

CITY OF SMITHS GROVE  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Tuesday, December 2, 1968.

Because the Bank is being renovated, the Board met at the office of Dr. James Hill with all members present. Visitors were Mrs. Rebecca Proffitt, Mrs. Geneva Anderson, Mr. Lucian Flora, Herbert Leopold and Jack Walker.

1. Chairman Melton reported we had met with the Resident Planner. He said he had discussed zoning with Charles Reynolds, attorney, in Bowling Green, and they were not certain about their zoning. Mr. Melton was of the opinion that this will bring lotsof problems but that is the way it has to be.
2. Mrs. Proffitt suggested that the only way to progress is to go along with the Planning and Zoning.
3. Trustee Hill said that Byron Curtis had inquired about the State contract which he had requested the Board to sign. This contract was again reviewed and it was the general opinion that certain requirements need to be clarified before we pass on this.
4. Trustee Hill moved that Clerk invite District Engineer Padgett to attend our next meeting and explain this contract to us. Trustee Lowe seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.
5. Trustee Hill inquired as to what progress is being made on the street lights which had been requested for Highland Avenue and Fourth Street. Chairman Melton stated the REA was working up a cost estimate on these and also additional lights. Trustee Powell is familiar with this and is to contact the REA regarding this.
6. Trustee Blackwell reported the Fire Department is running smoothly.
7. Judge Blue had no report.
8. Trustee Joe Lowe reported there are no problems at the Cemetery.
9. Trustee Powell reported we do need a couple of loads of rock for the streets. He is to see to this.
10. The recent robberies were discussed. Trustee Hill reported that Jim Cullen ordinarily would have been at the Lions Club at the time of these burglaries. He does not usually start patrolling before 10 PM.
11. Mrs. Anderson presented the bill from the L& N for the parking lot. The merchants reimburse the city for this \$50 bill. Mrs. Anderson discussed the fact that the Woman's Club did beautify this lot but it has been damaged by parking and traffic. She suggested that gravel be put on the West End of the lot where so much parking is done. Trustee Powell suggested that grass would look better. ~~Chairman Melton~~. No action was taken on this suggestion but Chairman Melton mentioned the fact that the site of the old water works building has been beautified but the city has received no praise for this.

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12. Mr. Leopold inquired as to what action had been taken on his letter. Chairman Melton said no action had been taken on the letter. Trustee Hill had a copy of the letter in question and Clerk was asked to read the letter. Mr. Melton asked for clarification of the letter. Mr. Leopold said the Mitchell business had previously been a sales place and had given them no trouble; however, it is now a sales and manufacturing establishment and the noise is unbearable. He stated he was speaking for Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Moulder, Dr. Hill as well as for himself. He inquired as to how private citizens stack up with the Board with the Mitchell Brothers. Mr. Melton said he was concerned about what we could do about this situation. Mr. Leopold further inquired as to why we do not have a zoning ordinance which has been posted. Mr. Melton said the one we voted on would give Bowling Green authority over us. Mr. Melton asked Mr. Leopold just what he wanted. Mr. Leopold said he wanted the Mitchell business declared as a nuisance. Trustee Blackwell inquired as to whether the Town Board could declare this a nuisance. It was his opinion that an individual would have to go to law and have this legally declared a nuisance. Trustee Powell said he was of the opinion we had no jurisdiction over this. Melton stated he thought the citizens were trying to put the Board in the middle of this.

13. Trustee Hill made a motion that the letter from Mr. Leopold to the Board be made a part of the records and be attached to the minutes. Chairman Melton seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

14. Trustee Hill ~~made~~ it should be clarified as to why the ordinance was not posted. Trustee Melton said we should leave things as they are until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board which is scheduled to meet December 4. If they pass on the amendment which was passed at the last meeting, then the ordinance would be posted. Trustee Powell suggested that we want. Trustee Blackwell wanted to know if the ordinance is legal. Melton said he did not know. Leopold suggested that if there is any protection available, then the people are entitled to this protection.

15. Trustee Hill asked that the minutes reflect his opposition to the fact that the ordinance was not posted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Gertie Bybee, Clerk

T. C. Melton, Chairman