

**COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
5686 KENWOOD ROAD CINCINNATI, OHIO 45227**

**Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2018  
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The Columbia Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Trustee David Kubicki at 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance**

Those Trustees in attendance were David Kubicki and Susan Hughes. The Township Administrator Michael Lemon, Fiscal Officer Caroline Heekin and Lt. McElroy were also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2018.  
All present voted yes.

**Open Forum**

Theresa Osborne addressed continuing speeding issues on Monning Place. Lt. McElroy noted that there has been an increased presence and the officers continue to do their best but it is hard to ticket due to being visible.

**Dustin Montgomery HCDC Quarterly Update**

Mr. Montgomery's report is available for public inspection. Next quarter will focus on business retention.

**Department Reports**

**Fire Inspector's Report**

Mr. Wendell's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

**Road Superintendent Report**

Mr. Servizzi's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

**Police Report**

Lt. McElroy's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

**Fiscal Officer Report**

Ms. Heekin's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Lemon's report was included with the meeting packet and is available for public inspection.

Mr. Lemon highlighted several items including that we are diligently striving to keep the Bike Path Extension moving forward. In meeting with Great Parks, 50 West and other area businesses there was great support for plans that include a canoe launch and exercise stations that would be maintained by Great Parks. Phase 1 might be complete this year.

There is a proposed "Road Diet" that identifies exact measurements of paths and barriers; essentially turning this section of Wooster Pike into a two-lane road with bike paths and sidewalks on both sides as

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Administrator's Report (cont.)

well as protective barriers on both sides. ODOT and Great Parks are supportive of the Road Diet. ODOT would also like to study traffic counts and simulations of traffic counts at various times of day. Overall, everyone involved seems to be on the same page.

Mr. Kubicki added that he spoke to hopeful Medicinal Marijuana license recipients who are expecting to have announcement by the end of spring.

Mr. Kubicki and Mr. Lemon met with residents of Williams Meadow to discuss the proposed Wooster Pike Crossing. Overall the residents seem to be supportive and we are ready to move ahead with planning phase including presenting plan to ODOT.

Speed signs are ordered and should arrive in 2 to 3 weeks.

St. Patrick's Day celebration was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the trustees, staff and the Sherriff's office.

Cinco De Mayo planning is in full swing. There will be food trucks, live music, piñatas and televisions for live Derby feed. Post cards will be inserted in the newsletter. Mr. Kubicki thanked our sponsors.

Mr. Lemon was asked to serve on the board of the Community Improvement Corporation of Greater Cincinnati for 5 years; Mr. Lemon agreed to serve for one year and will assess after one year.

David Olson, Director of LMFJR is moving to Boston; the trustees will need to appoint a new Director. Mr. Kubicki thanked Mr. Olson for his 20 years of service.

Les Hemingway filed a request and followed our process to receive approval for a street light on Cambridge Avenue which Duke will install in the next few weeks after we approve in new business.

We have provided notice in the newsletter of our new process regarding residents requesting wood chips and compost. Our procedure seems to working well and will continue.

LMJF&R Report

Ms. Hughes reported that the meeting went well and the board would like to sell surplus equipment online.

Trustees Report

Ms. Hughes appealed to residents of Ridgewood to keep an eye out for someone shooting out the gas light globes.

**Communications**

- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article "Ohio still figuring out how medical marijuana businesses can set up bank accounts" (3/21)
- Cincinnati Business Courier: Article: "Hamilton County administrator recommends sales tax increase to deal with budget woes" (3/26)
- HCDC: HCDC Announces New President/CEO Peg Moertl (3/29)
- County Auditor: Letter Regarding Residential Tax Abatement (3/30)

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**Resolutions**

Mr. Lemon provided the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Enter into an Annexation Agreement with the City of Cincinnati. The second reading will be in May.

Mr. Lemon provide the 1<sup>st</sup> and only reading of the resolution to Supplement Resolution 17-39, 2017 Columbia Township 2018 Annual Appropriation Resolution. Ms. Hughes made a motion seconded by Mr. Kubicki to adopt the **Resolution 18-10**. All present voted yes.

**New Business –**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to Appoint Mike Lemon the 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative to LMJFD Board of Directors. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve a Streetlight Addition on Cambridge Avenue. All present voted yes.

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to authorize Repairs on Hill & Dale. All present voted yes.





**Approve Payment of Bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports**

Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to approve payment of bills, Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports for March, 2018. All present voted to approve.

**Announcements –** Don't forget Cinco de Mayo. Mr. Lemon requested an April work session for several items.

**Signing of Minutes and Resolutions –** Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to sign the Minutes and Resolutions. All present voted yes.

**Adjournment –** Mr. Kubicki made a motion seconded by Ms. Hughes to adjourn the meeting. All present voted to adjourn.

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Susan Hughes	Date
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David Kubicki	Date
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Chris Kritikos	Date
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Caroline Heekin	Date