

Investigation Committee for Fire Training Centers for 5-9-24 Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and concluded at 7:44 PM

Members

Nancy Roof

David Roth

Jim Roth

Jerica Drapp

Joe Thompson

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Nancy Roof

Jim Roth and Jerica Drapp were not able to attend. The committee members in attendance were Nancy Roof, Joe Thompson and David Roth.

Nancy Roof brought forward approval of minutes from last meeting. David Roth - approved, Joe Thompson- approved, Nancy Roth- Not approved. Nancy brought changes she felt needed to be made to correct a couple of items on the minutes report. David and Joe approved the changes.

Nancy provided updates on who the committee is seeking to interview and the timeline to do so. Right now they are finalizing negotiations to meet with City Manager on 5-16-24. The owners of the Hampshire Company have agreed to speak at one of our upcoming meetings, the only issue is coordinating their calendar to be available on a meeting night.

Nancy brought up concerns with the Monday Program being the best option for managing the committee task calendar and reporting. Commissioner Homan suggested that we find a program that we all felt comfortable using and would capture everything we need. Once we identified that program, we could request funding from the commission to purchase the software.

Members of the community expressed concerns with Frank Patrizio acting as our liaison. They are concerned that his involvement would present a conflict of interest and could lead to steering of our committee.

Commissioner Homan stated we may want to look at hiring an attorney for this committee to use in the liaison role between us and the city. The Committee discussed this option and agreed to table the issue until the next meeting when had all 5 members present.

Community members presented more documents and spoke about how the batteries were shipped into the site and removed from the site, Jeff Lange gave Nancy Roof some documents and she used her phone to take pictures of the documents. Jeff also spoke about the EPA request for burning permits not being the correct permits. He also spoke about the conversation he had with representatives from the EPA and RAPCA.

Nancy Roof brought up the idea of creating Sub Committees. The idea was discussed among the committee members and then was posed to the citizens at the meeting to see if they would be interested in serving on a sub committee. Nancy passed around a piece of paper and asked those who would be interested to please put their name down.

Former Commissioner Joe Wilson attended the meeting and raised concerns about the bias that would exist on these sub committees and that if we move forward with using them, their needs to be balance.

Joe Thompson brought a motion to table the Sub Committee discussion until the next meeting when all 5 of the members would be present and it was seconded by David Roth.

The citizens questioned if we are still paying BGSU \$20,000 per year.

Citizens questioned if we burned on high wind days? They have documents that show we violated that rule.

Members of the community provide David Roth with some documents that he was going to copy and scan and provide to the committee sometime before the next meeting.

Joe Thompson told the citizens that we have received a large volume of information from them and we are very appreciative of their time and willingness to help. But that we have hit a saturation point and seem to be covering some of the same talking points at every meeting and that now would be a good time to take 2 weeks to give the committee ample time to review all of their information so we can develop our road map for next steps.

Discussed how the committee was still dividing out workload and that Joe is doing FOIA request with the City of Piqua and Nancy will do all non-City of Piqua FOIA requests.

Committee members agreed to set the next Meeting for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 in one of 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference rooms at the Piqua Library.

7:44 PM, Joe Thompson moved we adjourn the meeting. David Roth provides second and Nancy approved.