

MINUTES

RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: Friday, Jan 7, 2022 *SPECIAL MEETING*
LOCATION: **Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm**
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt (phone)
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis by phone

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm by Clara Russell who stated that she had posted this meeting's notice following the guidelines of the open meetings act as required.

No additions or deletion were made to the agenda.

Articles of Organization:

Supervisor Previti started by informing the other members what had occurred at the Washington Twp Board meeting held on December 15, 2021. He stated that Parks & Recreation was a last minute addition to the agenda by Gary Kopp. After several negative comments about the current union of RWB Parks & Recreation and the joint workshops, a motion was made by Kopp and seconded by Cindy Olsen to present a decision of a 5/2 commission member to Bruce Township as Washington's final offer. Previti and Nicley voted no with the other 5 voting yes. It was discussed that it was time that the RWB Parks & Recreation Commission get their own legal representation for the people. Previti suggested that a lawyer might be able to give the commission options now that certain members on Washington's board have made it clear they are done negotiating. It was agreed by all members of the commission that this was the best idea. Lawyer options were discussed but eliminated due to a conflict of interest. Lisa Craffey suggested Bob Davis. He is the lawyer who works for several nearby townships and she feels he would be a good choice and very knowledgeable. The commission reached and had a conference call. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Davis would be a great consultant for our issue.

A motion was made by Brynaert that the commission should retain legal counsel to protect and represent the residents of all tree communities who have overwhelmingly supported and voted since our first millage in 1986, seconded by Fillbrook.

Budget:

Russell stated she would continue to work on the 2022-2023 budget for PR and STAR. She would bring it to the next regularly scheduled commission meeting to review. It was discussed that it will be brought to Washington for discussion and/or approval in February at their 16th meeting. Bruce would take place in March.

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DATE: Monday, Jan 10, 2022 *SPECIAL MEETING*
LOCATION: **Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm**
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis, lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Clara Russell

The special meeting's notice were put on entry doors at both sites and our website.

No additions or deletion were made to the agenda.

Articles of Organization:

Mr. Davis was consulted and the entire issue was explained to him more in depth.

Russell ask the difference between a Closed Session vs Special Meetings. A Closed Session would only happen if a lawyer had an opinion letter and the details were personal in nature. So privacy is in need. Very rarely do you have closed door meetings about public issues.

Davis asked what Bruce's bottom line was. Fillbrook stated that his board was very against 5/2 or even 3/2. His concern is once there is no equality, Bruce will have no input so they will not agree with this. Davis stated he was correct and they might as well just write a check out and give it to Washington to do with whatever they want.

Mr. Davis agreed that inter-local agreements are meant to work as one.

Russell stated that we have funds in the Administrative General Support area of the budget for legal expenses.

Brynaert made the motion to have the commission officially hire Robert Davis as the lawyer of the Romeo-Washington-Bruce Parks & Recreation Commission to protect the rights of the residents we service. Fillbrook seconded the motion.

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RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022 *SPECIAL MEETING*
LOCATION: **Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm**
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis, lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by Clara Russell who stated that she had posted this meeting's notice on entry doors at both sites and website.

No additions or deletion were made to the agenda.

Articles of Organization:

The commission met to discuss the upcoming Joint Meeting the following night. We went over the information compiled for the presentation by Bob Davis.

Greg made a motion to support the information for the presentation at the Joint Meeting. This was Seconded by Fillbrook

Brynaert made a motion to adjourn, Fillbrook seconded.

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RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: Monday, Jan 24, 2022 *SPECIAL MEETING*
LOCATION: Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis, lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by Clara Russell who stated that she had posted this meeting's notice on entry doors at both sites and website.

No additions or deletion were made to the agenda.

Articles of Organization:

The commission reviewed the 1986 agreement. How the Village sits between both townships and who used to be on the commission.

Bob Davis reviewed the document that agreed to the 5/2 with the guidelines.

Brynaert made a motion to have the supervisors seek a spot on the agenda for Bob Davis to present a formal presentation of the 2 page membership and voting document to Washington on Feb 2nd at their board meeting and the following for Bruce. Fillbrook seconded the motion.

Russell brought the Resident Info Sheet she had been creating. The commission reviewed the document. Russell stated that she would continue to make updates. It would go on facebook and the P&R NIXLE newsletter and user groups if it was decided the residents needed to be informed. The commission agreed.

Russell handed out the set of financials for PR and STAR with amendments/moves. Commission reviewed and approved. She stated if additional she would add on and bring to a future meeting.

Brynaert made a motion to adjourn, Fillbrook seconded.

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RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: Tuesday, Feb 22, 2022

TIME: 4:10 pm

LOCATION: Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm

PRESENT: Greg Brynaert & Sam Previti from Washington Twp
Mike Fillbrook & Lisa Craffey from Bruce Twp (phone)
Clara Russell - P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting)
Bob Davis (phone)

ITEMS:

Articles:

Bob Davis brought us up to date on the letter he compiled pointing out the different errors in the take it or leave it document sent. He would finish and send it all to Greg Meihn for review and for him to pass on to the Washington Board. This included the 2 page membership and voting information that Washington was suppose to review but had not said anything about yet.

Discussion on the what if's of the issue of the articles being denied was discussed.

Budget:

Russell stated that Washington removed her from the agenda and that she is not sure when and if it will be put back on their agenda.

Fillbrook made a motion to adjourn. Brynaert seconded.

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RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 *SPECIAL MEETING*
LOCATION: **Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm**
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt phone
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis, lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:11pm by Clara Russell

Meeting was posted on entry doors at both sites and RWB P&R website (note placed in wrong spot on website but added to correct spot also when informed)

No additions or deletion were made to the agenda.

Minutes from 2/22/22 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

Articles of Organization:

Bob Davis reviewed the history, the mix up of the documents by the Washington Twp Board and lawyer. The document in hand and that they had no response to the 2 page letter yet by Washington Board. Not sure what to expect at the following nights meeting.

Previti stated that the township has it that they are going into a closed session.

Brynaert made a motion to adjourn, Fillbrook seconded.

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RWB P&R and STAR - Commission Meeting - FY 2021-2022

DATE: **Tuesday, March 15, 2022** ***SPECIAL MEETING***
LOCATION: **Romeo Community Center - South Meeting Rm**
PRESENT: Greg Brynaert - Washington, Sam Previti, Washington (alt),
Mike Fillbrook, Bruce, Lisa Craffey-Bruce Alt
Clara Russell, P&R/STAR Director (Non Voting) and
Bob Davis, lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by Clara Russell

The approval of the budget was added to the agenda (note not talked about)

Articles of Organization:

The new document was reviewed that Greg Meihn and Bob Davis cleaned up and combined as requested by the Washington Twp. Board. Davis informed us that everything went fairly smoothly. He stated that the whereas clause was added to include the historical info so it would be available in the future. Points from the 2 page membership document created by the commission and lines added to include Romeo as one of Washington's 5 members. Mr Meihn had transmitted copies of this document to the Washington Board members over the weekend.

Brynaert made a motion In the spirit of cooperation of all 3 communities to have the continuation of a very valuable assets to our community that the commission approves these new written by-laws and articles of organization with the addition of the highlights & provisions and send it on to each township. Seconded by Fillbrook

Brynaert made a motion to adjourn, Fillbrook seconded.