

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
HELD AT: WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT CENTER  
311 PRODUCTION DRIVE, AVON, INDIANA

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Establishment Of A Quorum:**

Amanda Babinec, Steve Blacketer and Shane Sommers were present. Also present were: Trustee Don Hodson, Deputy Trustee Britt Woodard, Parks Director Lora Helmick, parks staff members, Owner Rep Tom Walters, Avon Town Manager Tom Klein, and public

**Public Comment:**

None

**Trustee Comment:**

Trustee Hodson announced that the purpose of the meeting was for the following:

1. To introduce a potential grant consultant for the Township and allow her to outline how she can assist the Township's search for funding.
2. To have the Township Parks Department propose and review potential concepts for the Murphy property (on CR 625 E just north of CR 150 S).
3. To ask the board for direction on how they would like to develop the property so the Trustee and parks department can hire a design team to map out concepts and projected costs.

**New Business:**

1. Trustee Hodson introduced Christi Southerland of Prosperity Ag and Energy Resources. He told those present he had met her at the 2019 Indiana Township Association Conference in September, where she presented at a grant writing seminar. Ms. Southerland reviewed the types of grants her firm specialized in and gave references of township, municipal, and private sector clients she had assisted. The trustee also told those present she would be the Township's project manager for the fire and park department grant processes.
2. Parks Director Lora Helmick presented various concepts to the Board and those present for potential development of the Murphy property's 46 acres (presentation attached). During the presentation, Tom Walters was asked to give input on how much of the concepts presented could fit comfortably on the property. He advised the Board to narrow down ideas to two for the 40 acres on the east side of CR 625 E and one for the 6 acres on the west side of CR 625 E. Christy Southerland was asked about the grant potential for the projects. She highlighted those projects that had more grant funding potential than others. Avon Town Manager Tom Klein was asked to update the Board about Town of Avon's future park plans. He told all present that the concepts

presented by Township would not duplicate but complement Avon's ideas. He also stated the concepts would help to address several recreation need deficiencies.

3. After much discussion and input, the Board narrowed the concepts to the following:
  - a. For the forty acres on the east side of CR 625E: a water park, a wellness center, maintenance facility, playground, parking lot, and multi-purpose green space.
  - b. For the six acres on the west side of CR 6125 E: a "Zen garden".

Trustee Hodson and Director Helmick advised that the design team would be meeting on Friday, November 22 at 9:30 am at the Township offices. The two of them would share the Board's consensus with the design team at that time.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Wishes To Be Heard:**

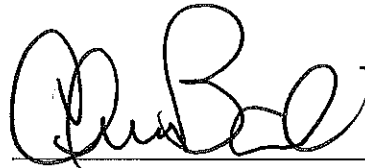
Trustee Hodson commended Director Helmick and her staff for the hard work in putting together the concepts and ideas for the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Steve Blacketer made a motion to adjourn and Amanda Babinec seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

These minutes were approved December 10, 2019.

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Shane Sommers, Chair

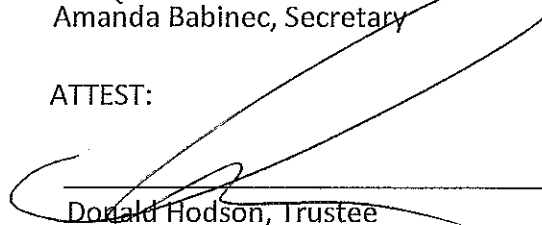


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Amanda Babinec, Secretary

ATTEST:



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Steve Blacketer, Member



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Donald Hodson, Trustee

Next Meetings: December 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm Regular Board Meeting  
December 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm Special Board Meeting

All meetings are held at the Washington Township Government Center, 31.1 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana