

April 24, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.

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Chairman Sill opened the Trustees' Special Meeting at 11:00 A.M. in the Trustees Meeting Room at the Administration Building and welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Mr. Sill called for a roll call: Mr. Wayman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Sill, Chief Hager, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Hamercheck were present. Mr. Pasqualone had a prior commitment.

Mr. Sill stated a meeting was set up for April 24, 2025, at 11:00 A. M. with business owners on Lake and Hubbard Roads to discuss the parking situation in that area and at Madison Township Park. Mr. Sill had dropped off notices to business owners in the area to inform them of this meeting. Mr. Sill stated he appreciated business owners coming out to the meeting to discuss any parking concerns they may have. The Township wants to give everyone an opportunity to express their thoughts on the parking issue. Mr. Sill said anyone who wishes to speak should sign in at the podium with your name and address, and please try to keep the comments to five minutes and focused mostly on the parking issue. If time permits, please give us your other thoughts as well.

Mr. Glenn Gnagy, 6265 Shore Drive, was first to address the Board. Mr. Gnagy owns the property on the corner of Lake Road & Hubbard Road known as Compadres Grill. Mr. Gnagy stated he does not have a problem with parking because he has between fifty (50) to sixty (60) parking spaces on his property and rents some other parking spots from Romans Restaurant. The patrons who come to Madison Township Park and businesses come to have a good experience. Mr. Gnagy wants them to be happy, and not get yelled at for parking or having cars towed away. All patrons should not have a hard time finding a place to park. We want them to have a good experience. Mr. Gnagy said he does not have a problem with a few people using his parking lot as long as it is not monopolized by somebody and our own customers cannot find a place to park. This does not happen often. Mr. Gnagy said it has only happened a few times. He even has a field that he lets people park in during the "Light Up The Park" event at no charge, as long as it is cleaned up afterward.

Mr. Sill stated the Township certainly wants people to have a good experience also and appreciates Mr. Gnagy's comments. The Township wants people to have sufficient parking without giving up too much green space. Once green space is gone, it does not come back. Mr. Sill asked if anyone else would like to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas with the Board. The Township has been discussing putting a counter in Madison Township Park to see how many cars are going in and out of the park. The numbers can help with decisions made in the future. There has been a lot of activity in the park due to the success of Vincent Williams Wine. The Board wants to make decisions that are fair for all businesses in the Township and for the parks.

Mr. Jason Reihner, Brew Streaks, addressed the Board regarding trailer parking in Madison Township Park. It is very difficult to find parking for a jet ski trailer with all the trees in the park. Maybe a designated parking area could be worked out. Mr. Reihner said Vincent Williams Wine business is bringing in more patrons to his own business, and he likes the way things are going in the area with everyone helping each other. Mr. Reihner thanked the Township for paving the parking spaces across from his business which are not even the Townships responsibility, but Lake County's.

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Reihner's comments to him spurred the repairs to the parking along Lake Road. Mr. Brown said this problem was not on his radar until Mr. Reihner mentioned it. This is why the comments from the business owners helps to make us aware of what is happening. Communication is very important. Once the Township becomes aware of the problem, we fix it as soon as possible.

Mr. Reihner said if the fence was extended throughout the park, once funds are available, it would look a lot nicer and more uniform. Some new playground equipment is also needed. All that is there now is the swings and the wheel spinner. The old slide that has been there forever is now gone. Mr. Reihner said the softball field has been upgraded, but some are hoping the Trustees can help get new LED lights put in the park for everyone's benefit. Perhaps a fundraiser could be held for this purpose. Now that the field is cleaned up, everyone wants to use it, including the Little League Baseball teams in the area.

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Mr. Sill stated the comments received from Mr. Reihner gave the Board some very useful information, which he appreciated. Mr. Sill said the trailer parking at the park has been a concern for some time and will be reviewed.

Mr. Max Sorensen, 5861 Shore Drive, stated he owned the Wagon Wheel and Max's Carry-Out for thirty-four (34) years across from Madison Township Park. Mr. Sorensen said he hears people complaining about Mr. Profeta using the parking spaces in the park for his patrons. Mr. Sorensen said he has no problem with that, but thinks areas need to be specifically designated for certain visitors. Parking in that area has been an age-old problem. If the bar patrons use Madison Township parking then all the businesses can use it. It has to be shared. Mr. Sorensen said he spent eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) paving County property outside his business' years ago. Parking at the Madison Township Park needs to be better controlled and organized a little better so everyone can use it. Mr. Sill said he appreciated Mr. Sorensen's comments and he concurs. Mr. Sill said when there is a parking issue, then that is a good thing. It means that businesses are doing well. The Township just wants to make sure we are managing it in the best way possible.

Mr. Michael Profeta, Vincent Williams Wine, addressed the Board. Mr. Profeta stated he has heard all the parking complaints. He currently has forty (40) parking spaces which he will be doubling to around eighty (80) parking spaces in the future. This should help alleviate most of the problem. Mr. Profeta said the complaints come when the park lot is filled up from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. during ten (10) Saturdays a summer. Mr. Profeta said his complaint is that the slope on the park side floods and holds water. He also said he agrees with Mr. Reihner about the need for trailer parking space in the park. It took Mr. Profeta ten (10) years to open Vincent Williams Wine, and there was never anyone at the park then. Now, we are discussing parking issues. Mr. Profeta stated Vincent Williams Wine was on the cover of the Lake County Magazine. Now Vincent Williams Wine is on the cover of Lake Erie Living, a four (4) state publication of the Ontario area, who has listed the twenty-five (25) best places to stay, and they have put North Madison on the cover. It has brought more people to the park. Mr. Sill thanked Mr. Profeta for his thoughts and said that is why the Township wants to put a traffic counter in the park to see what the actual need is there, and also to make the trailer parking more of a designated area.

Mr. David Beach, 6982 North Ridge Road, addressed the Board concerning the parking issues at Township Park. Mr. Beach stated his father and uncle have owned businesses since 1972 and used their own property for parking, as did his grandfather. Mr. Beach said he does the same thing. Businesses should supply the parking for their patrons. Mr. Beach said he used to go to the Madison Township Park all the time, but does not go there anymore because it is a joke. Mr. Beach said he does not understand how a business can use public parking and have alcohol going into a public park. Mr. Beach said he would like to go down to the park again someday. Mr. Sill said he appreciated Mr. Beach's thoughts, and agreed that he also wanted to make the park a better place. There are a lot of things in the works right now to make improvements to the bathrooms in the park and to add playground equipment to make it a more family friendly place in the best interest of all residents.

Mr. Reihner addressed the Board with concerns about the area of the boat ramp. Mr. Reihner stated the area is all gravel, and most boaters do not wear shoes when putting their boats and jet skis in and out of the water. Is there a reason why the paved area cannot be extended? Mr. Brown stated the concrete would have to be at least ten to twelve inches (10" to 12") thick because we are moving tons of sand over that section. It would get ripped up in no time. Mr. Sill said he appreciated Mr. Reihner's question and comments.

Someone in the audience asked what the Trustees thoughts were on the parking matter. Mr. Wayman stated since Mr. Profeta is planning to expand his parking area, most of the parking problems there should be alleviated. This will be a good fix. Mr. Brown said there are about fifty-six (56) parking spots in Madison Township Park, and the Township is trying to make the best adjustments we can. Mr. Anderson stated he agrees with Mr. Wayman about Mr. Profeta expanding his parking, and thinks the Township needs to designate spots for the boats and jet skis. Mr. Anderson said it will take time to see if this will work.

Mr. Sutch, in the audience, asked how long residents have to wait. Mr. Anderson said he did not know. Mr. Brown stated the Township cannot stop the public from parking in a public

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parking lot. Mr. Sutch said Mr. Profeta has had ten (10) years to fix his parking. Mr. Brown said Vincent Williams Wine has only been open for about a year. Mr. Sill advised Mr. Sutch to go to the podium and sign his name and address for the public record before commenting further.

Mr. Alan Sutch, 6553 Chapel Road, continued to address the Board with questions about the hours the park was open and the lack of signs. Mr. Anderson stated there is a sign by Swetland Road which will be moved so more residents will be able to see it. Mr. Anderson also confirmed the park is open from dawn to dusk. Mr. Sill said he appreciated Mr. Sutch's thoughts.

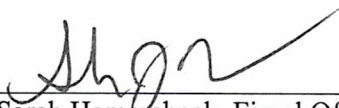
Mr. Sill asked if there were any other thoughts or concerns. There were none. Mr. Sill stated he appreciated everyone coming out and spending some time with the Board to help the Township understand some of these thoughts and concerns. These are things that the Board will deliberate over and try to come up with some solutions that will benefit the Township. Mr. Anderson stated the Board will consult with our legal solicitor, Mr. Pasqualone, also.

With no further comments, Mr. Sill requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wayman. Roll Call: Mr. Anderson: Yes Mr. Wayman: Yes Mr. Sill: Yes

Mr. Sill adjourned the Special Trustees' Meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Thomas M. Sill, Chairman



Sarah Hamercheck, Fiscal Officer