
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2011

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Board present were: Mr. Phil Beck, Mr. Kenneth Bryant, Mrs. Jodie Leis, and Mr. John Borchers.

Also present: Brian Elliff - Township Administrator; Carol Sims - Township Assistant Fiscal Officer.

The purpose of the special meeting was to receive input and comments on the possible names for the new Township park and to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a public employee.

MR. BECK thanked everyone for attending and reviewed the process which the Board has taken for the naming of the new park on Lebanon Road.

MR. ELLIFF provided an overview of the proposed new park and invited those in attendance to give their ideas. Mr. Elliff explained that he hoped a consensus would be reached as to possible names.

Mr. Elliff summarized the names which have already been submitted for consideration.

ANN FOWLER, 9539 APPOMATTOX COURT (45140) - Suggested the name of "Rozzi Park". Mrs. Fowler explained that Rozzi Fireworks supported the community for many years and everyone would know its location. Mrs. Fowler stated that the Rozzi family could have sold this property for more money, but decided to sell it to the Township for a park.

MR. BORCHERS noted that this will be the only park within Symmes Township which has a memorial and therefore feels that "memorial" should be reflected in the name.

MRS. LEIS advised she wanted to pay tribute to veterans and suggested "Home of the Brave" from The Star Spangled Banner. Mrs. Leis also suggested that a name which includes "oak" should be considered.

GAIL TRICKEY, 7879 CAMP ROAD (45111) - Suggested the names of "Rozzi - Symmes Memorial Park" or "Rozzi - Symmes Fields".

MRS. LEIS stated, that since there is a "Symmes" across the street, these names might be confusing.

JAY STEWART, 11700 RETVIEW (45249) - Does not like the word "complex" as that would be too commercial. Mr. Stewart agreed that "Symmes" should not be part of the name. Mr. Stewart suggested "Great Oaks Fields".

MRS. FOWLER stated she felt that "fields" would not allow people to know that there are other amenities than playing fields.

MRS. LEIS noted there are many other parks with "veteran" and the Township should use something besides this wording.

MR. BRYANT stated it is important to consider the items within the park. There is a veterans memorial, a wet playground, two other playgrounds and sports fields. Mr. Bryant reminded the Board that this park was constructed in order to provide additional fields.

MR. BECK agreed that sports will dominate this park and therefore "memorial" should be included in the name so this feature does not get lost. Mr. Beck stated the Board has discussed the possibility of naming rights and the Rozzi family has not shown any interest.

MR. BRYANT advised that the purchase contract allows for the Rozzi family to install a memorial for Art Rozzi.

MR. ELLIFF suggested that the various names be noted on the charts for further discussion and clarifications. After additional discussion and voting, the top four names agreed upon were "Whispering Oak", "Home of the Brave", "Veterans Memorial Park" and "Rozzi Symmes Park".

Mr. Elliff thanked everyone for their comments and advised that he would provide a summary to the Board for its consideration at a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MR. BECK moved that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public employee. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mrs. Leis - 'aye'. The meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

No further action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.