

Shearer Community Center

July 16, 2026

All Trustees were present for this regular meeting presided over by Chairman Kemble. Chairman Kemble called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Also Attending: Derek Reed, Ashley Fodrey, Kevin Fodrey, Dan Spicer, Dave Duncan, and Ray Sheets

Dorene Spicer made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Dave Kemble.

MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

Resolution to place Moratorium on Data Centers in Paris Township

RESOLUTION 50-2026

Dave Kemble made the motion to accept the following resolution to place moratorium on data center, seconded by Ed Samec.

WHEREAS, Data Centers have become a controversial topic in Ohio and the effects on local political subdivisions remain to be seen. Studies must be done on the impact of the health, safety, utilities, and infrastructure of our community; and

WHEREAS, the studies being conducted to provide more comprehensive information on this matter require sufficient time to be completed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by Paris Township Board of Trustees, Portage County, Ohio to place a Twelve (12) month moratorium on the operation/location of any new Data Center in Paris Township to allow time to assess Data Center impacts on health, safety, utilities and infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Paris Township Board of Trustees to consider adding a dedicated section on Data Centers to the Paris Township Zoning Code during the moratorium to fully and completely address the issue.

Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried.

Attest:

I, Linda Shaulis, the duly elected Fiscal Officer of Paris Township, Portage County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Paris Township at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of July, 2026.

Attested this 16th day of July 2026

Linda Shaulis, Fiscal Officer

ZONING BOARD TO MEET

Zoning will meet with the community on August 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Shearer Community Center. 2008 zoning book will be looked at line by line/section by section.

ZONING

Dave Duncan, zoning inspector, reported that 6011 McMullen Allen has cars, trash camper with no plates and tall lawn. Dave Duncan sent a letter to the owner of the violation.

Dave Duncan reported receiving a call from a resident about someone selling picnic tables from their front yard and residents mowing grass onto the roadways. Dave will visit the owner about the picnic tables and the grass into the roadways is a law enforcement issue.

NEWTON FALLS ROAD RESIDENT

Ray Sheets brought up the burned house on Newton Falls Road and no progress being made on repairs to the house and that the owners are still living in a camper on the property. Residents that live around the burned house have offered help and the owner is turning the help down. Ray Sheets would like to see what the zoning book says about the situation. Dave Duncan will visit the owner and write a citation.

NEW FIRE PERSONNEL

Chief Reed would like to recommend appointing Kyle Bruce to the position of paid per call firefighter/EMT with the intention of working part-time shifts and with a starting wage of \$16.00/hr. Chief Reed also recommended appointing Joseph Merritt to the position of part-time firefighter/EMT at a recommended starting wage of \$16.00/hr. Joseph Merritt will be starting as a third (3rd) person to gain some experience with the department.

STATION STAFFING PAY PERIOD 7-1-2026 thru 7-15-2026

Days staffed with two personnel – 1

Days staffed with one person - 0

Days unstaffed - 14

HOSE TESTING

Chief Reed reported hose testing on July 20, 2026 at the Southeast Middle School.

TANKER 2118 MAINTENANCE

Chief Reed would like to schedule an appointment with Fallsway to have maintenance and pump test completed on Tanker 2118. Dorene Spicer made the motion to have maintenance and pump tested on Tanker 2118. This was seconded by Ed Samec. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes, Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #51-2026

AMBULANCE COT ISSUES

Chief Reed reported contacting EMSAR to set up a time to look at the cot on the squad. The department has been having some problems with the actuator.

BURNING ON GILBERT

Chief Reed reported the property on Gilbert Rd, where the woods is being cleared, is burning slab wood with no burn permit and the fire has been left alone. Chief Reed left a letter on the equipment about the burning and will following up.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin Fodrey for passing the National Registry exam and becoming an EMT.

McLAIN TREES

There are some trees on McLain that need to be trimmed. Bickel Tree Service will be presenting a quote for trimming the trees.

UTILITY BUILDING FOR CEMETERY

Ed Samec made the motion to purchase a 10x10 shed for Hawley Cemetery from Schumacher Structures at cost of \$3,295. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes, Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #52-2026

PETITION TO REPEAL ZONING

Resolution to repeal Paris Township Zoning on the November ballot:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PARIS TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution No. 53-2026

CERTIFYING TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A PETITION CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE PARIS TOWNSHIP ZONING PLAN

The Board of Trustees of Paris Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session on the 16th day of July, 2026, at the Paris Township Fire Station with the following members present:

David Kemble
Dorene Spicer
Ed Samec

David Kemble moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been presented a petition requesting that the question of whether or not the plan of zoning in effect in Paris Township shall be repealed be submitted to the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the township included in the zoning plan at a special election at the next general election.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby certifies the petition and zoning map submitted to the Paris Township Board of Trustees requesting that the question of whether or not the plan of zoning in effect in Paris Township shall be repealed be submitted to the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the township included in the zoning plan at a special election at the November 3, 2026 general election; and

RESOLVED, pursuant to R.C. 519.25 the petition is to be similar in all relevant aspects to that prescribed in section 519.12 of the Revised Code, signed by a number of qualified electors residing in the unincorporated area of such township included in the zoning plan equal to not less than fifteen percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in such area at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected, requesting that the question of whether or not the plan of zoning in effect in such township shall be repealed be submitted to the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the township included in the zoning plan; and

RESOLVED, that said resolution shall be certified to the board of elections not later than ninety days prior to the day of election at which said question it to be voted upon.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ed Samec seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
David Kemble	<u>YES</u>
Dorene Spicer	<u>YES</u>
Ed Samec	<u>YES</u>

Adopted July 16th, 2026

The State of Ohio, Portage County,

RESOLUTION CON'T

I, Linda Shaulis, Fiscal Officer of the Township of Paris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of Proceedings of the Paris Township Board of Trustees, and that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution on said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 16th day of July, 2026.

Linda Shaulis, Fiscal Officer

Township of Paris

Portage County, Ohio

CEMETERY REPORT

Ed Samec reported that foundation have been dug and will be poured the week of July 20, 2026

2026-2027 SALT CONTRACT

Ed Samec reported that the state awarded Morton Salt for our 2026-2027 salt contract at the cost of \$59.87/ton

ZONING EDUCATION

Ed Samec brought up about a lot of new members being on zoning that maybe a webinar for a training course to learn the process of zoning. Ohio Township Association has a training course on zoning but the township would have to pay \$30/per person for the zoning personnel to view the training course. The Trustees are going to visit the training course the Ohio Township Association offers to see what the training webinar is about.

225 HOUSE

Dorene Spicer reported that the electric has been disconnected from the house.

FERRELL GAS

Dorene Spicer to contact Ferrell Gas about removing the empty tanks still at the community center.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Dave Kemble reported that the zoning board of appeals will have a hearing for two (2) properties that want variances in Wayland. The hearing will be July 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Shearer Community Ceneter.

ZONING SECRETARY PAY

Ed Samec made the motion to compensate Shawna Bailey for the three months of being zoning secretary. The amount of pay will be \$112.50. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes, Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #54-2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ed Samec made the motion at 7:20 pm to go into executive session to discuss a training contract matter with Chief Reed. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer.

The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m. and the following action taken on the executive session:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Dave Kemble made the motion to grant Jeremy Dewitt a six (6) month leave of absence starting date being July 16, 2026. This was seconded by Ed Samec. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes, Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #56-2026

RECORDER PURCHASE

Ed Samec made the motion for Ashley Fodrey to purchase a new recorder for zoning and zoning board of appeals. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes, Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #57-2026

Upon no further discussion at 7:45 pm Ed Samec made the motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Ed Samec, yes; David Kemble, yes; Dorene Spicer, yes; Motion Carried.

CHAIRMAN KEMBLE	FISCAL OFFICER