



September 4th Meeting Highlights

Zoning Department News

Prairie College Zoning Concern Update

Interested community members received an update regarding action that has been taken and is being taken regarding a repeat nuisance property on Prairie College.

Zoning officials summarized ongoing enforcement efforts related to high grass, trash/debris, and motor vehicles dating back to 2017 including work in coordination with the Stark County Health Department.

The Stark County Sheriff's office was represented by a detective and Operations Major and reviewed law enforcement activity at the address the past two years up to a recent incident where an individual was shot in the leg at the residence. It was mentioned Canton Township is the largest remaining township within Stark County that does not have dedicated law enforcement officers assigned directly to serve the community. The community did not support prior levy efforts to begin such service and this makes it difficult to post dedicated patrols for such problems. The Sheriff's Office has 11 other townships to patrol.

Canton Township's Law Director reviewed enforcement action. The Ohio Revised Code limits and defines the procedure the township must follow to address zoning regulations. The Law Director explained details involved in a lawsuit filed by the township against the property owner with one part being enforcement of zoning regulations at the property and the other part being enforcement of State of Ohio codes. Canton Township's Fire Department has also responded to an open burn call at the property and found the fire to be within size regulation.

The property had been posted and clean-up will again be scheduled in coordination with the Stark County Sheriff's Office after the legally required wait period. Law Director Hall reviewed the process used by the township to try to recoup costs involved in these efforts by assessing the property tax duplicate and also relayed other remedies to try and recapture taxpayer fronted dollars in the event the property tax bill goes unpaid.

One thing that is true in this scenario as others like it is it takes everyone

working together to address such challenges.

Additional Zoning Updates

The Fiscal Officer was authorized to sign a letter to the Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/ high grass nuisance assessment on 18 parcels: 1306060, 1315065, 1312424, 1308509, 1301386, 1308399, 1300879, 1300878, 1304876, 1304875, 1305244, 1302764, 1307798, 1307480, 1313644, 1306289, 1306290 and 1307024 totaling \$9,700.00

The Board declared the following 4 properties nuisance as deemed by the Zoning Director, and order them abated per Ohio Revised Code 505.173 and/or 505.86 and/or 505.87 and the Canton Township Property Maintenance Code. Alicia Miner- 1026 Trump Ave NE for Unsecure Structure, Unlicensed Vehicles, Margret & Brandi Bell- 110 53rd ST SW for Trash/ Debris, Andrew & Katherine Parise -274 52nd ST SE for Trash/ Debris, Junk Vehicles and Matthew Reiter- 1009 Terrance Ave NW for Unlicensed Vehicles.

CTFD Station Building Project Update



An update on construction progress was relayed and the station remains on schedule with few unexpected surprises. Parking lot reconfiguration is also started including the formation of a loop around the building that's needed to improve safety and better ingress/egress for vehicles/emergency vehicles.

Other Meeting Updates

A special meeting was set for September 24th at 6:00 p.m. to review township disaster planning and response.

Thank you to Bridgepoint and Jeff Franks for the donation of seven picnic tables that can be used in the parks and for special events.

The Sheriff's Office responded to a concern regarding dirt bikes and ATV's using township roadways causing a disturbance. The Sheriff's Office advises contacting them and an officer, if other priorities aren't taking precedent, will respond. An officer has to see the individual on the roadway to take action.



**Welcome to Canton
Township!**

**Unity Dance Center
1514 Whipple Ave NW
(330) 209-8927**

Community Center Activities

Regular Events

BINGO- 3rd Monday of the month at 2 pm

ZUMBA GOLD- Mondays & Thursdays at 9 am with Elaine Pepper



**COOKOUT TIME
In the Northwest**

**Hosted by Your
Elected Officials**

When: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Location: Canton Township Fire Station #3

3103 Parkway Street NW

Cost: \$1.00 (hotdog, chips and drink)

Bring your Neighbors!

Upcoming Board Meetings

September 17th (Station #2- 1655 Waynesburg Dr SE)

October 1st

*Meeting start time is 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Administration Office at
4711 Central Ave SE unless noted otherwise*

Canton Township

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