aware of the situation?

Wenger asked if any of the townships have been endangered. Perhaps to discuss at the State Conference or a stand-alone event in Columbus? Etchie reported there are 4 sessions that relate specifically to townships. Maybe a “red township” session. Braverman suggests additional marketing.

Wenger – maybe a webinar?

Oast says they purposely did NOT take a stance either way – just provided the facts.

Wenger asked if there’s contact information for any of the “red townships”. Most contacts were County planners. Perhaps work with OTA to disseminate the information in a different avenue than normal.

Logue asked the legal/personal opinion of Oast and Wolf on the case. There is some precedence. There was concern by some of the justices regarding “open season” for developers and the “full employment clause” for planners.

Logue states that the court is making a definition of the comprehensive plan should they side with the Township. Reger disagrees and says since there is no definition, they cannot rule against. It doesn’t necessarily define anything.

A motion was made by Braverman and seconded by Brooker Scocco to shift this topic for further movement to the Legislative Committee.

Yin's Replacement

Ezell volunteered to become the new PDO. Dersi Davis will initiate transition.

Braverman suggests putting a notice in the newsletter. Ray asks what the rationale was for having representation from all accredited colleges.

Treasurer's Report

Ray mentioned that page 18 of the board book should go just before page 27.

New membership fees will begin October 1, 2015 if they are approved by the Board.

Dersi Davis suggested the OKI conference contract be amended to include a deadline for all revenue disbursement to Chapters.

Ray reported that insurance is going up and Dersi Davis is working to see why.

Dersi Davis and Ray are meeting with a Chase investment banker after the meeting to discuss investment opportunities.

A motion was made by Reger and seconded by Braverman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passes.

2015 State Conference Update

Etchie distributed a draft agenda, budget, and session submissions.

Suggestions made to have no more than 4 concurrent on Friday and 5 (with township topics) on Thursday.

Awards & Scholarships Update

Braverman explained the scholarship award program.

The Committee is recommending six (6) awards for students and up to six (6) awards for professionals and citizens. The budget is \$2,000.

Braverman recommended to Etchie that marketing be targeted to townships.

The Michigan Chapter is this year's judging panel.

2015 OKI Reception @ Seattle

Klavora reported via Email

The event was crowded but fun.

There is a remaining \$88.89 which will go forward to next year.

Be sure to save each sponsor a drink ticket.

Receptions are getting expensive. Perhaps increasing sponsor amounts. Perhaps not rely on universities monetarily.

Plan4Health Update

Kick off meeting was in March in Dallas. Egan reported that APA has been easy to work with and organized in terms of getting information to and from.

Executive Director's Report

Dersi Davis mentioned her report in the Boardbook and summarized items completed and items on the horizon.

Revenue Building

Ray suggested a professional development workshop.

Etchie mentioned a half day event such as updating zoning codes workshop.

What about a membership drive? Wenger says should we ask speakers to be members?

Member only event or benefit and increase difference between member and non-member rate.

2015 Cycle 2 CPC Grant

Braverman says to link to the court case and have a distribution plan and to the townships. Explain the weak planning laws and interest in educating legislative bodies.

Dersi Davis will gather those interested to a conference call to discuss further.

Section Updates

Akron: Monthly lunch meetings and work on Plan4Health grant. Also discussion with homebuilders association to put on a small workshop on different forms of residential development so that townships can be encouraged beyond the large lot development.

Cincinnati: February events got cancelled and postponed. Upcoming is a Cincinnati Reds outing and an event in the Northside neighborhood. 2018 OKI Conference preliminary dates and locations are being discussed.

Central Ohio: Series of events planned for the year. Happy hour conducted in April. Last week had an event at OSU joint event with the City and Regional Planning program. Mentoring program with OSU students. Last night a joint event with ASLA, AIA, USGBC – Design association happy hour every other month. P&Z workshop will be on June 19.

Cleveland – March 31 was a day in the life of a planner panel at CSU. NEO P&Z Workshop is June 5. Annual Goodtime III Boat Cruise is on June 12. The Section is also supporting Medina County planning services. P&Z Workshop will take place in November.

Miami Valley – Planning & Zoning Workshop is December 4.

NW Ohio – Working on the State Conference!!!

VII. Other Business

N/A

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made at 1:29 by Anderson and Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes.