

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting/Work Session

Copley High School Main Office Conference Room

July 31, 2023 3:30 p.m.

Steve Doss, President called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Jim Borchik, Treasurer Pro Tempore, called the roll and the following were present:

Jim Borchik
Paul Cevasco
Steve Doss
Beth Hertz
Paula Lynn

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A. Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adopt the agenda for the July 31, 2023 special meeting/work session, as presented.

AYES: Lynn, Cevasco, Borchik, Hertz, Doss

NAYS: None

B. Topics

1. Proposed Ridgewood Road sidewalk/trail (Copley Township)

Representatives from Copley Township provided information and proposed drawings regarding a sidewalk/trail along Ridgewood Road and the high school property. The township representatives indicated that 40% of township residents live west of Ohio State Route 21 and there is a need to “connect” the township residents. The sidewalk/trail would be an eight foot wide multi-use asphalt trail located on the north side of Ridgewood Road on Copley High School property. The path would start at the Ridgewood Road bridge over Ohio State Route 21 and travel east/west to Cleveland-Massillon Road. The township has secured a \$750,000 state grant and they are going to contribute an additional \$550,000 towards construction. Safety and drainage are top priorities with the construction. A retaining wall would be necessary on school district property as well. There would be no funds needed from the school district for installation; however, ongoing maintenance expenses are the responsibility of the school district.

In order to get a better understanding of the placement of the sidewalk/trail, the board members and township representatives physically walked the grounds where the sidewalk/trail is being proposed.

Copley-Fairlawn City School District will have final decision on the exact location of the sidewalk/trail placement. The township is permitted to place the sidewalk/trail on the right-of-way but they need board of education approval to encroach on school district property.

Representatives present from Copley Township were Loudan Klein and Greg Tracy. Also present was Kyle Lukes from EDG Consultants who has been working with Copley Township on this project.

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D. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Borchik, seconded by Mr. Cevasco, to adjourn the meeting (4:55 p.m.)

AYES: Borchik, Cevasco, Hertz, Lynn, Doss

NAYS: None

President

Treasurer