

**City of Brownsboro Farm  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14th, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Brownsboro Farm City Commission was held on Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 at the Brownsboro Farm Community Center. Mayor Josh Mosher called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mayor Joshua Mosher, Commissioners Marc Salmon, Eli Mike, Tim Quinn, and Doug White; and City Clerk Dennis Branson. Residents Charlie Spencer, Bob Bale, Mark Smith, John Hartman, Daniel McGrath, Tessa Ramsey, Susan Noel and Bill Noel were also present.

Mayor Mosher welcomed the scouts from Troop 317. They have committed to a community project in the City of Brownsboro Farm consisting of helping to clean up the park.

**Building Permits**

Bill and Susan Noel live at 3603 Cascade Road and recently purchased 3601 Cascade Road. They want to replace the chain link fence between the houses with a shadowbox fence.

Commissioner Salmon made a motion to approve a shadowbox fence, not to exceed 6 ft, between 3601 and 3603 Cascade road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn and passed unanimously.

Nick and Mandy Masterson want to replace the fence between their house and the Kinnard's house. They are replacing a chain link fence with a wood fence. The fence will be 6 ft high to match the rest of their fence.

Commissioner Salmon made a motion to approve a shadowbox fence, not to exceed 6 ft for Nick and Mandy Masterson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn and passed unanimously.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes from January were approved.

The financials from January were approved

**Commissioner Salmon**

The Rumpke agreement expires July 1, 2012. They will extend the contract for 2 years at the same price as the current contract. They have proposed changing our recycling program to have wheeled totters that hold 3.5 times the current recycling bin. They would only pick up every other week. We would have a calendar with the schedule. It will also list what is acceptable for recycling. People can have multiple bins if needed. The option of keeping our existing program at no extra charge does exist. This proposed program however will be cleaner since the containers are covered, easier for the residents to get the recycling to the curb because these are wheeled containers, and "greener" stating that Rumpke has seen a drastic increase in the volume to recycling during their pilot program in the City of Jeffersontown due to the larger capacity to the containers. Also this program would reduce rate by \$1 per month per house which for the length of the agreement is a savings of \$5688. Mayor Mosher said that we used to have pickup at back of house, now it is at the curb questioning if the residents would see this is a decrease in services. Commissioner Salmon responded that the containers have about the same footprint as our existing bins and won't take up any more room in the resident's garage, therefore

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they can be collected less often and the residents may see this as a positive effort to transition to single-stream recycling. Commissioner Salmon presently has one of the bins in his garage. Mayor Moser stated that he thinks people may lose the calendars. Commissioner Salmon stated that he would be able to e-mail the schedule to any resident, include the recycling calendar in the Gazette, put reminders on the sign board and Rumpke can always be contacted if the residents have any questions. Mayor Mosher asked what we would do with the present containers. Commissioner Salmon is not sure but speculated that Rumpke will likely collect them during the change-over. There will be no charge for additional recycling bins if people want more than one. The residents in attendance were polled and all had very enthusiastic comments about the proposal – most commented that a covered and wheeled container will be both cleaner and easier to transport to the curb. Commissioner Salmon offered to put an email out there to the residents to give them a chance to comment. Commissioner Mike suggests that we put out a flyer. Commissioner Salmon agreed and will include this flyer with the next issue of the Gazette offering the residents an opportunity to offer questions and comments before the agreement is signed.

**Commissioner Mike**

Will Nash has not updated the drawings for the grill and fire pit. Commissioner Mike is talking to Rick Johnson about the lights outside at the Community Center. He determined that the lights were burnt out and there were no other issues. Commissioner Mike talked to Commissioner White and they decided to change the light bulbs.

Commissioner Mike made a motion to allocate funds from line 54320 – CC-Maint – in the amount Not to Exceed \$275 to replace halogen lights around the community center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mike reported that we had the community center waxed in January and we have 3 more approved through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Mike asked to present a proposal from David Self with a 5% increase from this calendar year. Mayor Mosher said that we have another vendor that wants to place a bid on the contract.

The parks commission has asked for involvement of the commission and mayor in a door to door attempt to increase pool membership. We would still do the open house Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2 to 4 pm. Lt. Cabrarra will do child IDs, there will be swim team signups, and pool memberships. The parks board would like to increase memberships by 5 from last year. They would also like to address some of the issues that came up in the survey passed out by Commissioner Salmon. We are a unique community with a neighborhood pool and there are families that are not members. They would like to be more aggressive in trying to get some of them to join. Commissioner Mike asked that they be told who are members are and who are not members. Mayor Mosher said that between the commission and parks board members it should not take too long to hit every house.

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**Daniel McGrath Eagle Scout project.**

Daniel McGrath is proposing an Eagle Scout project to be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. He is requesting \$300 for a parks bench project that would include two benches and a table. He would pay for landscaping and any other amounts over \$300. His proposal is to put the two benches on the hill to the left of the slide. They will create a flat area surrounded by wood. The table and benches will be anchored. Mayor Mosher asked if we need to have a liason with the city. Mayor Mosher suggests that he works with Commissioner White since he is working on other related projected projects. Commissioner Mike volunteered to also be a liaison if he is needed.

Commissioner Mike made a motion to allocate funds from line 54500 – CC-Capital Projects – in the amount Not to Exceed \$300 for the Eagle Scout project of Daniel McGrath for two benches and a table. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmon and passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Quinn**

The Beautification Committee has been working on the following projects:

- Christmas Decoration Front Island
- Spring Plantings and Mulching
- Weeding
- Trimming Front Island Area
- Planting New Plants as Needed
- Summer Plantings
- Fall Plantings
- Fall Mulchings
- Corner Trimming and Upkeep as Needed

Commisioner Quinn is concerned about keeping the committee going because it is hard to get enough volunteers. Sometimes they have to reschedule due to weather and this is difficult. He is looking for a new person to head up the committee. It is a lot of work and a lot of planning. If we do not go that direction we will need to switch to a vendor option to take care of these items. Tessa Ramesy said that when she agreed to take of the front island she had more time. She is working full time and does not have the time herself and is having a problem getting people out there on a regular basis to maintain the front island. It is a lot of work. Mayor Mosher said that it is good info have. The beautification committee adds value to the city. We should look at other options before we go to vendor. We will put a flyer about it.

The Directory has been delayed by personnel issues at Office Max. We should have a proof within the next week.

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Commissioner Mike made a motion to allocate funds from line 50129 – Directory – in the amount Not to Exceed \$500 to pay Office Max for the new directory.. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mosher and passed unanimously.

**Commissioner White**

The Tennis Courts are ready to go. We are waiting for the weather to get better before we start. We had repaired some cracks last year. Commissioner White would like to seal some cracks in the streets at the front entrance. John Hartman asked if we have specs for road repaving. He said that we should select a material, a material grade and a procedure to put the material down as part of the bidding process. Commissioner White asked John Hartman to put together some specs for us.

Mark McGrath asked about the plan for the extension on the park path. Will Nash is working on drawing for us.

**Parks Board**

JCPS is starting Aug 21<sup>st</sup> this fall. It will add a week to the pool season. No beverages in the pool is a new rule for his year. Will do more to enforce all rules, including no glass within the fence. They are looking at furniture layout and they are ordering some new furniture.

**Mayor Mosher**

Larry Etheridge has gotten back with us about a resident who owes back taxes. A total of \$2,667 is owed including penalties and interest. They have offered \$1,776 immediately or to pay \$111.59 per month for two years. The \$1,776 doesn't come close to what is owed. Plus there would be additional penalties and interest due. Mayor Mosher said that discounts are reserved for people who pay early, not people who have paid late. We have continued to give them services. Mayor Mosher this would set a bad precedent. We discussed not charging additional penalties if they give us a signed agreement. Commissioner Salmon asked if it is legal to do this. Mayor Mosher believes that we can since the lawyer said that we could accept these offers. If we do this it will set a precedent. Commissioner Salmon asked if the resident made a case for financial hardship. Mayor Mosher will ask the lawyers about this.

USAA Pool update – We are still looking for a lawyer to take this on contingency. They did suggest that we file a complaint with the Office of Consumer Affairs in Georgia.

The meeting was motioned and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Joshua Mosher, Mayor

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Dennis Branson, City Clerk

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