

The Lorain County Township Association

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The November 17, 2016 LCTA meeting will be at Olmsted Twp. Fire Station in the bay area, 26900 Cook Rd. Olmsted Twp. 44138. Food & beverages will be available at 6:30 pm-meeting at 7:30 pm.

PROGRAM: Dyann McDowell from Training Marbles, speaking on Medical Marijuana-Understanding the new law & impact on the workplace. There will also be Election of LCTA Officers for 2017

Minutes of meeting Oct.20th., hosted by LaGrange Twp.

President, Amy Szmania, called the meeting to order at 7:30. Rick Conrad made a motion to approve the Sept. minutes, 2nd. by Ken Ziegler, motion carried

Treasurer, Amy Richards, gave a report of income-\$20 for OTA membership, \$100 from Matt Lundy for candy for the Fair; Expenses- \$10 for OTA membership dues, \$254.22 for Fair expenses, candy, Ohio flags, postage to send out flags & ornaments, \$2.49 for envelopes to send flags, \$225 for 3rd. quarter payroll for Secretary & \$225 for 3rd. Quarter payroll for the Webmaster, balance in checking \$24,557.91, CD balance- \$5691.65. Fran Walker made a motion to approve the report, 2nd. by Carl Wesemeyer-motion carried

PROGRAM: Paul Baumgartner-Lorain County Free Clinic Director, spoke on services available in Lorain County for residents without access to health care, uninsured or very limited health insurance. They have 3 locations, one in Lorain, Oberlin & Elyria. They serve patients between the ages of 19 & 65 & must have income below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. They are able to have these services through donations & fund raisers. Dental services are available in Lorain, they have a list of dentists who offer their services. For more information call 440-277-6641 or email-Kathleen@LCfreeclinic.org

Reports:

President-Amy Szmania announced that the Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers is Neil Lynch, Butch Holmes, Duane Johnson, Ken Ziegler, & Jared Smith

Secretary-Jean Haight read a note from Christie Miller thanking the LCTA for our support through Dan's health problems, & also thanked Mark McConnell for speaking at the Memorial Service. She really appreciated it! Carl Wesemeyer introduced the new Trustee of Grafton Twp. ,John Kasinec

Executive Committeeman-Mark McConnell announced that Jerry Innes had a Zoning meeting with many Townships at Pittsfield, about 50 people attended & learned a lot of information on Zoning issues.

Other Reports:

NOACA-Dick Heidecker stated that there will be a meeting downtown on Oct. 21st. There will be a Board of Directors meeting the 2nd. Friday in Dec. NEOTA_ the next meeting will be in Columbus

OPWC-Mike Musto stated that Issue 1 projects will be voted on Nov.20th. to be finalized

Solid Waste-David Urig stated there was no Policy meeting this month. There will be a Consortium Mtg. On Wed. Nov. 16th. at 5:30 at Grafton Twp. Grants need to be done by Nov. 15th. Jean Haight announced that the new fenced in ,Grafton Twp. Tire Trailer will be open on Tuesdays & Saturdays from 9am-1pm. There will be someone there to stack the tires.

SWAC-Mark McConnell stated that there will be about \$400,00 for storm water projects. He thanked Solid Waste for the Ag Tire Collection, they collected 1400 tires. Projects will be going through the petition process, he advises that you get them in ASAP, as there are many hearings for this process. Henrietta Twp. is now in an MS4. If there is a water course problem, that needs to be cleaned on a State or County Rd., the resident has to apply for the cleaning the Township also has to approve it. This also takes many hearings to get approved. Also your projects are due by Dec. 9th.

Patty Echko announced that under Keep Lorain County Beautiful they have 300 plants that perpetuate bee pollination, they will be available for every Township to pick up 4 plants at the Recycling Center, on Oct. 26th. 28th & 31st. They are free. Please pick them up & plant them at your Township.

State Rep-Terry Boose stated that the farmers crop yields have been very low because of less rain & there is a huge pest infestation in Columbus.

Senator Gayle Manning stated that infant mortality rate is at a high rate & a Bill was voted on in the Senate for changes for women to get health care during their pregnancy, It has to be voted on in the House. She is still working on getting the school starting day after Labor Day. If passed it won't take effect till 2018 because many schools plan a year ahead.

Prosecutor's Office-Jerry Innes stated that there has been a proposal by Soil & Water to change the Erosion & Sediment regulations to ½ an acre of disturbed soil. Please call or email the Commissioners on your feelings on this change. Also the maintenance fee has been waived on vacant land & some feel that it should be reinstated if there is a ditch that borders it. Vacant land does not have to pay a Storm Water fee either.

Sheriff's Dept-Sheriff Stammitti stated that it will be getting darker earlier & burglaries are on the rise, so keep your doors, windows & cars locked. There have been 140 deaths in the County due to heroin & fentanyl overdoses. Saturday, Oct.20th. is Operation Medicine Cabinet at most Police Depts. You can turn in expired & unused drugs.. US Representative Marcy Kaptor got them Federal funding, between 50 & \$100,00 to fight the drug problem. You have to be designated for this money & she helped them get that. They need more treatment centers to solve this problem. If you suspect any drug dealers, you can call the Sheriff's Dept Drug Task Force . & you do not have to give your name.

Emergency Management-Tom Kelley-announced that you can use the WENS program to send out snow parking bans. They also have a lot of handouts on Emergencies if you are having a function like a pancake breakfast or any other event. Please contact his office to get them.

Health Dept.- Dave Covell stated that you need to vote YES on Issue #36 since the Health Dept. has doubled it size, your taxes will be lowered.

Joan Samkow asked that you please vote for Issue #35 to fight the heroin problem

Vicki Denes made a motion to adjourn at 8:35, 2nd. by Carl Wesemeyer-motion carried

The Christmas Party on December 15th. will be held at Camden Twp.

