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TRUSTEE MEETINGS
1st Tuesday -
9:00 a.m. Work Session
11:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting
3rd Tuesday -
6:00 p.m. - Work Session
7:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting

Zoning Commission meets the
2nd Monday of every month
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of every month



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TRUSTEE NOTES

Important message from the Trustees regarding the Clyde C. Hadden property:

When the Riverside Local School District (RLSD) announced they would be closing Clyde C. Hadden Elementary School, the Township Trustees immediately requested that the School Board transfer the back portion of the property to the Township so that it could remain a park/green-space. Since the start of 2019, the discussions have become more focused with a formal proposal being submitted to the RLSD Board in April and again in July. This proposal requested that the School Board split the Hadden property into two parcels. The front parcel, where the school building currently sits would be rezoned to commercial zoning which would make it more marketable and be in-line with the Township's Comprehensive Plan. The back parcel would then be transferred to the Township and then rezoned to Community Service zoning. At the time of transfer a deed restriction would be placed on the property that would essentially guarantee it would remain a park, that way it could never change without the vote of the general public. As part of the proposal, the Township has offered to handle all administrative duties and costs associated with the split and rezone as well as improvements to the "park" land. This proposal has been met with favor by some on the School Board as well as some opposing. Those on the Board that are against the proposal feel that the Township and tax paying residents should have to purchase this property for a large sum of money.

The Township Trustees and many residents in the RLSD feel that this property has been paid for many times over by the taxpayers for nearly nine decades. Charging the Township and taxpayers again for this property, for the same use, doesn't make much sense to most. The Township, as well as many residents throughout the RLSD have supported the School Board in their initiatives and even helped pass recent levies. Thus, the Township and residents of the RLSD (not just in Painesville Twp.) feel it is time for the School Board to take their turn and give back to the community-at-large that supports them. The Hadden property is enjoyed

by Painesville Township residents as well as residents throughout the District, including the Concord Girls Softball League with nearly 300 children from surrounding communities. It is important to note that as the School Board passes levies and builds more schools, they are closing and consolidating the number of facilities in the district. By closing and consolidating schools they are reducing the available taxpayer funded recreation/green space that are part of these schools, which has a negative impact on the community. Not only are facilities being sold/consolidated, one of the new schools being built offers less recreation space than others in the District, further reducing available options for taxpayers in the RLSD. Keeping a portion of the Hadden property a park for all to enjoy will help offset some of the negative impact closing/selling these schools has on our community. Green-space and parks are imperative to the future of our communities. As our population in Lake County and Painesville Twp. continue to age, we need to do all we can to attract younger people and families into our community and parks/green-space offerings are one way to help achieve this. Not only does this go along with the Township's Comprehensive Plan, it is also in line with the Lake County Planning Commission's initiatives.

The Trustees would like to make this request: If you feel the initiative the Trustees are pursuing is important to our community and you would like to see the Hadden property transferred to the Township so it can remain a park then please share your feelings with the members of the School Board. Below are their emails.

Thank you!
Gabe, Chuck, and Josh - Your Painesville Township Trustees

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