

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:30 p.m. on September 2, 2025.

Mr. Holman called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Cormican, John Holman.

Absent: Dave Miller, Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Edna Latham; Larry Gerlach; Hope Neff; Kyle Weekly; Dave Moraine (*)

(*) Present but did not sign in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the Trustees.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$95,430.83

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes.

A discussion took place regarding advertising for 1 permanent member to the Licking Township Zoning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Bonnie Miller who resigned in August and 2 alternates to the LTZC. The Board agreed to advertise for the openings.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Div. of Liquor Control notice to Legislative Authority re: Trece Margaritas liquor permit application

Mr. Holman stated that the Fiscal Officer contacted all 3 trustees and confirmed no hearing was necessary regarding the liquor permit for Trece Margaritas and that Mrs. Lynch has processed the paperwork accordingly.

Mr. Cormican reported that he has a meeting slated with John Holman and Dawes Arboretum Visitors Center on 9/08/25.

Chief Weekly gave the Fire Report. There were 143 runs for the month of August which consisted of 44 Fire, 99 EMS (65 billable) bringing the YTD total to 1007 runs which is up 100 runs from 2024.

Chief Weekly provided an update as follows:

- Completed fire inspections for Gathering of the Juggalos & Honda Hills
- Participated in back to school bash for Lakewood
- Provided stand-by for LHS football game
- IT upgrade project started with Alpha Link
- Training, testing, repairs, and gear purchase updates
- R601 update - ETA on truck completion 10-01-25.

Chief Weekly presented an email dated 8/26/25 between Mike Smith, Lost Lands, and Chief Weekly (in agreement with LTWP Trustees) stating fireworks displays at Lost Lands will end by the following times:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday – no later than 11:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday – no later than 12:00 a.m. (midnight).

Chief Weekly presented an application for a volunteer firefighter. A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion authorizing Fire Chief Weekly to hire Troy Martindale as a probationary volunteer FF effective immediately.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes.

Dave Moraine gave the Zoning Report. There were 2 permits issued since the previous meeting which consisted of:

- Jeffrey & Cheryl Haggenjos – 169 Amherst – Room Addition – \$75.00
- Wilma Epifano – 600 Lexington Avenue – new home – DENIED Variance Needed
- Mark & Verna Cruikshank – 108 Kenyon Place – pool – DENIED Variance Needed
- Steven Young – 489 Coshocton Ave – Garage addition – DENIED Variance Needed
- GLR Family LLC – Woodland Rd- cc Shed on Vacant Lot – DENIED Variance Needed

Mr. Moraine reported receipt of the following variance requests:

- Mark & Verna Cruikshank – 108 Kenyon Place – pool Sept Hearing
- Wilma Epifano – 600 Lexington Avenue – new home Sept Hearing
- GLR Family LLC – Woodland –(pending finalized paperwork) Sept Hearing
- Steven Young – 489 Coshocton Ave – Garage addition – Oct Hearing

Mr. Moraine explained the new procedures when handling zoning permits for matters that would require a variance. The Zoning Inspector must complete a zoning permit (Certificate) application and notate that the request is denied and the signature of the applicant must be notarized. Once this process is complete, the applicant can then appeal the denial to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Holman stated that he read a recent email from Mr. Moraine to Tuff Zemba regarding the process to follow when requesting a map change/text change must be submitted by the property owner.

provided an update on the following zoning violations:

- O'Neil – White Chapel – re-inspected and details have been sent to the LCPO. Attorney Cook will be filing the matter on behalf of LTWP.
- Dove – Jacksontown Road – no new updates but expectation is complete remediation not just what the public can see from the road.
- Brown – Avon Place – Spoke with LCPO. Remediation is to cease the camping. Mr. Moraine will be drafting an email to the property owner as such.
- Ramsey – Stadden Alley – Certified letter confirmed delivered. Has not heard anything from the property owner.

- Collums - Pleasant Lee - pending certified letter delivery appears may need to have delivered by Licking County. Mr. Moraine will follow up with LCPO.
- Parksinon - Hirst Rd - Motocross course built next to neighbor's house.

Mr. Cormican inquired as to why the motocross course is not permitted. Mr. Moraine reviewed LTWP Zoning Regulations 15.00.H regarding racetracks in a residential district. Mr. Cormican said that it is not a racetrack but a motocross course and that it should be handled as a civil matter. Mr. Holman said that it would be difficult to uphold in court. Mr. Moraine will retract the violation letter and make contact with the parties based on the discussion.

Mr. Cormican said that the paving in Harbor Hills has been completed however several driveway approaches were not done. Mr. Cormican led a discussion regarding paving these approaches for a cost less than \$25,000.00 and recommended the Board contract with Saorsa Paving (fka Dreams). Mr. Cormican stated that he intends to present the information to Licking County to reimburse the expense however he wanted to get a contract in place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that LTWP Board of Trustees contract with Saorsa Paving for additional driveway repairs in Harbor Hills not to exceed \$25,000.00 as discussed.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes.

Mr. Cormican presented 3 bids for culvert replacement on White Chapel Road and Licking Trails Rd by White Chapel Church as follows:

1. Zemba Brothers - \$69,000.00
2. J&J Bridge Company - \$45,000.00
3. Law General Contracting \$45,000.00

A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to approve Resolution 09/02/2025 Culvert Replacement. Trustees awarded Law General Contracting, Inc. to replace culvert at the intersection on west side of Licking Trails Road located at the intersection of White Chapel Road and Licking Trails Road. The culvert size is 100' L X 48" diameter. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes.

Public Comment:

- 1) Larry Gerlach - Kindle Road - addressed the Board. Mr. Gerlach inquired as to when the road (Kindle Road) be closed for the concert? Mr. Cormican said that they have not had the meeting yet to discuss the concert. Mr. Cormican said that the Trustees can not legally close that road. Mr. Gerlach expressed his concern with whether mail will go through, trash pick-up etc., because in the past it would be impacted. Mr. Gerlach also inquired as to how the property (Legend Valley) is zoned as it relates to the shipping containers. He said that they are an eye sore and that relatives who visited him could not believe they were permitted. Mr. Moraine offered to respond.

Mr. Cormican said that there is technically no language in our regulations that say they are not allowed but that does not mean that they are allowed. Mr. Cormican said that the Twp is trying to get this sorted out with the LCPO. Mr. Cormican said that he talked to Mike Smith, (promoter for Lost Lands) and feels that Mr. Smith will work with the township and at least get them moved out of sight. Mr. Holman concurred that he believes Lost Lands will accommodate moving them out of sight. Mr. Gerlach asked for clarification on the fireworks shut off information presented earlier by Chief Weekly. Chief Weekly reiterated the times. Mr. Gerlach asked about fireworks all week. Chief Weekly said that nothing has been permitted yet.

An unidentified female (Hope Neff?) interjected and asked if LTFC is prepared for the "wave effects" pyrotechnics due to their poor safety record. Chief Weekly said that they are prepared and gave a brief overview of the LTFC staffing planned. The same unidentified female inquired as to whether Chief Weekly has experienced this festival in the past. Chief Weekly responded yes and that he was the Incident Commander the year the volcano caught on fire. Mr. Holman said that Kyle Weekly has been with LTFC for 15 years so this is not new to him. Mr. Cormican inquired what happens if we do not get any rain between now and the concert? Chief Weekly said that there will be a conversation between the state Fire Marshall, Chief Weekly, and Captain Broska (LTFC Fire Inspector). A discussion took place regarding the burn ban. The unidentified female said that she made numerous calls to the State Fire Marshall last year. Mr. Gerlach said that his crops are dry and this is a concern.

- 2) Unidentified Female (Hope Neff?) said that she had the same question regarding the road and also the operational assessment for the traffic pattern because Secret Dreams was a disaster on Licking Trails and was changed unilaterally by Steve Trickle. Mr. Holman said that they will be meeting with ODOT, State Highway Patrol, & LCSO who lay out the traffic pattern including kids getting picked up on the bus. Mr. Holman said that the other concerts planning is not even remotely close to this concert. Mr. Cormican said that ODOT was not involved in the traffic pattern for the other concert. Mr. Holman said that Mr. Trickle made a business decision that was not ideal. Mr. Cormican said that the LCSO was not advised of that decision. Mr. Cormican and Mr. Holman said that the township can not say it won't ever happen again and can not control it if he makes that decision. Mr. Cormican said Lost Lands tries to handle things differently.

A discussion took place regarding the height of the temporary stages including safety inspections.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:17 pm

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

Roll call: Holman, aye; Cormican, aye.

Attest

September 2, 2025