

**SWANCREEK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday July 5, 2017**

Vice Chairman Wiland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
Roll call - Board of Trustees present: Phil Wiland - Vice Chairman, and
Rick Kazmierczak - Trustee, Ron Holdeman - Chairman Absent

GUESTS: See Sign In Sheet

GUEST: Wade Mitchell, Mediator for Fulton County Economic Development

Mr. Wade Mitchell introduced himself to the Board and explained what his role is in the mediation process. He explained while he was a lawyer he does not represent anyone in this process and he will not give any legal advice. His goal is to reach an agreement with the Village of Delta, York Township, Swancreek Township, and Pike-Delta-York school district for Economic Development in the Eastern portion of Fulton County. He explained that whenever he met with any of these entities he would consider it a public meeting and be posted as such. He cautioned the Board on what they say as it is all public record. He understands that discussions may get a little heated but that it was his job to be able to assist all sides in coming together with plan. He stated that participation was completely voluntary and that Fulton County Economic Development was funding the mediation. Trustee Kazmierczak asked Mr. Mitchell if he had a time frame in mind. Mr. Mitchell said he would have a better idea after the Monday July 10th meeting but he thinks probably by September the process would be complete. Mr. Mitchell said that Trustee Kazmierczak would be the point of contact for him but that any of the Trustees were welcome to contact him with questions/issues that they may have. Mr. Mitchell asked if Swancreek Township had a goal for Economic Development. Mr. Mitchell stated that anything said to him as mediator would be confidential. Mr. Mitchell asked Trustee Wiland if he had any questions and Trustee Wiland told him he feels annexation is an issue. Mr. Mitchell states he feels this area is an ideal place for development and that it was coming, it was just a matter of time. Trustee Kazmierczak states that zoning is a problem on Airport Highway. There is no water or sewer west of County Road 3 to the Village of Delta. Trustee Kazmierczak talked of the annexation agreement the Village of Delta had proposed a couple of years ago. The Village of Delta said they would come back to Swancreek Township after they worked out an agreement with York Township and Swancreek has never heard back from them. Trustee Kazmierczak also told Mr. Mitchell that Swancreek Water District would have to give the Village of Delta Authorization to run water lines in their district. Trustee Kazmierczak wants a win-win between the Village of Delta and the Townships. He doesn't want Swancreek Township to lose revenue and not share in the profit of annexation. Mr. Ken Ostrander from the audience feels the farmers are going to have a large say in economic development in this area. Mr. Mitchell asked the Board if the Village of Delta was looking to annex any of the Township's land. Trustee Wiland told him that the Village was looking to square up their boundaries. Both Trustees stated they are not opposed to growth, that they just do it the smart way. Trustee Kazmierczak states there is a shortage of housing in this area but there are subdivision regulations imposed that the Fulton County Commissioners are unwilling to change because of the unpopular response they would receive. Trustee Kazmierczak feels if a large company was looking to come to the eastern portion of Fulton County, there would be no housing for the employees to live in. There was also limited discussion about Fire coverage in the area as well as possibly having each of the entities host public meetings at each of their locations to let the public hear what is being discussed. Mr. Mitchell said that the entities must have a unified message, and that message is better economic development in Eastern Fulton County.

Trustee Wiland motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Trustee Kazmierczak: 1:58 p.m.

Swancreek Township Board of Trustees

ABSENT

Attest: Jo Stultz, Fiscal Officer
Swancreek Township
August 7, 2017

Trustee Ron Holdeman, Chairman

Trustee Phil Wiland, Vice Chairman

Trustee Rick Kazmierczak