

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 6, 2026

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on July 6, 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
Road Superintendent	Pete Sigman
Guest	Vickie Noble
Guests	Jean & Peter Cea, 4356 Gale Road
Guest	Jennifer Noble, 4774 Outville Road

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent

- Pete reported that Mark Rogers is working on the curb replacement in front of the Ellington Condominiums. The project should be completed by the end of the week.
- The JD 6230 tractor is throwing a hot oil trans temp code and needs repair.

-Eric Smith moved to approve a purchase order to Ag-Pro in the amount of \$5,000.00 to diagnose the issue and repair the JD 6230 tractor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Pete would like to upgrade the asphalt type from 6422 type one asphalt to 7022 type 1 asphalt for the resurfacing project on Hollow Road, Refugee Road and Watkins Road.

The material cost difference is \$7.09 per ton. Each road increase would be approximately:

Hollow Road - 2456 tons x \$7.09 = \$17,413.04

Refugee Road - 2500 tons x \$7.09 = \$17,725.00

Watkins Road - 592 tons x \$7.09 = \$4,197.28

Total = \$39,335.32

Pete verified with the Licking County Prosecutor that if the trustees wanted to make this change, it would be handled with a change order.

-Ray Foor moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the RESURFACING OF HOLLOW ROAD, REFUGEE ROAD, WATKINS ROAD, AND COMMUNITY HALL PARKING LOT IN HARRISON TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO contract with The Shelly Company. The original contract

price was \$907,501.44. This change order will be an increase of \$39,335.32. The contract price incorporating this change order is \$946,836.76. The change order is to upgrade the asphalt type from 6422 type one asphalt to 7022 type 1 asphalt. The material cost difference is \$7.09 per ton. Each road increase would be approximately:

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

-Pete reported that there are six small metal grave markers in our Cemetery that are in rough shape. The trustees ask Pete to check with the Licking County Veterans Service.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reviewed the following items.
- The June zoning permit and fee total was \$2,381.00.
- 138 Ford Ave. – Thomas – Nuisance property was cleaned up by a township contractor this morning.
- 6550 Outville Road – Scott & Becky Dunbar – Junkyard zoning violation which the Licking County Prosecutor is working on.
- 5546 Beecher Road – Glenn Ritchie – Violation, cargo container on property. Ask to send to the prosecutor.

-Eric Smith moved to send the zoning violation of Article 10.11, cargo container on property to the Licking County Prosecutor for further legal action. The property is at 5546 Beecher Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Glenn D. Ritchie Et Al, Parcel #025-072420-00.000. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

- 7945 Blacks Road – Jonathan M. & Joan L. Studer & Jason & Taylor Studer – Nuisance property violation. Request second resolution. Received quote from Triple Nickel for \$4,500.00 to clean up property.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 07 06 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 7945 Blacks Road S.W., Pataskala, Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio 43062, Parcel Number 025-068382-00.000, 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, 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, OH 43758, for the removal and disposal of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other nuisance 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 four thousand five hundred dollars and zero cents (\$4,500.00) which final sum shall be paid out of the Township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated; and

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. The resolution was adopted.

- 118 Dauber Court – Robert M. Pauley – Nuisance property has been cleanup by township contractor. Need to certify to Licking County Auditor.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 07 06 02 which states: RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 505.87. 118 Dauber Ct., Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Robert M. Pauley, certify \$3,500.00 to the Licking County Auditor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted.

- 0 Columbus Road – Ellington Condominiums – High grass observed on the property. Quote from Triple Nickel to mow property for \$3,000.00.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 07 06 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 Ellington Condominiums LLC, 0 Columbus Road, Granville Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio 43023, Parcel Number 025-068070-00.003, constitutes a nuisance as defined, set forth, and provided under R.C. 505.87.

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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. The resolution was adopted.

- 110 Ford Ave. – McKenzie Rice – High grass on property. Restart violation process.
- 10 Ephriam Drive – Vantarex 101 LLC – DG Market – High grass on property. Restart violation process.
- 659 Carryback Road – Maurer – High grass and weeds on property. Request first resolution.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 07 06 04 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87. 659 Carryback Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Laura M. & Ryan D. Maurer. Ray Foor seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted.

- The Zoning Commission met on 6/16/2026 for a public hearing on a request to modify the 30% greenspace requirement on the SR 158 Project. The applicant originally was requesting to keep the 30% greenspace requirement “fluid” throughout the project stating that they would have 30% of the gross acreage designated for greenspace. The Zoning Commission stated that they were not comfortable with the 30% greenspace being “fluid” and wanted it to be designated on the plat and not changed. The Applicant also presented changes to the General Development Standards.
1. Open Space and Landscaping. The Zoning Commission asked the applicant to strike the sentence “As part of this administrative review, previously designated open space areas may be adjusted, reconfigured, or relocated so long as the total open space on the property continues to meet or exceed 30% of the gross acreage.” The Zoning Commission also requested to strike wording in item 2. Declaration of Restrictions of Land; Purpose. “Unimproved access lanes, recreation spaces, agricultural areas.”
- SR 158 PROJECT - Valerie attended a meeting on 6/30/2026 with the LCPC, LC Engineers, Nelson Tract engineers & developers regarding the approvals that need to be accomplished to get the project to a final development plan and ready for construction. During this meeting a map was shown with a full access roadway aligning with Loop Road into the site. Valerie brought it to the developer and engineers’ attention that this road was never approved to be full access. It was limited access for car traffic only. The County Engineer took the conversation further by explaining to the developer that they are creating their own holdup by continuing to try and get a full access roadway aligning with Loop Road. At the conclusion of the meeting, the developers fully understood that

- a full access roadway aligning with Loop Road is a project deal breaker. In addition, the Licking County Planning Director stated that the sidewalk on the east side of Outville Road will be built at the developer's cost as part of the project.
- **PARK GRANT/PICKLEBALL COURTS**
Valerie met with Eric Hinkle from Midstate Recreation to discuss creating an area for pickleball courts in the Harrison Township Park. It was determined that the best place for the pickleball courts would be immediately west of shelter house #2. This would allow players and spectators to sit in the shade when they were not on the court. In addition, Mr. Hinkle suggested that the area would be suited to having four pickleball courts. This would be enough pickleball courts to host leagues and tournaments to encourage more activity in our park.

6:30 p.m. – Open the Harrison Township Refugee Road Culvert Replacement Bids

One bid was received from Axis Civil Construction LLC with a total bid of \$158,805.00. The bid was rejected by the trustees.

-Eric Smith moved to reject the bid from Axis Civil Construction LLC because it was greater than 10% over the Licking County Engineer's cost estimate. The motion further states that the trustees will rebid project. Sealed proposals for "Harrison Township Refugee Road Culvert Replacement" in Harrison Township will be received by the Harrison Township Board of Trustees, Licking County, Ohio, C/O Carolyn Elder, at 3886 Outville Road, Granville, OH 43023, until the 3rd day of August, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

On the 3rd day of August, 2026, at 6:30 P.M., bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Harrison Township Trustees at the Harrison Township Hall.

A contract will be let to the lowest and best bidder by the 3rd day of August, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. Plans, specifications, contract documents, and bid forms may be secured by contacting Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent at 740-927-8280.

A brief description of the required work is as follows:

Culvert replacement- Refugee Road (175' W of Outville Road) in Harrison Township; Min. 6" Item 304, 8" Item 301, 1.75" Item 441 Intermediate, 1.25" Item 441 Surface OR 4" Item 304, 9" Item 452.

Bidders who submit a bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as being non-responsive. Plan Holders are requested to provide an e-mail address if they wish to receive addenda and other information electronically.

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

-Eric Smith moved to pay Zoning Commission members that attend a second or third (continued) public hearing, in which case they did not attend the original public hearing. Members that are absent from the first hearing cannot be voting members at following public hearings on the same case. This motion clarifies that Zoning Commission members can be paid for attendance even if they are not voting members. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The Zoning Inspector shared quotes from Mid States Recreation for pickleball courts in the park area. They are as follows:

\$65,000 – Asphalt surfacing

\$40,000 – Full complex painting

\$15,000.00 – Pickleball nets (x4) with installation

The trustees commented that fencing would be needed.

The Zoning Inspector will continue to obtain quotes.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the June 16, 2026 regular meeting.

2. Payment advice 268-2026 through 305-2026.

3. Warrants 19686 through 19703.

4. The June Bank Reconciliation Report.

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

The quarterly credit card compliance report was completed by Chairman Mark Van Buren.

The Outville Power Show was discussed and Trustee Van Buren doesn't think that Tim Hoskinson will be having the show this year.

Trustee Foor stated that the Sheldon Cemetery needs to be mowed.

The trustees signed the driver roster for the Driving Rules and Regulations Policy.

The fiscal officer received a determination of unemployment compensation benefits for employee Ryan Bailey.

The fiscal officer reported that the ARPA Grant records are officially closed out.

The fiscal officer stated that the OTARMA MORE grant has been received for this year.

The fiscal officer received a letter from the Department of Commerce stating that the Pataskala Drive Thru liquor permit is changing to Paymax 109 LLC and applying for a liquor permit.

The trustees do not want to request a hearing.

7:00 p.m. – The regular meeting was placed on hold by the Chairman Mark Van Buren to have a public hearing.

7:33 p.m. – The Chairman Mark Van Buren called the regular meeting back in session.

Being no further business, the Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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 July 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Resolution 2026 07 06 01

Resolution 2026 07 06 02

Resolution 2026 07 06 03

Resolution 2026 07 06 04