

**Lake Township, Huron County
Board of Trustees Meeting
4988 W. Kinde Rd., Caseville, MI.
April 15, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those in attendance: Valerie McCallum, Dale Hartsell, Claren Russell, Clay Kelterborn, Nicole Collins, and fourteen guests.

Agenda: Add to the agenda under New Business, Masterplan Resolution. Moved by Collins, and supported by Hartsell, to approve agenda with one addition. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of March 18, 2019 Minutes: Russell corrected Gypsy Moth established from \$1001 to \$1000. Moved by Hartsell, and seconded by Collins to approve minutes with one correction. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports from Board Officers:

Supervisor- Attorney Crystal Morgan is reviewing the brief of ZBA court decision, and will notify the Township if we have grounds to appeal the March 18, 2019 decision.

Regarding Lake Rd. Quiet Title, Walt Salens, attorney for the County Road Commission, is researching the case.

Treasurer: She has reinvested two Township CD's, each for 6 months with Northstar Bank at 2.2 percent.

Clerk: Nothing to report.

Trustees- Hartsell- Nothing to report.

Kelterborn- Met with Russell Gotts, representative of his mother who is the current owner of the Township Hall. Reviewed preliminary drawings for a new township hall on the current property. He was satisfied and also showed it to his mother who was favorable to the drawing.

Correspondence: CAFPA Minutes, Zoning Administrator's Report, Building Inspector's Report, Comcast Letter of March 26, 2019, and an MPSC Notice for DTE, asphalt bids for Champagne Road which will be discussed under New Business.

Petitions/Public Comments:

Greg Felczak, Dave Vandeburg, Paul Oles, Steve Russell, Patty Russell, Amy Csanyi, Gene Mierzejewski, Norma Oles plus others unnamed came to the

meeting to contest recent Quiet Title decision for the Lake Rd. easement. The opposition to the court decision presented by these residents are as follows:

1. Several residents of the area have statements in their deeds that public access to the lake is by Lake Road. Questioning how a resident can Quiet Title the easement without local residents being notified of the court hearing that awarded the property to one resident.
2. In response to the property being abandoned, the local residents state they have taken care of the easement and the beach for decades.
3. Residents of Sandy Beach Heights have consistently used the beach every year, several stating since the 70's.
4. Gene Mierzejewski has paperwork showing that the Lake Road easement was dedicated in 1941 and again in 1946, to the Huron County Road Commission.

Resident Patty Russell read a personal letter to the Board representing the Sandy Beach Heights' residents pleading for action to restore the easement to the ownership of the people, as it has been for years.

Supervisor McCallum stated the matter is in the hands of the Huron County Road Commission and their attorney, Walt Salens of Bad Axe. Citizens can call or email the Road Commission, and also can contact Mike Powers, the Board of Commissioners' liaison member to the Road Commission to comment or add to the research of ownership and legality of said Quiet Title.

Old Business:

Township Hall- Russ Gotts and his mother approved of the drawings of a tentative township hall. They expressed concern about the electric lines which can be addressed. Since a portion of needed land is in a PA116, there will have to be adjustments made with the property enrolled but that has been researched last year and it may be possible to obtain a portion of the land for use of a public entity. Collins states that a certified survey should be done. The price of \$10,000 for the land and cost of the survey would be the responsibility of the township. A purchase agreement would be drawn up by our attorney.

2018-2019 Budget Review- Move \$900 to Legal Services and \$100 to Office Supplies from General Fund. Moved by Hartsell, and supported by Collins. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

2019 Road Work- An estimate of \$375,000 has been submitted to the Board to reconstruct Champagne Road with 3" of base and asphalt for 2 ½ miles. Board agreed that the southerly end of Champagne Rd. is priority. Further discussion with the Road Commission to be addressed at Wednesday's joint meeting.

Blight- The Board would like to review the property maintenance throughout Lake Township with the Zoning Administrator. A meeting between the Board and Tory Geilhart will be conducted Wednesday, April 24th, at 11 A.M. at the Township Hall. Moved by Hartsell, and seconded by Collins to schedule said meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance- Regarding ridge heights in the ordinances of Lake Township, our attorney and planner suggest amending the current language of "...2 stories or 35 feet " to "35 feet and 2 stories". The amendments will be drawn up by Mark Eidelsen of Landplan, Inc. to be presented to the Planning Commission at their next meeting, April 24th for approval and scheduling of a Public Hearing for adoption.

During the Masterplan Joint Orientation meeting Mark Eidelsen noted the Board of Trustees can implement the right of final approval for the new Masterplan. A resolution stating such was presented to the Board. Motion by Hartsell, and seconded by Kelterborn to adopt **final Masterplan approval rights** by the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote: Yeas-Hartsell, McCallum, Kelterborn, Collins, and Russell. Nays-none. **Resolution 2019-10 adopted.**

Payment of the Bills: EFTPS check removed from the list of bills, added hall maintenance and Frontier billing. Motion made by Hartsell to pay the bills as amended, and supported by Kelterborn. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

There being no further business, motion by Hartsell and seconded by Kelterborn to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claren Russell, Clerk