

Eagle Township Board  
August 5, 2009 6:30 pm  
Zionsville Town Hall - Fireplace Room  
Zionsville, Indiana 46077  
Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Rob Schein. Board Members Jeff Papa and Ralph Stacy, and Trustee Judith Essex were in attendance. The Agenda was taken out of order to accommodate our guests.
2. **Resolution for Humane Society of Boone County.** At the June 20, 2007 meeting the township board transferred to the Boone County Auditor the required money from the Dog Fund. The balance of \$1,628.00 was transferred to the Eagle Township General Fund. In March 2009 Trustee Essex was contacted by Mr. Mark Smith of the Humane Society of Boone County asking if we would consider donating the Dog Fund money to their building fund. After review by attorney Steve Buschmann, it was determined that we would be able to do that with the passage of a resolution. Therefore, Resolution 2009-2 was presented for reading and the board adopted the resolution with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Mark Smith and wife Dee were present for the reading of the resolution and to accept the check from President Rob Schein. Mr. Smith gave the history of the founding of the Humane Society. Currently they do not have a shelter and all animals are taken in on a Foster Home status. A family will keep the animal until it is adopted. Area veterinarians give discounted or donated services. All spay/neuter is done at a clinic in Noblesville.  
**Trail Head Property.** Richard Stroup of the Friends of Boone County Trails [FBCT] was present to discuss with us the various options regarding the township purchase of the Tom Fulkerson property to be used as a trail head for the rail trail adjacent to this property at 4075 South 875 East. The township has received two appraisals, one for \$145,000 and one for \$80,000. Legally the township can only offer the average of the two appraisals, \$110,000. The higher appraisal placed value on the house and the lower one did not. President Schein, will call the one appraiser about putting some value on the house to bring the two appraisals more in line. If he is unwilling to do this, Attorney Steve Buschmann recommends getting two more appraisals. The township can legally do this since the two appraisals varied more than 10%. The owner is willing to sell for \$135,000, so the Trustee and Board have been trying to think of various options to raise the additional \$25,000. The FBCT has received federal and state money in the past three years and it was thought they

might be willing to partner with us in the purchase. Mr. Stroup explained to us that the \$700,000 they received is designated for the Lebanon to Lafayette corridor. Ms Dawn Kroh of Green3 has been hired to help with design work of the trails. They recently finished a 3.5 mile section of trail for \$30,000.

3. **Fire Department.** The Trustee reported that she, along with Deputy Chief Brian Miller, Attorney Andy Broker went to the Whitestown Fire Board meeting on July 13 to formally request that Zionsville Fire Department continue to provide coverage for all of Eagle Township. The Whitestown Fire Board presented various options. Those options are as follows:

1. *Would we joint venture with them on the fire station, with both fire departments splitting the ownership, operation, construction costs, operating expenses, staffing and equipment.*
2. *If Zionsville owned and built the fire station, would we allow Whitestown to locate a fire engine in the station, presumably staffed by them, but left unsaid.*
3. *Would Zionsville contract with Whitestown to provide the service that we are describing, i.e. we would pay them to provide the service and Whitestown would build and own the fire station.*
4. *Would Zionsville allow Boone EMS to serve this area, even if from our station?*
5. *Since the Territory is going away as of January 2, 2010, would Zionsville allow Whitestown a seat on our safety board if we owned and operated the fire station as we would be serving a portion of Whitestown?*

The Executive Board had a called meeting on August 4th to discuss the various options. Fire Territory Attorney Andy Buroker, along with Chief VanGorder will prepare written responses to each of these questions and there will be further discussions at the regular meeting scheduled for August 11, 2009.

4. **Government Reorganization** Attorney Steve Buschmann was requested by Mr. Stacy to change the Park Ordinance to say Urban/Rural not Eagle and Union. It was pointed out by Mr. Buschmann that in our Plan of Reorganization that the terms used starting on Page 4 that outlines the two service districts the Plan calls these the Rural District and Town District, not Urban District. This was duly noted and the Trustee was asked to inform the Transition Team of the misuse of this term. The Land Use Subcommittee needs to prepare a procedure for the transition of rural to town properties and Mr. Buschmann was requested to give this consideration and prepare some options. At the Land Use meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>, Town Planner Terry Jones raised the issue of the ordinance and zoning laws to be approved

by the new Planning Commission. There is a 10 day Public Notice on any changes and the timing for this at the beginning of the year needs to be addressed. Ms. Essex mentioned that Board Member Mr. Papa raised the question of the procedure for the transfer of township funds to the town at the end of the year. Mr. Buschmann will give consideration to these issues.

5. **Minutes.** The May and June [no July meeting] reports will be carried over to the September 16 meeting.
6. **Financial Report.** June and July reports will be carried over to the September 16 meeting.
7. **Other.** Ms. Essex had documents from Tom Lingafelter, President of the Boone County Redevelopment Commission regarding various Tax Increment Finance districts. Mr. Buschmann will review the documents and advise how they relate to Eagle Township.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be September 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Rob Schein, President    \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Jeff Papa, Secretary    \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Ralph Stacy, Bd. Member \_\_\_x\_\_\_

Judith Essex, Trustee    \_\_\_x\_\_\_