

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
April 15, 2015 at 7:30PM

**Present:**

Tracy Mulligan  
Jackie Frye  
Bonnie Hayward  
Bernice Berens  
Travis Vugteveen

**Absent:**

None

**Also Present:**

Attorney Ron Bultje  
Christine Saddler, Deputy Clerk  
10 Members of the public

**Supervisor Mulligan opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Berens gave the invocation that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Bernice Berens made a motion seconded by Travis Vugteveen to approve the minutes from March 2015. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Tracy Mulligan asked for agenda item 4.5 - Discuss on Buchanan Trail - be added. Bonnie Hayward made a motion seconded by Bernice Berens to approve the agenda with this addition. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Bernice Berens made a motion seconded by Travis Vugteveen to approve the Zoning Map amendment for Phil Crum to rezone parcels 70-08-06-200-003 and 70-08-06-200-046 from I-1 to B-2 per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Roll Call vote: All voted yes. None voted no. Motion approved.

The Bass River Development Zoning Map Amendment was tabled by the Planning Commission. Bernice Berens made a motion for the Board to table it also. Motion was seconded by Jackie Frye. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Class A Earth Change application for Joe and Jennifer Schlatter, parcel no. 70-08-07-100-014 was presented. Bernice Berens made a motion to approve the Class A Earth Change application with the conditions and stipulations set forth by the Planning Commission at the meeting held 03-24-2015. Bonnie Hayward seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Motion carried.

Toby Jacobson from the Grand Haven Young Bucs discussed their goals for working with the Township Park Board to improve the Robinson Township Park ball field. They would like to apply for a grant from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for these renovations. Bernice Berens made a motion to approve applying for a grant with a commitment to contribute the \$9,000 matching funds for the grant from the Park account. Bonnie Hayward seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Motion carried.

An idea from Mike Fraser was presented to the Board to build a wooden preschool climb-on train for Robinson Township Park. Cost is estimated to be \$6,000-\$7,000. Jackie Frye made a motion, seconded by Bernice Berens to approve \$10,000 to be paid out of the park account towards the cost of construction and installation of the train and additional play items. Roll call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Motion carried.

The Ottawa County Road Commission will be holding a public hearing on April 16, 2015 to discuss the abandonment of Buchanan Trail. After discussion Bonnie Hayward made a motion that in the event that the Ottawa County Road Commission abandons Buchanan Trail and offers ownership of it to Robinson Township, that it be refused. Bernice Berens seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

In addition, Tracy Mulligan made a motion that it is the position of Robinson Township to recommend to the Ottawa County Road Commission to deny the request to abandon Buchanan Trail until all access issues for the interior parcels have been resolved. Bernice Berens seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A correction to the 2015 wage detail was discussed. Travis Vugteveen made a motion, seconded by Bernice Berens that payment for the North Ottawa Community Hospital (NOCH) Board Representative will be \$50.00 per NOCH Board meeting. Roll call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Motion carried.

A resolution of support was considered for an application to the Transportation Alternatives Program through the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Grand River Greenway Trail-Robinson Segment. Jackie Frye made the motion to pass Resolution 2015-04-08 in which Robinson Township will commit to match \$50,000 for the grant for the first segment of the River Greenway Trail. Motion was seconded by Bonnie Hayward. Roll call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Resolution approved.

Bernice Berens made a motion seconded by Bonnie Hayward to pass Resolution 2015-04-09 to submit an application for a Michigan Participation Plan Risk Reduction Grant, and to have Deputy Clerk Chris Saddler write the grant which would be for a security camera for the Township hall. Roll call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Resolution approved.

A discussion was held regarding improvements that need to be made to the Township hall. Bernice Berens made a motion, seconded by Jackie Frye to establish a "Building Improvement Account" using \$100,000.00 of the current Macatawa Public Account 101-000-01600 which has a to-date balance of \$140,624.46. Roll call vote. All voted yes. None voted no. Motion approved.

Bonnie Hayward made a motion seconded by Bernice Berens to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bids for improvements to the Township Hall to be received by June 1, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the stale check policy.

Discussion was held on the Grant of License for the Tri-Cities Youth Football Club. The contract needs to be renewed. Bonnie Hayward suggested Tracy Mulligan work on the contract to make the needed changes and bring it before the Board at the next meeting.

There will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 30, 2015 to consider the M-231 Sub Area Plan Draft presented by LSL Planning. If approved there will be a 42 day review period.

For the Ottawa County Road Commission meeting on April 16, 2015, Tracy Mulligan asked that Bernice Berens not attend as paid Township Board Representative.

Information was presented by Tracy Mulligan from the NORA Board meeting about items they are considering with their feasibility study for the NORA Recreation Complex

Travis Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Bonnie Hayward to pay the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bonnie Hayward made a motion seconded by Travis Vugteveen to close the meeting. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Frye, Clerk  
Robinson Township