

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Special Meeting of Webster Township

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held November 28, 2022 7:30 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

**Township Officers Present:**

Trustee Mark Bushman, Chairman  
 Trustee Isaac Bailey  
 Trustee Jim Cajka  
 Fiscal Officer Julie Foos

**Others Present:** Randy Aspacher, Matt Hemp, Dave Welling, Greg Gonyer, and Roger Sergent

Julie Foos handed out papers detailing past improvements to the Webster School property, grants applied for currently, and potential future improvements. Mark Bushman opened the floor to anyone who wanted to comment about the property.

Greg Gonyer with Velocity started by saying Velocity is hoping to raise the fencing around the south ball diamond using fencing and poles from Fostoria Schools to better protect the playground and bleachers from foul balls. Greg Gonyer thinks they will be able to slide the new poles on top of the existing poles. Mark Bushman commented when he spoke with Fremont Fence a couple of years ago, they were worried about the extra weight on top of the existing poles. Greg Gonyer mentioned another board member of Velocity would like to extend the concrete in the dugouts to accommodate longer benches and enclose the dugouts more. Greg Gonyer said Velocity applied for a grant to replace the bleachers with new aluminum ones, and they are looking at other options for outfield fencing that is temporary but sturdier than what they are using.

Roger Sergent asked what the long-term plan for the property is. Mark Bushman said the township does not want to limit the property to softball or baseball. Isaac Bailey said there is a possibility of building other buildings there. Roger Sergent asked what the purpose was for the new storage building, and the Trustees explained the township was out of room at the old building to store all the equipment inside. Roger Sergent suggested moving the piles of stones and dirt behind the building so the property would look cleaner from State Route 199. Mark Bushman explained the blocks on the asphalt are for containing salt in the winter. The Trustees had previously discussed constructing a salt shed next to the storage building, but with building prices so high, that project has been put off.

Julie Foos relayed the quotes she received from Morlock Asphalt. Demolishing the old bus garage would cost \$6,200. Repaving the parking lot, adding some additional pavement near the storage building, and adding enough additional pavement near where the bus garage is currently for a basketball court would cost \$156,800. Paving a walking path around the property would cost \$40,000. Greg Gonyer suggested putting a basketball court in the grass area where the old school was. Mark Bushman said he does not want to put anything permanent in that area in case the township were to build another building such as a fire and EMS building. Greg Gonyer then suggested putting the basketball court back by the batting cages. Isaac Bailey wondered if that location would be harder to access. The Trustees agreed it would be a long time before the township were to have a use for a fire and EMS building, but the possibility exists. Jim Cajka and Isaac Bailey both agreed it would cost too much to repave the parking lot, but the walking path seemed reasonable. Jim Cajka wondered if a smaller concrete path would be cheaper.

Greg Gonyer mentioned he sees people hitting golf balls in the back of the property, so some netting might be a good idea. Greg Gonyer also mentioned a lot of people let their dogs wander around the property but don't clean up after them. Greg Gonyer suggested putting up a sign with some dog bags to encourage people to be responsible. Julie Foos mentioned the kiosk would be a good place for something like that. Greg Gonyer said even if Velocity does not receive the grant they applied for, they will try to replace one set of bleachers per year. Greg Gonyer said it would be nice to have concrete underneath the bleachers to cut down on weeds. The concession stand has been working out nicely especially after electricity was run out there. Greg Gonyer was disappointed in the turnout for the can and tractor show Velocity held in October. Greg Gonyer and Isaac Bailey have been discussing the idea of holding a pig roast on the property next summer. Greg Gonyer asked if the township would be interested in having a multiple-year lease with Velocity. Isaac Bailey asked if the cost for the players has gone down since Webster Township charges so little for the use of the fields. Greg Gonyer said other costs have gone up, so the overall cost has not really decreased.

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There being no further business brought before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M. Motion to adjourn was made by Isaac Bailey and seconded by Mark Bushman. All were in favor.

*Mark L. Bushman*

Mark Bushman

*Isaac Bailey*

Isaac Bailey

*Jim L. Cajka*

Jim Cajka