

Anderson trustees, parks, schools meet in exec. session

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The working relationship between governmental agencies in Anderson Township might be expanding.

The three have a long-standing working relationship when it comes to services and support between the administrators and staff. In a unique move March 19, members of the Anderson Township Board of Trustees, the Anderson Township Park District Board of Commissioners and Forest Hills Board of Education met in executive session to discuss the purchase of property.

The three entities came together in the spirit of collaboration and it's the first time this has occurred in at least the last 20 years, Township Administrator Vicky Earhart said.

Trustee Andrew Pappas said that this type of collaboration is something voters indicated that they wanted in Anderson Township.

"We promised collaboration," Trustee Josh Gerth said. It's one thing to share gas or services and something completely different to work collaboratively together for the benefit of the community, he said.

Even if not a lot happens, at least the effort was made, Trustee President Russ Jackson said.

Earhart said that the March 19 meeting could be the first of several executive sessions and public meetings between the township, park district and school district.

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