

# Township of Lake

Huron County, Michigan  
**Minutes of May 19, 2008**

Supervisor Kelterborn called the regular meeting of the Lake Township Board to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Kelterborn, Fischer, McCallum and Hyzer along with 14 guests. Remer absent.

Minutes of April 21, 2008 approved upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report approved upon motion by McCallum, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried. Agenda approved with the addition of M-DOT correspondence and property insurance under old business upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried. Correspondence read, including a letter from MDOT regarding mailboxes and removal of property located within the road right-of-way along M-25 and email correspondence from Bob Siver regarding a township ethics policy.

No petitions.

### **New Business:**

**Planning Commission Appointment.** Motion by Fischer to wait a month, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Property Insurance.** Motion by Hyzer to leave property insurance coverages at current values, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried.

**Payment of bills:** Motion by Fischer to pay all bills, seconded by Hyzer. Motion carried.

### **Comments:**

Discussion on Bob Siver's request regarding an ethics policy. McCallum suggested utilizing samples of such policies provided and recommended by the Michigan Townships Association. Hyzer stated that it isn't necessary to adopt a policy because nobody's done what they shouldn't have done. McCallum will provide further information at June meeting. Further discussion tabled until June.

Neil Rohner, on behalf Brion Dickens from the DLEG and three additional guests from the Harvest Wind Project be scheduled to speak at the planning commission's June meeting.

Gerry Geppert asked about placing a mailbox at the township hall rather than requiring daily trips to the Caseville Post Office. Fischer expressed concern over the time of delivery and the mailbox being hit and mail blowing all over.

Jim Simmons asked about parking on an easement, whether it was something to discuss in the meeting or privately. Hyzer stated it is a subdivision issue and not up to the township. Zoning Administrator Russell stated that a neighbor filed a complaint with the township. Kelterborn will check with the township attorney. Fischer stated that the township already checked with the attorney. Russell stated the attorney said Mr. Simmons cannot park on the easement, it is for ingress or egress, only. Mr. Simmons stated that his attorney advised him that there is nothing to say he cannot park on the easement. Kelterborn suggested arranging a meeting with Mr. Simmons during office hours to review the issue further.

Lou Bushey asked about the blacktopping of Griggs Road. Kelterborn stated the road was surveyed and the road commission doesn't want to do anything until fall. Dan Depner asked what the advantage is to blacktopping Griggs Road. Kelterborn responded that maintenance costs would be lower. Hyzer stated that a couple people on Griggs Road want it blacktopped. Kelterborn stated that it will be a three year process, the first year being ditching and grading, the second year building the road and the third year blacktopping. McCallum recommended sending a letter to property owners on Griggs and Conkey Roads to advise them of the proposed project and to solicit their comments.

Gerry Simmons asked about Sand Road. She stated that Sand Road from Quarry Road to the newly improved portion is mud. Kelterborn responded that the new portion has a good base, but he will have the road commission take a look at the older portion to see whether it is in need of stone. He also stated that the Road Commission has commented about the narrowness of Sand Road in that area and would like to clear the right-of-way. Gerry Simmons stated it is already a race track and until they have police protection, she would not want to see it widened.

Dan Depner asked for a cost breakdown on paving Griggs Road versus maintaining it as a gravel road in order to compare any savings.

Lou Bushey commented that in Chandler Township residents on the road have to pay for 10% of the improvement cost.

Motion by Hyzer to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Valerie McCallum, Clerk

Approved at a Township Board meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2008.

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Clay Kelterborn, Supervisor