

Manistee County

Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson. Absent: Judy Wheelock

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. Addition: Bill Mathes under New Business. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve agenda with addition of Mr. Methes. Carried. Motion K. Jones; 2nd B. Moore; 2nd P Nelson to approve minutes of the July 12, 2021 election commission. (Only B. Moore, K Jones & P Nelson) Carried.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>. K. Jones presented the operating statement and balance sheet through July 31, 2021. Question: why Litwiller received two checks. Answer: He paid postage for three years on behalf of the township. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to pay all bills presented using checks #8648 through 8673. Carried.

Fire department report. None.

<u>Campground Host</u> – Betsy Hale said there are steady numbers, but the rain has hurt. Downed limbs need attention. Waiting for signage needed for boat dock. Question on how long the dock has been in place. Will be gone from August 18 for a week. Has another couple to cover her absence.

<u>Library report</u>. Dick Hitchingham distributed copies of the Betsie Valley District Library's July report.

<u>Correspondence</u>. Catalogues; library board meeting minutes; County Line magazine.

Old business.

- O Healy Lake Campground playground equipment. K. Moore has been working with the vendor to identify equipment that also fits into our budget. Will be a Spring 2022 project. Ground work will be the township's responsibility as well as placing the "wood chips" that must be tamped down. 40' x 45' area needed preferably on the sandy knoll near the beach. We could purchase equipment yet this year and store it in pole barn. Removal of the large oak stump to be directed to the DNR by clerk.
- Problem trailers on one lot. B. Moore contacted the health department and learned that all trailers must have separate wells and septic systems.
- Disposal of township's lawn tractor and leaf blower. Median price for ExMark lawn tractors was between \$4,500-\$5,000. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd P. Nelson to sell the tractor to Paul Sanderson

- **for \$4,800.** Carried. The current value of the Billy Goat leaf blower to be determined. No decision to sell it yet.
- Minger Foundation's additional request for an ADA compliant access gate and walkway to the tennis court to be constructed on east fence line. Wescott Masonry: \$2,000 for 50'; \$3,500 for 100'. Straight Fence: approximately \$700. Clerk will revise the grant request. Board agreed to the revision.

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- Cemetery flag pole. Decision about what to do to illuminate the flag. B. Moore will purchase a solar light to affix to the side of the pole to shine upward.
- Replace six of the old brown tables in main hall. (6' or 8') The board agreed that the tables need to be replaced with 8' white fiberglass ones.
- Review and adoption of Federal Procurement Policy (requirement for federal monies). Board reviewed the policy and adopted it.
- O Bill Mathes. Resident of Springdale Township presented his plan to build a 10,000 sf recreational Class C marijuana "grow" facility in the township for the benefit of veterans and a 7,500 sf medical grow facility, one in Springdale and one in Cleon. Looking at having a Class C license with 2,000 plants is approximately 10,000 sf of space. Total space could add up to 60,000 to 65,000 sf with grow space, drying and RND. Product would be sold to dispensaries. Asking the township to "opt in". Our existing ordinance would need to be re-written and the board could limit the number of facilities to one. Found an individual on Glovers Lake Rd willing to sell 20 acres to him. Also wish to fund local projects with their profits and put it in writing. Will take 2 ½ -3 years to begin building, for background checks, reviews by the township, setting up a cannabis board to inspect the business etc. Board agreed that we need to discuss this issue with neighbors and friends in the township.

<u>Public comments</u>. 2-minute limit per person or group during public comments. None.

Brief board comments. K. Moore suggests rearranging the agenda to have business items at the end.

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Nelson

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Township Clerk