



August 23rd Meeting Minutes

We had 12 attendees including special guest Chris Gilbert Administrator from Springfield Township.

Meeting started with Q&A With Chris Gilbert:

1. **Q:** What about Speed bumps to slow traffic ? **A:** The hard part about it is where to put them and where we use them and don't use them, Otherwise every community will have requests for speed bumps. The township cannot set the speed limits, only the state of Ohio, so speed bumps must be safe to go over at the speed limit for liability reasons.
2. **Q:** Has the Township cited speeders or only issued warnings? **A:** Yes, township cited several speeders.
3. **Q:** Has speed humps helped communities that have them? **A:** It was mixed. Some said it did others different and others just caused drivers to speed up between them and run stop signs.
4. **Q:** What about portable signs that show the speed of drivers? **A:** They do have speed trailers and are willing to put them out. Suggested Sevenhills, Sprucehill, and Pleasanthill as trouble spots.
5. **Q:** Do we have any solution? **A:** Will do more traffic patrol an write more tickets, people will slow down for a while, but will speed up again once gone for a few weeks or so .
6. **Q:** What can be done about trash being thrown out of cars? **A:** If police catch them they will fine them.
7. **Q:** What if you catch them on security camera and turn it in. **A:** Would have to testify in court and go through the legal process. Most likely a judge will throw it out for being too minor due to the backlog of more serious offenses. They just don't have time for minor offenses like this. The best solution is for township to continue cleanups with their crews along with help from neighbors. No one can change the behavior of people that litter. It's widespread and everywhere.
8. **Q:** What about people dumping truckloads of trash? **A:** The Township has trail/game cameras they will set up in trouble spots.
9. **Q:** What about the township sending out letters to remind people of responsibilities? **A:** We (the township) can look into sending out letters more often.
10. **Q:** What about code violations like parking on the grass. **A:** First, they are issued a violation notice, then if violation again it goes to housing court. If corrected by court date then nothing happens. For rentals, notice goes to owner and tenant.
11. **Q:** What about opening in fence on north end of Sprucehill going to Meadowood apartments. **A:** If it's on township property, fence can be installed. If private property cannot.
12. **Q:** Some businesses are still not cleaning up litter in lot. **A:** Just hired more litter patrol to help.
13. **Q:** Rhonda Young from the House Joint bar was supposed to be here so just what to mention it's becoming a nuisance with the recent shootings. How are other nuisance bars handled. **A:** Had a similar issue recently with Elegant event center and are working with Ohio Liquor control to handle issue. Legally, if a business is being taken to court, the township cannot offer security for them.

14. Q: Can we get a curfew such as the Compton Grove apartments in Mt Healthy. **A:** We really don't have the staff to enforce this. It would have to be a majority vote. On average, for every person that want's a curfew 3 oppose. The township already has a curfew late evening. Not sure of time.

15. Q: Who owns the road behind Little Caesars leading through church up through DMV to Sevenhills? **A:** Not sure, would have to look it up but probably private property.

16. Q: The residents of 1845 Mistyhill is dumping yard waste behind adjacent residents property. **A:** Please email me information on this and other issues so I can assign staff to deal with it.

Final Comments from Chris: He knows there's a lot that goes on in the township that people ask to be solved. Will always tell the truth even if it's not what you want to hear. Will do what is possible within the budget but cannot go to trustees and ask to hire people if we don't have the budget for it.

Chris gave us his email cgilbert@springfieldtwp.org to address other issues we may have..

SHAG discussion after Andy's presentation:

- Forgot to mention about Garbage being dumped in creek behind frost park, but Mike Gould already notified.
- House on Mistyhill owned by CMHA behind Roy's house. Not maintained and lots of overgrowth on adjacent neighbors property. Sometimes branches from trees knock out power. Has been vacant for over 25 years.
- For next township newsletter mailer, please mention chipper service is available for picking up large limbs set out between sidewalk and road.
- Anyone knows what's going on with the abandoned house at 10897 Sprucehill?
- Send Renea Crawford minutes, and everyone please pray for her.