

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 1, 2026

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on June 1, 2026 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Guest	Connie Caruso, 6463 Blacks Road

From the floor – Connie Caruso, 6463 Blacks Road

Connie attended the meeting concerning the township’s noise resolution. In Section 2, part B, the wording “prima facie unlawful” is not always understood by a deputy. She would like to have that changed.

The Zoning Inspector handed out copies of a new noise resolution prepared by the prosecutor’s office. It will be addressed at the next meeting.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reviewed the following items.
- The May zoning permit and fee total was \$2,305.00.
- 24 Jefferson Ridge Drive – Thomas K. Polzin & Raenasha I. Butler – Shed placed on the property in violation of setbacks and without a zoning permit. No progress.

-Eric Smith moved to send the zoning violation at 24 Jefferson Ridge Drive, Thomas K. Polzin and Raenasha I. Butler to the Licking County Prosecutor for further legal action. A shed was placed on the property in violation of setbacks and without a zoning permit. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

- 5546 Beecher Road – Glenn D. Ritchie Et Al – Cargo container placed on the property in violation of the zoning resolution. Notice sent, request to send to the LCP.

-Eric Smith moved to send the zoning violation at 5546 Beecher Road, Glenn D. Ritchie Et Al, Cargo container placed on the property in violation of the zoning resolution to the Licking County Prosecutor for further legal action. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

- 138 Ford Ave. – Robert A. & Paula M. Thomas – Nuisance debris on the property.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 01 01 which states: The said Board of Trustees found and determined that the maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris upon the real property of 138 Ford Ave. S.W., Pataskala, Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio 43062, Parcel Number 025-072690-00.000, constitutes a nuisance as defined, set forth, and provided under R.C. 505.87.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio,

- 1. That the Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, shall, and said body hereby does enter into an agreement with Triple Nickle Lawn Care LLC, 2190 N. St. Rt. 555, Malta, Ohio 43758, for the removal and disposal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris located on the premises at issue herein and described hereinabove for and in consideration of the payment by Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, of a total price which shall not exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) which final sum shall be paid out of the Township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated ; and**
- 2. That upon payment of the consideration amount allowed, a written report shall be made to the Licking County Auditor which report shall include a proper description of premises here at issue, and a statement of all of the costs incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris here at issue including the costs incurred in providing notices and any amounts incurred labor, materials, and equipment, which amounts shall be placed upon the tax duplicate of Licking County, Ohio, and become a lien upon the land here at issue from and after the date of its entry.**

Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

- 7945 Blacks Road – Jonathan M., Joan L., Jason & Taylor Studer - Nuisance property. Property owner was in attendance. Discussion followed. Resident was granted time for clean up until the next meeting, June 19th.
- 97 Madison Street, - Carmen S. Anastacio Espinoza – High grass on the property.

-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 01 02 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87, 97 Madison Street, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Carmen S. Anastacio. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

- 118 Dauber Court – Robert M. Pauley – High grass on the property. First resolution was adopted on 9/12/2025.

-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 01 03 which states: The said Board of Trustees found and determined that the maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris upon the real property of 118 Dauber Ct. S.W., Pataskala, Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, 43062 Parcel Number 025-068083-01.000, constitutes a nuisance as defined, set forth, and provided under R.C. 505.87.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio,

- 1. That the Board of Trustees of Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, shall, and said body hereby does enter into an agreement with Triple Nickle Lawn Care LLC, 2190 N. St. Rt. 555, Malta, Ohio 43758, for the removal and disposal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris located on the premises at issue herein and described hereinabove for and in consideration of the payment by Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio, of a total price which shall not exceed six thousand dollars (\$3,500.00) which final sum shall be paid out of the Township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated ; and**
- 2. That upon payment of the consideration amount allowed, a written report shall be made to the Licking County Auditor which report shall include a proper description of premises here at issue, and a statement of all of the costs incurred in providing for the abatement, control, or removal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and debris here at issue including the costs incurred in providing notices and any amounts incurred labor, materials, and equipment, which amounts shall be placed upon the tax duplicate of Licking County, Ohio, and become a lien upon the land here at issue from and after the date of its entry.**

Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

- 0 Columbus Road – Ellington Condominiums – High grass on property.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 01 04 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87, 0 Columbus Road, Granville, Ohio 43023, Ellington Condominiums. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

- 8036 Smoke Road – Karna B. Poudel, Suresh Wagley & Subhadra Poudel – High grass on property.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 01 05 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87, 8036 Smoke Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Karna B. Poudel, Suresh Wagley & Subhadra Poudel. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

- 10 Ephriam Drive – Vantarex 101 LLC (DG Market) – High grass and weeds on property. Will review at the next meeting.

- S.R. 158 Project - The Zoning Inspector attended a meeting on 5/6/2026 with the LCPC, LC Engineers and Nelson Tract engineers regarding the approvals that need to be accomplished to get the project to a final development plan and ready for construction. The project will need an additional LCPC variance approval for the change in grade to extend Nelson Parkway over the second creek crossing to the north. They will also need to come back to the Harrison Township Trustees to modify their PUD as they have sold off land that was originally included in the open space for the PUD approval. Their open space no longer meets our requirement of 30%. There are other FEMA and CLOMAR approvals that the development will need before they are ready to proceed.

Trustee Mark Van Buren explained that \$33,000 is available to Harrison Township from the Licking County Parks District through the Governmental Partnership Funding Program, to use for our own park projects. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2027.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

- 1. The minutes of the May 22, 2026 special meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice 220-2026 through 252-2026.**
- 3. Warrants 19668 through 19678.**
- 4. The May Bank Reconciliation Report.**

Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

Being no further business, the Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

The following resolutions are a part of the June 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

- Resolution 2026 06 01 01
- Resolution 2026 06 01 02
- Resolution 2026 06 01 03
- Resolution 2026 06 01 04
- Resolution 2026 06 01 05