

Minutes  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
April 11, 2018 Regular Meeting  
12010 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen  
Absent with notice: None  
Also present: Six members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Berens gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the March 2018 minutes as presented which include: Special meeting 3/12/18, Regular meeting 3/14/18 and the Special meeting 3/27/18. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion seconded by Hayward to approve the agenda with the addition of speaking time for Pat Verduin and Amanda Price. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck gave her opening remarks: Spring is here in that the number of building permits has increased. A meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> with AE Com and JD Fisher to try to resolve some of the issues from the building remodel. Dump Day is scheduled for April 14 from 8:00-11:30. She is planning on being there.

Commissioner Greg DeJong gave an update on happenings in Ottawa County. He attended the Michigan Association of Counties Conference in Washington DC. Ottawa County is offering an additional CRASE Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event class on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department is encouraging everyone to get active through their Step it Up Program now being offered. The State has just allocated an additional 1.9 million for road in Ottawa County.

Treasurer Hayward questioned Commissioner DeJong about how Ottawa County can be for both farmland preservation and for assisting in the pursuit of the purchase of farmland for an extension of M-231 in Zeeland. Robinson Township believes in the preservation of farmland. DeJong stated that in the end the farmers may look at the money to be made.

Pat Verduin, who is running for Ottawa County Commissioner 9<sup>th</sup> District, introduced herself to everyone and gave some background on her experience.

Amanda Price from Senator Arlan Meekhof's office addressed the Board and offered her services if anyone has questions or needs assistance.

Public Comment:

Ron Villerius of 11533 Van Lopik Ave expressed his concerns with both the lack of zoning regulations for a strict level of property maintenance and the lack of enforcement. Concerns included: flaking lead based paint on buildings, grass too long, too many vehicles/boats etc. on a property, junk in yards, garbage. Pictures of a neighbor's property at 11565 Van Lopik Ave were submitted as examples of the problems. Supervisor Kuck did advise him of the proper procedure of reporting junk is to file a formal complaint with the zoning administrator who can address the problem.

Lydia Brown of 12645 104<sup>th</sup> Ave expressed her support for Robinson Township and the job that is being done.

Discussion was held regarding the signage in the Park. The "Village of Robinson" had to be taken down due to deterioration of the post. A suggestion was made to look at a poly type of wood for in the future. The sign at the corner tends to be buried in the weeds. Maybe it should be moved to the entrance where it will be more visible. The DNR plaque from the pavilion area could be moved to the entrance also.

Shape Corporation has offered to have a volunteer crew come to work on projects. Project suggestions include: installation of the split rail fence, spreading of wood chips, scoreboard controller. Consensus was to wait until the tree removal had been done before scheduling the volunteers.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Supervisor Kuck's appointment of Rich Sibley to the Planning Commission for a term ending in 2021. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to accept the resignation of Nancy Esnaola from the Park Board. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to appoint Jason VanDort to the Park Board for a term ending in 2021. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Hayward to accept the bid from Garage Door Specialist to replace the doors on the storage garage for an amount not to exceed \$3,017.20. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Section 7.13 to 7.19 of the personnel policy was reviewed. No changes were recommended.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to untable the tree and brush removal in the Park. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Ted Westerman's quote for brush removal in the park with the chips to remain on site. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to untable the discussion on playground equipment. Motion carried.

After a discussion regarding changing the focus of activities being offered in the park to include a fitness area that would be able to host outdoor fitness classes, Kuck made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to table the discussion on playground equipment. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to untable the split rail fence discussion. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion to table the split rail fence discussion. Motion died.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to approve purchase of split rail fence for the park at a cost not to exceed \$400. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

State Representative Roger Victory who is running for State Senate introduced himself to the Board.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck reported that the recreation task force is meeting and moving forward.  
Clerk Saddler reminded everyone to vote on May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Clerk Saddler shared that Ottawa County Emergency Management has a new Director, Nick Bonstell.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Motion carried

Reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Saddler  
Robinson Township Clerk