

BROWNSBURG



SENTINEL

March 30th, 2015

Growing Pains

February Town Council Highlights

The month began with a Special Town Council meeting to amend ordinance 2014-13 proposed 1,2,3rd reading and final adoption. The amendment is to correct paperwork sent to the DLGF. The correct budget was approved but wrong form signed and sent to state. The items that were wrong were the adopted Tax Levy and adopted Tax rate. The problem was noticed by DLGF. In discussions with DLGF, the way to fix the error is a new resolution that corrects the error made on the final form. The Town was advised to do three separate reading and have the form signed by the President of the Council. This will become part of the formal 1782 response.

The Town Council meeting on Feb 12th was opened with a special treat with Boy Scout Troops 303 and 396 leading the Pledge of Allegiance fulfilling requirements for a Civic merit badge. The first official act of the evening was to accept conflict of interest paperwork for Don Spencer and Donovan Peebles for Grandview Pharmacy. Mr. Spencer announced that he and Rob Kendall would be recusing themselves from that part of the meeting. To make the flow of the meeting better, the council moved the Grandview Pharmacy tax abatement requests to the front of the meeting. The motions were public hearings but no one spoke. With no comments, the final actions for the 3 year tax abatement for a vacant building and personal property allowance were unanimously passed.

The other major discussion for the evening was about the Revised Economic Development incentive policy. The policy was reviewed to determine effectiveness and if any changes were needed. The major changes were around low interest business loans, façade and property tax abatement. The EDC wanted to eliminate the low interest business loan program. Staff wanted to keep it but was willing to make changes but not eliminate the program. After much discussion, the council made a motion to accept the policy except for the business loan which will be remanded back to the EDC to rework the program. Motion passed

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The Town Council meeting on Feb 26th had several matters of interest. First they tabled the voluntary annexation of the Hoosier Athletic Center. They passed the first reading of Bersot village rezone from R3 to PD. They passed the resolution for a 10 year Tax abatement on real property and personal property for TMC Transportation Regional Headquarters. Lastly, they gave authorization to the Town Manager to sign paperwork related to the annexation of more land for the B&O Trail.

The major item of the evening was the approval of a contract to do a traffic study on Green Street north from US136. There are 2 parts of the study 1) check out impact of developments between on Green Street 13 intersections to be looked at from 136 going north with cost estimates for various improvements. 2) Doing the traffic study now for all developments and making it a part of each proposal to reimburse Town for the use of the traffic study. The total cost is 59.5K and will take approximately 180 days to complete. The money is coming out of TIF funds and was part of the approved budget from the RDC. Motion to approve the traffic study passed unanimously.

Advisory Plan Commission

February 23rd: This meeting took over 3 hours, contained 4 public hearings, with most of the discussion centering around the 2 public hearings for the proposed new Crew Carwash at 1275 N 267. Glenn Nulty gaveled (loudly) the meeting to order. After a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, Glenn described how the public hearings would work.

For each public hearing, the applicant would have up to 20 minutes to bring their proposal to the commission. Then there would be time for questions from the commissioners. Then each citizen would have 5 minutes to ask their questions. After all the citizens have spoken, the applicant would have 3 minutes to answer. Then the citizens would have 1 minute for rebuttal questions. It became obvious during the public hearing that more time for answers from the applicants would be needed.

The first Public Hearing was for PCPP-12-14-1259 CREW Carwash primary plat approval. The parcels are just north of I-74 between the interstate and the CITGO gas station. The plat was originally 3 lots and is being changed to 2 lots, one for Crew Carwash of approximately 2 acres and a second one for 3 acres. This area is zoned HC (Highway Commercial), Crew Carwash requested and was granted two zoning

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

They who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety - Benjamin Franklin

Letter from the Editor

Another month has flown past, this issue highlights growing pains of council members and committees. The first deals with a council member who has difficulty separating issues of self interest versus taking actions to benefit the electorate who hired him to act on their behalf. This is not a new problem as it has gone on in public and in private for many years. However, when his conduct tarnishes the image of those charged with public safety and failing all prior attempts to counsel this individual in private. Those in charge felt compelled to make the matter public. Seeking to become a public servant implies one is held to a higher standard 24/7/365 days a year. While he may hold personal opinions that differ from those of the council, he is required by his oath of office to remain mute if those opinions jeopardize public safety and public trust. Given the gravity of the situation the article within is nearly verbatim of what transpired that evening.

So to is there a rush for growth that the concerns from the public are largely ignored despite overwhelming evidence in their support or measures are passed with contingencies like "issues resolved to the satisfaction of Staff". While this may meet the legal boundary for a favorable recommendation of a proposed plan, there is little transparency into the process going forward, by doing so does little to address the very real concerns brought to the commission during the public hearing a forum by its design to take such matters into account which may have been overlooked or underestimated by "Staff". Poor communications by dated materials available to the public prior to the meeting, portions of a traffic study which was provided by the applicants themselves, as a result audience members questioned the independence of the data from a source that is not a subject matter expert in the field. Once negotiations began in the meeting it was a signal to all that the issue should have been tabled to gain better insight into appropriate solution. The chair disregarding at least two trial balloons by commission members table the motion and with no response to questions levied from the audience from commission or Staff present left the audience members wondering if their concerns were being heard. One of the commission members said it was his job at the end of the day to trust Staff. No, it is the Commission's job to perform oversight on this process and to have a completed plan before providing a favorable recommendation.

This reporter, spoke with those directly effected by the plan, 100% questioned the wisdom of placing *any* high volume traffic business at that location regardless of proposed INDOT changes. Those interviewed said "Do they not know how congested it is up here?", "Do you know how many accidents I see where police and fire have been dispatched?" Regardless of INDOT engineering studies, those who traverse this area daily would dispute INDOT's assessment that the intersection was performing at "acceptable levels of service" under today's conditions. --The Editor

Letter to the Editor

Brownsburg School Referendums

Total Cost of \$152 Million

Total # of register Voters in Brown and Lincoln Townships 28,668

\$ Power per Voter \$5302

Yes this is the amount of money each voter controls, either for or against the two Brownsburg School Referendums. Four years ago there were Approx. 22,000 registered Voters in the Town of Brownsburg for their primary elections; however the highest number of votes cast for any two primary candidates was 1095. Thus only 4.98% of the 22,000 registered Voters, voted!



Thus if only 1427 (28,668 X .0498) people vote this spring on the School Referendums, the \$ power per Voter will be \$106,517.10. Whoever said their vote does not make any difference. Do you want 1427 people to make a decision for you that will impact your property taxes, the amount you pay for rent, or other services / goods you purchase in Brownsburg. If you don't want this to happen you need to Vote! Vote No or vote Yes, just Vote. Oh you don't have time

to vote or can't vote because you work, sorry but you will need to set aside some time, but you can vote not only on Tuesday May 5th as there will be early voting Venues at the County Government center, 355 S. Washington, Danville, In. Times are 8AM to 4PM week days 8AM to 3PM on Saturdays; on the following Days:

April 7 -10, 13-17, 20-25, 27-30. May 1-2, and May 4, 8am to Noon. Total of 22 days.

Early Voting will also take place at the Brownsburg Library, 450 S. Jefferson St, Times are 2PM to 7PM April 22,23, 10AM to 3PM April 24, 25. 2PM to 7PM April 29, 30. And 10AM to 3PM May 1,2. Total of 8 days.

So where can you get some information, if you need to, as to vote for or against the School Referendums. Two Political Action Committees have been formed they are: (1) Brownsburg Residents for Fiscal Responsibility: contact via face book- Brownsburg Residents for Fiscal Responsibility – Via Email – fiscalresponsibilitybrownsburg@gmail.com (2) Friends of Brownsburg Community Schools contact at their web site www.supportbrownsburg.com. In addition, current (and historical information) is easily located on this publication's website.

So let's all get informed, let's all vote so we can truly make this a Total Community Decision.

Jim Murphy Brownsburg

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Your VOTE COUNTS !!

On May 5, 2015, Brownsburg, Brown Township and Lincoln township residents will be asked to vote. On this date, there are 5 open positions and two very important school referendum questions on the ballot.

Positions before the voters are:

- Clerk Treasurer: Jeanette Brickler, Ann Hathaway
- Town Council Ward 2: Chris Worley
- Town Council Ward 3: Brian Jessen, Emory Lencke
- Town Council Ward 4: Ashley Hobbs, Don Spencer
- B'Burg Town Court Judge: Neil Davis, Charles (Gene) Hostetter



Voters will be asked to weigh in on two school referendum questions:

Public Question #1:

“SHALL BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION ISSUE BONDS OR ENTER INTO A LEASE TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO COST NOT MORE THAN \$95,000,000 AND IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE BY A MAXIMUM OF \$0.4117 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION?”

Public Question #2:

“FOR THE 7 CALENDAR YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HOLDING OF THE REFERENDUM, SHALL BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION IMPOSE A PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED FOUR AND 78/100 CENTS (\$0.0478) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF ASSESSED VALUATION AND THAT IS IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER PROPERTY TAX LEVIES IMPOSED BY THE SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING COSTS RELATED TO PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING STAFFING AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?”

February 10, 2015 Police Commission Meeting



From L to R	Promoted to :
Steve Sentany	Corporal
Jacque Bass	Sergeant
Chief Dove	
Joe Fulst	Corporal
Jeff Klayer	Sergeant
Doug Abshire	Sergeant
John Maples*	Corporal
	(*not pictured)



A sincere **THANK YOU** to these and all the brave men and women who without reservation place themselves in harms way to keep everyone safe. -- *The Editor*.



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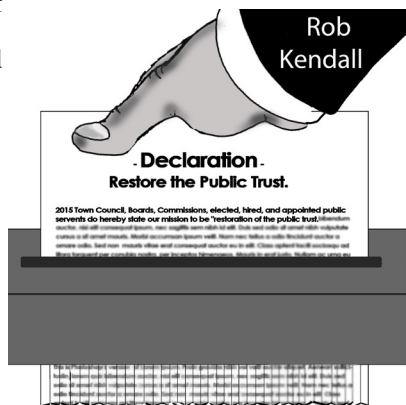


"Serving the area for more than 37 years"

Betrayal of the Public Trust, Town Council Meeting - February 12th 2015

The Chief felt compelled to bring a matter before the Town Council, and the public at large, as many other attempts to rectify the matter privately over the years resulted in failure. The Chief said "As you are aware, the Brownsburg Police department is very concerned about public trust. And that is what I want to talk to you here about tonight, if that is ok with the council. I am very concerned about a couple of issues going on right now. And I want to dispel a couple of false rumors, false information that has been put out about the police department. In particular I want to talk about the APC and the command vehicle". For new members of the council, the Chief provided historical context. The APC and Command Vehicle request came out of a needs assessment performed at the request of Don Spencer and sanctioned by the Brownsburg Police Commission. This need everyone understood, "I even knew back then this would be a hard topic to cover, a hard topic for some people to swallow" explained Chief Dove. "Two years ago when I came in front of the town council, it was all about public perception. That's all I heard, public perception. I understood that". The Chief worked very hard that following year with his staff to address the council's concerns. Initially, the Chief's team felt they were making progress in this area when "United States Congressman Todd Rokita himself was first opposed to it, until he sat down with me and in four hours, took time out of his busy schedule, came in from Washington D.C. changed his mind." He continued "I came back to the town council again (*the next year*) with the police commission's permission. Asked for it again, it was the right thing to do. Now it became a budgetary issue. However the department continued to "hearing things about it being referred to as a tank. So I try to dispel these rumors and false information that is put out", which the Chief found the sources to be "...so called people calling themselves journalists; newspapers, radio, whatever television that put out false information about what we are doing or what we are not doing. It's interesting to me that I have spoken to several people in the real media that ask me about these things and they believe in it". Problems first came before the town council "...in September while I was not here in attendance, I understand there were three young men from a local bar. They say they are not citizens of this town; they work at a bar so somehow they have the right to come up and talk. I actually agree with that totally but is what, interesting to me they refer to the APC as a tank. We don't need this, we don't need militarization (of the police) in the Town of Brownsburg. It's upsetting to me that someone would even say that. What's very interesting to me that these three gentlemen had never been seen before or after that meeting. Does that truly reflect our community or does that reflect a bar?" The Chief passionately exclaimed. "We voted on this last October sixteenth town council did, to approve our budget as is and move forward to the coming year so the new dais can vote on it and look at it. Much of the information was being put out about this and I think they had the proper documentation to make the right decision; there was two years of documentation."..." On January twenty second the town council voted on this once again, and passed this on. The next morning I wake up to see this on social media talking about the Brownsburg police department is purchasing a tank that was not on the agenda, for \$230,000 ! I asked my public information people, What are we doing wrong? How is this getting out?"..."So what is interesting to me is I see Mr. Kendall post on there as well right above it and right below this whole thing. Social media says it. Brownsburg police department purchases a tank for \$230,000 was never on the agenda yada, yada,

yada. Then he says I didn't vote for it. That's a fact. But he voted for the budget". The Chief continued..."Several people came and told us that Mr. Kendall was in a bar within hours after the January twenty second meeting saying the Town of Brownsburg police department just purchased \$230,000 tank and was not on the agenda"..."**I'm here to work with everybody here. Mr Kendall, I am here to work with you too.** (Chief Dove with his arms opened pleads and says) What do I have to do? What do I have to say? What do I have to do to earn the trust of everybody on this dais? That's all I want to know. If I've done something wrong please tell me now. If I deny the public trust you may want to go out and ask them. The reason the men and woman work for me so hard is I bust my ass for them. If I'm wrong I'll turn my badge in tomorrow. Is there anybody here that wants me to do that?"



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"We can agree to disagree as a town council, but when we vote on something we want to do it in a way that when we leave the room, we are all supportive of the decision that's been made."

-- Councilman Dennis Dawes

of the Police Commission, speaking on behalf of Commissioner Bolante, and Commissioner Kotarski. "I am speaking on the record for those present (not for Commissioner Smith because he is not with us) but we 100% support the Chief, and everything he has done for this town." Stan continued "Mr Kendall, your silence speaks volumes sir, (after several seconds of dead silence pass to allow Mr Kendall a chance to reply) it's disheartening. As a lifelong citizen of this town, and you been here a long time too, to be so divisive".... "The men and women standing in the back of the room deserve better". (after a long silent pause) "I would say his door is always open if you have any questions or concerns..This is unfortunate, thank you." Dennis Dawes also spoke on the matter, he too expressed his support for Police Chief Mike Dove. See Dennis's insight highlighted mid page.--*The Editor*

That's how much I care about this police department. That's how much I care about this town. **I just have one question (as the Chief raises his left hand in the direction of Councilman Kendall). Are you for it or against it Rob? I have a second question, Is it or is it not the information factual that you did nothing to deter this information to be put out into the public that it is a tank? That's all I want to know. Your silence tells me a lot sir.** I hope somehow I can rebuild your trust, I hope that you can rebuild mine. This is detrimental to the Town of Brownsburg, to have this kind of information being but out as it is being false." "...I am the Chief of Police of the town of Brownsburg, I hope I'm doing a helluva job for you, but if not I will gladly step down. But I will not disrupt public trust that we've worked so hard for."

Glenn Nulty is the first to speak "...you have my support, as a councilman along with Chief Brown, the firemen and women, you've got my support". Don Spencer is the next to speak "Chief I appreciate the comments, I think you know you have my undying support as well". This reporter spoke and reminded the Council, these items were placed on the agenda during the 01/22 meeting by the Town Manager.

Stan Comer approached the lectern, as the President

of the Police Commission, speaking on behalf of Commissioner Bolante, and Commissioner Kotarski. "I am speaking on the record for those present (not for Commissioner Smith because he is not with us) but we 100% support the Chief, and everything he has done for this town." Stan continued "Mr Kendall, your silence speaks volumes sir, (after several seconds of dead silence pass to allow Mr Kendall a chance to reply) it's disheartening. As a lifelong citizen of this town, and you been here a long time too, to be so divisive".... "The men and women standing in the back of the room deserve better". (after a long silent pause) "I would say his door is always open if you have any questions or concerns..This is unfortunate, thank you." Dennis Dawes also spoke on the matter, he too expressed his support for Police Chief Mike Dove. See Dennis's insight highlighted mid page.--*The Editor*

Mr. Kendall - Investigations Continue

Mr Kendall *still* refuses to provide the data to back up the "FACTS" he quoted in his speech during Town Council meetings in 2014.

Dual Office Holding - The public awaits Final Ruling from the State Attorney General The matter is in the hands of the Indiana State Attorney General for a final ruling. *This matter is not closed.*



Advisory Plan Commission - February 23rd 2015 *continued from pg 1*

variances at the December 8, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals, the first variance to allow them to operate as a type 3 automobile related business. The second variance was for a development standards variance to allow for the development of some of the drive-by lanes and the proposed canopy. They also requested a subdivision waiver request for water and sanitary sewer lines to extend across their lot to within 75 feet of the east property line with sanitary stopping at a temporary manhole and water stopping at a permanent fire hydrant. Todd Barker then spoke about the staff review. Since highway 267 is still controlled by INDOT at this location, their approval is needed before final approval of the carwash plans. At this time there is no exact time frame for INDOT approval. Crew Carwash has addressed all staff recommendations. Staff is not opposed to the subdivision waiver requests. Both lots will use the same entrance location so Crew needs to update set back lines. Staff does still need to review the final plans. However, Todd Barker gave a favorable recommendation on this request

At this point, the commission opened the public hearing by asking for citizen comments on the primary plot approval. There were 5 citizens that came to the lectern to ask questions. The questions centered around traffic and whether Crew Carwash was getting a waiver to use the sanitary sewer system.

With no other public comments, Crew carwash was given 5 minutes to answer the questions. Crew said that they had met with Staff and have had plenty of back and forth conversation. The waiver issue was an extension of the utilities and there has been no mention that there is a problem with water and/or sewer. As far as the traffic issue, 2 lots will mean less traffic than 3 lots. There is also less traffic on 267 and Brownsburg will get a better road which should help traffic flow. At this point, Glenn asked for public comments again. Dissatisfied with the answers, the same people addressed the hearing asking the same questions with a little more detail.

Now it was time for commission questions and answers. It was stated that the run-off will go into the sanitary sewer because it needs to be separated. The commission asked if Staff had contacted the Avon Police Department. Staff answered they had asked about staffing but had not talked to anyone directly about the carwash. Glenn Nulty asked where we are with INDOT so we can get completed designs based on the Traffic study and the safety audit. Staff responded that they would review final designs once INDOT recommendations came through. Glen asked for a motion and the motion was unanimously passed with staff recommendations.

Glenn Nulty then opened the next public hearing on PSDP-12-14-1260 CREW Carwash Developmental Plan approval. CREW started

by stating that their focus is on customer service and over the years there has been countless requests to locate in Brownsburg over the years. They have been working with Todd Barker and his staff and have been addressing their questions to make this work. One of the first questions from Staff was about interconnectivity with the CITGO station. Crew had a hard time to contact the owner of the CITGO station, when they finally connected the request for interconnectivity was denied by CITGO. CREW has re-worked the plan to connect to the back of the CITGO station. This plan has been presented but they do not have an answer from CITGO.

They have re-designed their landscaping plan based on staff recommendations. They are putting in a multi-use trail along Green Street in front of the property. The safety study and traffic study used average daily car volumes not peak day volumes. To handle the traffic they have been asked to do the following: change the stacking ability of cars to 81 cars which is higher than Avon which has room for 77 cars and lengthening the left turn lane on Green Street.

The conversation from the commission was focused on the traffic flow on a busy day or time of day. With the stacking ability and 72% less traffic volume than Avon, CREW did think that Brownsburg will see the issues that occur in Avon even on a busy day. The INDOT requirements consisted of an additional right hand turn lane from the exit ramp, additional upgrades to the traffic signal and a left hand turn lane. All of these upgrades will be provided by CREW. The Town can request things above the safety lane already requested. All of this is subject to single access to Green Street.

At this point, Glenn opened the floor for citizens' comments. This part of the public hearing definitely caused more comments from the floor with over 12 people commenting both for and against the carwash. The people who made statements of support for the carwash were Bill Estes Ford, Blanck Chevrolet and the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce all three talked about the family and the business and how good they would be for Brownsburg. To be honest, everyone that spoke was for the carwash just not for the location they picked to build their business.

On the other side of the equation, the question fell into 3 main groupings: 1) Traffic, 2) Hydrochloric acid usage and 3) water pressure/sewer usage. First the Traffic comments, very confused about how many car washes will be done at this location. Is a north bound 50 foot deceleration lane and 100 foot deceleration lane on the southbound, will that be enough? Is there a fire lane? Does the Town have a contingency plan if CREW does not help with traffic? What happens to the existing businesses when people cannot get to them? Already have too many accidents in this area, what will it be with more traffic? Did the traffic study take into effect the new Warehouse at 56th and Northfield? Was it done when school was in session? Will the street construction be done before building the carwash? How many of the commission live north of I-74? (The answer was NONE) With the truck traffic, don't think you can fix the road to get traffic flowing? Please sync the

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Park Board Report Feb 18, 2015 BCSC School Board Feb 9, 2015

The Brownsburg Parks Board met on February 18, 2015 with all but one member present. The items in Citizen's Requests and Comments,



Introduction of new staff, and Old Business were the most noteworthy.

The most exciting news of the night was a presentation by Broch Martindale (from Dow Agro Science DAS). Martindale showed the Board slides of projects the DAS team, made up of active employees and retirees had done for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Nobel of Indiana, and Habitat for Humanity. The projects are done with money raised through fund raisers, fertilizer sales, and plant sales. The DAS team will design and

plant a Pollinator Garden in Williams Park. Of the 2000 employees at Dow, 500 members participate in these endeavors. The question of maintenance was posed. The critical time period is the first three years after which the garden should sustain itself. During this time staff and volunteers will be utilized along with contract service the first year. The planting will take place in the spring and will be a one or two day project with the planting of between 3,000 and 4,500 plants.



Board Member Mrs. Palma expressed a need for handicap available paths. Director Philip Parnin stated that the naturalized area will need signage so patrons understand the purpose of the natural planting area. This area will be similar to the butterfly garden in Arbuckle Acres.

New employees were introduced to the Board. They were Administrative Assistants Elaine Wright and Carolinda Cain and Marketing Coordinator Shelby Pritchett. Past Board Member Joe Almon received recognition for his eight years of service to Brownsburg Parks. Joe served on the Board during some difficult times, especially the closing of the Community and Recreation Center and the establishment of a business plan and surveys of the community.

Director Parnin reported on the progress of the splash park which will be installed in Williams Park. The parts have arrived and now the weather has to cooperate. With the acceptance of the B&O trail, only 31 acres are left to be acquired by the Town which will release funds collected from the development of new subdivisions and held in escrow. The completion of Safe Trails to Schools is not scheduled for completion until July, 2015. Following the March Board meeting Town Attorney Trish Leminger will conduct an initiation session for the Board members.

As I started writing this the hopefully last big snow of this winter is falling. The next morning I was concerned about all the children who are required to walk to school on snowy walkways and those who must wait at snow-filled bus stops. Now, as I complete this, icy sidewalks and driveways are hazardous. One wonders if spring will ever arrive.

-- Anne Sering



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The Brownsburg Community School Corporation Board of Trustees met on February 9, 2015. The meeting started with the usual business items. The meat of the meeting takes place normally in the communications, business and superintendent's comments sections of the meeting. Of course, Comments from Patrons, when they occur, are the most interesting because the Board and Administration has little idea of what will be said. I should also add I find it entertaining to observe the reactions of the Administration and Board. In this case, it is much more comfortable to be on the watching end than the 'how should I react' end. Generally the Administration response is "We'll get back with you later".

Dr. Snapp and Board President Brower presented commendations to Lillian Tobaben, Brenden Cox, and Marcus Johnson. These three students attend Area 31 which is an area vocational program held at Ben Davis High School. Lillian was Outstanding Student in the first quarter in the field of Pharmacy Technology. Brenden was recognized in both the first and second quarters in Construction Trades. Marcus was recognized in the second quarter in the field of Culinary Arts.

John Voigt, Chief Operations Officer, reported that BCSC was able to obtain computers that normally would cost \$900.00 from the state of Indiana for \$1.00 each. Wow! Kat Jessup, Assistant Superintendent, had the task of presenting to the Board six school handbooks: Early Childhood Center, Elementary, Middle, ALPHA, Harris Academy, and High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Lest you worry, I don't believe each Board member is expected to read every proposed handbook. They share the responsibilities and each has oversight of certain areas. Mrs. Jessup also presented the first reading of the updated Acceptable Use Policy as pertained to technology. Mainly security issues were addressed such as no thumb drives and no shared passwords. She also presented a Physical Education Pilot Program to allow students to get credit for participating on sports teams such as is allowed for Marching Band and the show choirs.

Other brief items covered: Dr. Snapp presented the first draft of the 2016-2017 School Calendar mentioning that students' last day would be May 25, 2017 and students would be returning on July 17, 2017; Mrs. Jessup announced summer school dates. The Board approved of the transfer of \$500,000 from the transportation fund to the rainy day fund. This allows the monies to be used at the Board's discretion.

Dr. Snapp's comments at the end of the meeting pertained to the upcoming Istep test. The test's arrived on February 9 for the corporation and what would normally be shipment of 39 boxes were 67 this year. In light of the day's news concerning Governor Pence's wanting to shorten the test, Dr. Snapp's comment was "Political maneuvering hurts students". I plan to ask at the March meeting if all 67 boxes of tests were discarded and replaced with new tests or if the school corporation had to make adjustments to what they received.

BHS Class of 2014 Graduation Rate Highest in the State - Class Sizes GT 200



2014 Indiana state graduation data was released by the DOE today. At 98.3%, the graduation rate for the Brownsburg High School Class of 2014 is tied for 28th overall (out of 400 high schools) and is the HIGHEST IN THE STATE in classes with more than 200 students. Last year's BHS graduating class was 534. Congratulations Team 2014!

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traffic lights. Obviously this was the HOT TOPIC of the evening! The second grouping was about the use of hydrochloric acid in the pre-wash cycle. The questions were: Is the MDS sheet available? What is the safety plan for HCL exposure? The last set of questions was around the water pressure and the volume of water used will it affect city water users north of I-74?

With no more comments, Glenn opened it up for CREW Carwash to address the concerns. Crew carwash then came to the podium to address the concerns stated by the public. As far as the traffic is concerned, CREW carwash is not a destination so the site will not generate more cars using 267. It will use existing traffic. CREW thinks they will be approving the traffic with the road improvements for the project. They are willing to commit to placing cones out on the drive until the stacking clears trying to alleviate the back up on the road. The Warehouse at 56th street was not included in the study but the other two issues were used in the study. The study factored in a 0.5% growth factor a year until 2025.

When it comes to the Hydrochloric acid issue, CREW brought in an expert from the firm that does the sampling for their locations. She stated that they use a solution of 70% Hydrochloric acid and samplings within the tunnels have shown that CREW Carwash is within the OSHA limit of 3ppm. They also have safety kits at each site that contains a salve that can be used if an employee gets Hydrochloric acid on their skin.

Drainage and water issues were covered next. CREW has been told by the Town that is not a regulated drain so drainage is not an issue. As far as the water issue, this location will be a reclaim location which means they will use about 53 gallons per each car that is washed. This has been discussed with the planning staff and they were pleased with how it was being handled.

With CREW completing their answers, Glenn opened up the podium to the public for rebuttals and further questions. The following comments and questions were presented. This will become a destination point because of the monthly rate for unlimited car washes. Is there anywhere else in Brownsburg they can locate where we don't have to do so many variances and change the rules? Still a concern if emergency vehicles can get through the congestion, it is already hard.. This is a regulated drain and should have nothing put in the bottom of the ditch. Lastly, the first aid kit might not be enough for the Hydrochloric acid exposure.

With so much public comment around traffic, it was the center of the questions from the commission. Members were worried about placing cones, would the employees remember to put them out and move them back if they were busy. The Town needs to keep the traffic flowing, maybe a mechanical arm with sensors instead of cones. Is there any recourse for the town, if at some point this really becomes a problem? Is this a reasonable request? The Staff concerns about stacking are now satisfied. Even though the traffic study was done in 2013 it did have a growth rate which alleviates the need for a more recent study. Is CREW willing to come back and rectify the situation, if the traffic becomes a problem? Is CREW willing to submit a safety plan?

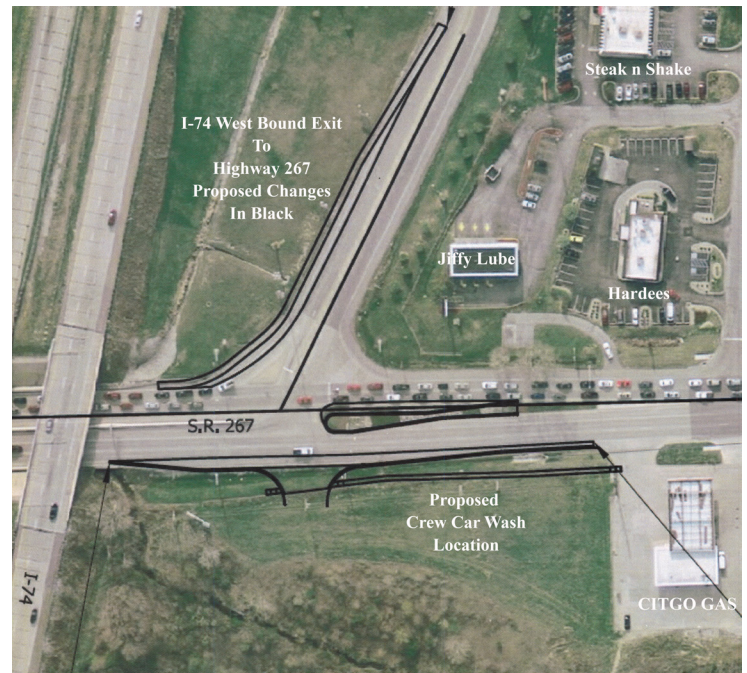
Before taking a motion, Glenn reminded the commission what their charge is in this situation. CREW wants the lot because of the high volume of traffic. It will be hard to monitor and come up with a good plan for reviews. So they needed to go with the basic motion, they


have to accept because CREW Carwash meets all the standards and the improvements will alleviate the traffic concerns. A motion was called for and seconded, with additions of lengthening the south bound turn lane to 200 feet and a safety plan is submitted and approved. The motion passed unanimously. This closed the old business which took almost three hours and when it was over most of the audience left the meeting.

There were still two more public hearing at this meeting. The next up on the docket was PCCZ-01-15-1267 Hoosier Athletic Center Conditional rezone 10508 E US Highway 136 from PUD, PB & GB to Regional Outdoor (RO). They have an application in for voluntary annexation to Brownsburg.

Staff had reviewed with the applicant. They are proposing this to be a regional outdoor same as O'Reilly Racing Park. This is coming in with a favorable recommendation. Staff recommends working with INDOT to improve the egress and ingress into the property. The owner is in negotiations with INDOT right now. The Public hearing was opened with only one comment from Jim Sering who was in favor of the project. Public hearing was closed and a favorable motion was entered and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The last public hearing on the docket was PCMA-01-15-1271 W. Wynne Farms Architecture Commit. Amend. S. Green Street & S. Northfield Drive. A request for changes to the recorded written commitments in ordinance#2013-26. The first step of the commercial area will be storage facilities and there is a need to change some of the building commitments. STAFF proposed to make the wording to include decorative metal that looks like stucco but it can be other types of decorative metals also. At this point a public hearing was opened, no one came up to speak. The hearing was closed. A favorable motion was entered and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Then after 3 hours and 15 minutes the meeting was adjourned.





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