

## **Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday July 23, 2013, at 6:00 pm

Morris Settles Township Center

Elisha Reddick Community Room

4455 McCoy Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

Republican Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Democrat Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

### **Agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from April 30, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Township Assistance Numbers
3. **Resolution 2013-8** Resolution Approving changes to the Lawrence Township Assistance Guidelines
4. **Resolution 2013-9** Resolution Honoring Steve Rose for his Service to Lawrence Township
5. Update on Food Pantry Schedule
6. Redistricting Update
7. Court Update
8. Other Business

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
4455 McCoy Street Indianapolis, IN 46226**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Time Called to Order: 6:02 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:38 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Healy, Emmajean Hines, Fred Freeman, Jesse Dotson, Dino Batalis, Tony Widgery

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Hines called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 6:02 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and asked that Fred Freeman lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

1. **Approval of minutes from the April. 30, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board**  
Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

2. **2nd Quarter Township Assistance Numbers & Financials**

Trustee Brown discussed township assistance numbers for the 2nd quarter. Trustee Brown highlighted the increased partnerships with food pantries, serving 4 times as many individuals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as was served in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2012 combined. Schools clothes assistance is underway and is an area of emphasis this year. 42<sup>nd</sup> PlaceS tudio apartments is going under the condemnation process and Trustee Brown said that the office will be assisting residents.

3. **Resolution 2013-8 Resolution to Approve changes to the Lawrence Township Assistance Guidelines**

Trustee Brown asked for approval to modify the Township Assistance Guidelines to reflect a change made by the New Crown Cemetery to reflect an increased price for an oversized adult burial. Trustee Brown also indicated that New Crown was going to be under new ownership and the possibility that they would no longer accept Trustee burials. This would be a big issue for Trustees in Marion County.

Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Healy seconded. Resolution was approved 6-0.

4. **Resolution 2013-9 Resolution Honoring Steve Rose for his Service to Lawrence Township**

Trustee Brown read a statement from former board member Steve Rose as he resigned his post to move to California. Trustee Brown highlighted Mr. Rose's passion for the Township cemeteries and his work on them

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dotson seconded. Resolution was approved 6-0.

**5. Update on Food Pantry Schedule**

Trustee Brown said a purchase agreement has been signed by him, but not signed by the seller as of yet. Trustee Brown believes that the third time will be the charm for a food pantry property.

**6. Redistricting Update**

Trustee Brown said that Senate Bill 621 reduced the number of board members from 7 to 5, which means the board must redraw districts again. It needs to be done before Dec. 31, 2015. The software that was used to draw the recent maps is no longer available, so the board will have to seek outside help to draw these new maps. Ms. Hines asked Mr. Dotson to chair the committee for inquiring about redistricting. Mr. Healy, Mr. Widgery and Mr. Freeman will also seek information about what might be out there to assist in drawing the maps.

**7. Court Update**

Judge Rehme disbursed job descriptions for each individual on the court staff. Mr. Dotson asked that if someone were to leave, would the new employ fill those exact some roles. The Judge said not necessarily and he wanted the flexibility. Ms. Hines asked who was the boss to which the Judge said that he was. Mr. Batalis said that it was new to him as to how the job descriptions were set up. Judge Rehme thinks the court has run as smooth as it ever has since he came into office. Mr. Freeman wanted to ensure what everyone was cross trained. Judge Rehme discussed his comp time policy. Mr. Batalis stated that it was not the board's obligation to tell the judge how to run this court. Mr. Healy appreciated the judge providing the job descriptions. Judge Rehme said he was hosting all the small claims court judges and said he thinks he has the best relationship with the Trustee our of all the other judges in the county. Also he thanked the trustee for bringing in the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in to help people with access to an attorney. Someone also stopped him the grocery to tell him how good a job the township was doing with maintaining its cemeteries.

**8. Other Business**

September 24, 2013 will be the public meeting for the budget  
October 22, 2013 will be the adoption meeting for the budget

Trustee Brown said that three cemeteries have undergone headstone repairs and encouraged the board to visit the cemeteries and see the results.

Trustee's office also provided job descriptions

Meeting Adjourned: Mr. Widgery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Batalis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and have been approved by a majority of the Lawrence Township Board.

  
Fred Freeman, Board Secretary

*These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.*