

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of Special Meeting Held at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio; on July 19, 2017 at 9 am. The Atwater Township Trustees held their Special Meeting at the Atwater Town Hall located at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio .

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, John Kovacich, Linda Allen Fiscal Officer, Walt Bainey, John Allen, Mel Russell, Chris Meduri, Carl Freeman & son were present.

John Kovacich called the Special Meeting to order at 9 am for the purpose of discussing the Great American Circus using the Township Park & Pavilion. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge.

John stated that the reason for this Special Meeting was to discuss The Great American Circus and its representative, Carl Freeman, who would like to rent our Park to hold a circus to raise money for the AFD. Carl said that they put on the circus as a way to help raise funds for community projects. The Great American Circus invites all local organization to get involved with setting up booths to be able to meet local residents. The tent used is expandable and fireproof. They carry more that \$2 million dollars in insurance.

The circus is family orientated. Sometime they have horses present at the circus, but probably not here in Atwater. Also, sometimes they have an elephant for entertainment, or sometime ponies for pony rides. Not sure what would be happening here.

They provide their own clean-up crew, as well as their own security. They also travel with their own porta-potties.

Chris Meduri asked what type of a business they were; Carl replied that they were a corporation. Chris then asked how long they have been in operation; Carl replies that it was a family business that had been passed down for the last 200 years. Chris inquired into the number of employees; Carl responded 15 to 25 employees would be needed for Atwater.



Peggy Bainey inquired into why Carl did not come to a meeting sooner to purpose the circus to the Trustees? Carl responded that some townships require you to go to a meeting others don't.

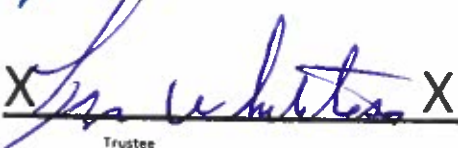

Mel Russell inquired into the misunderstanding between Carl and the Trustees, as nothing was mentioned to the Trustees about having a circus, just about a non-profit renting our park. The Trustees had to learn about it from Mel.

John made a motion to allow the rental of the Park to the Great American Circus, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – No, Peggy Bainey – No, John Kovacich – No. Motion Failed.

Mel asked Carl what about the money that had already been collected; between \$2,000 & \$3,000? Carl replied that the money would not be refunded.

John made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 am, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

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Trustee Trustee

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Trustee Fiscal Officer