

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

City of Findlay
January 31, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Safety Director Paul Schmelzer, Matt Cordonnier, Gary Junker, Jeff Koehler, John Harrington.

Staff Present: Matt McVicker, Kathy Launder.

Guests: Rob White, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); Matt Schnelle, RS&H of Ohio; Bob Miller, Miller Rigging/Car Show.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the July 12, 2018, meeting, by Councilman Harrington, second by Koehler. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

ODOT US 68/SR15 Lima Avenue Project Update: Rob White with ODOT provided an update on the US 68/SR15 Lima Avenue Project. In June/July will rebuild bridge over Lima Avenue, traffic will run on the ramps. Lima Avenue access will remain same. There will be a 10 day closure each side staggered for tie in of ramps.

Department Report: McVicker reported on snow removal service operations. Moved to brooming as best option to clear runways rather than using blades. The bristles are able to get in the grooves to get the snow out. We are currently using a loader with a 10 foot broom borrowed from Hancock County. Would like to buy a broom unit to attach to existing equipment. A used one is \$15,000. Street Department has the potential to build one. Need to confirm compatibility with current equipment. A new one such as the H Series XF Broom Osh Kosh Airport Products costs \$750,000 that is eligible to be purchased with FAA grant funding.

2019 Airport Event Update: Bob Miller and Jeff Koehler are organizing a car show that will be held with the airport event. They will be responsible for running the car show. The Boy Scouts will provide parking attendants to help with parking at the event. They will use it as a fundraiser. McVicker stated that there will be food vendors, aircraft rides, and air shows. The Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau is providing a grant to help offset cost of advertising for the event.

FY19 FAA Project Update: McVicker gave an update on FAA projects.

Runway 7/25 Rehab-crack seal and design and construction will be done in the same year. By doing the crack seal and paint we are trying to extend the useful life by five years. The project will occur in Summer 2020. Cost split 95%-5%.

Putting in for the design of Taxiway section that needs to be a mill fill. Cost split 90%-5%-5%.

The City received an ODOT grant for relocating the Wind Sock and Beacon in separate locations. Project will be completed in Fall 2019.

Wind Turbines: McVicker stated there are 8 wind turbines structures built and in the process of being built, and some are in the phase of the FAA has studied them and determined there is no direct aeronautical hazard to airport. However, the most recent one determined to not have any direct aeronautical hazards, the FAA used data snapshot of traffic December 2016-December 2017. At that time, we had no Category D aircraft based at the airport. We now have two with at least 500 operations at least per year per aircraft. The last wind turbine applied for is located in City limits, the rest are located in Marion Township. The current City Zoning code does not permit wind turbines in the city limits. There is an application filed with the City of Findlay for a variance to be placed by AutoLiv. The City of Findlay permits “small” wind turbines in industrial districts. The applicant wants the Board of Zoning Appeals to permit a significantly larger wind turbine in city limits. Director Schmelzer’s recommendation to City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals is to deny the zoning variance. Director Schmelzer stated that the wind turbines that are already built in Marion Township was before the City had Category D aircraft at the airport. Moving forward the City should modify its Zoning code so that we can review the applications for wind turbines on an individual basis relative to airport and residential areas. There is property on the north side of County Road 99 well suited for industrial use, and we want to see that development take place. It’s potentially a good fit for a wind farm technology. We don’t want the wind turbines in close proximity to the Airport and to residential areas.

Gray Street Drainage Project Update: The Gray Street Drainage project work is done. Punch list items will be completed by Spring 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy K. Launder
City Clerk