

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
May 9, 2018 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, eight 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.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the April 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In her opening remarks Supervisor Kuck stated that the road brining had been done that day. The dates for brining were set in January. The Township Park had been partially closed last week to allow for the tree clearing project to be accomplished. The Fire Department continues to be very busy.

Commissioner Greg DeJong was absent. Commissioner Phil Kuyers stated that the Strategic Water Study will be sent to the Township and they will be working on us to help incorporate it into our planning. The possibility of a joint meeting with the planning commission was discussed.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the additions of: Mulch for the park, Water testing day, Specialty Sands legal bill, Shape volunteer work at the Park, assessor reform proposal, MDOT property on Osborn and Top Grade mining site. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Shawn Potter of 14211 104th, Grand Haven complained about all of the junk and the number of inoperable, unlicensed cars in yards in his neighborhood and frustration that nothing was being done. He stated that there were a large number of unplatd cars at 14151 104th Ave. He stated that his neighbor VanRaalte have a lot of junk in their yard. He was informed that VanRaalte's has an active enforcement and that if there is another specific property that needs to be addressed that a complaint should be filed with the Township so it can be followed up on.

Phil Kuyers of 10090 120th Ave announced that he is running for reelection as County Commissioner for District 9 which Precint 3 is in.

Mary Beth Lemke of 14190 104th Ave complained about the trucks are "jake braking" at the corner of 104th and North Cedar. The noise and dust are terrible. The zoning administrator will be directed to follow up with her and make sure the operating times are being adhered to and what the designated truck route is.

Ron Villerius of 11533 VanLopik praised the parks and bike path. He objects to the letter he received regarding the pictures he took of 11565 VanLopik stating he did not trespass in order to take them.

Richard Potter 14210 104th would like to know if the bike path will be maintained in the winter. He was directed to contact the Ottawa County Parks Department.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to pass Resolution 2018-05-11. This is a resolution to waive the collection of penalties or fines for the non-filing or late filing of property transfer affidavits. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Clerk Saddler to attend a Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries conference in Frankenmuth at a cost not to exceed \$450 which includes conference fee, lodging, mileage and meals. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to pass Resolution 2018-05-12 a Solar Garden Moratorium. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to spend the \$150, if necessary, to purchase plants for the flower beds to replace ones that were damaged by ice. Motion carried.

Section 8.0 of the personnel policy was reviewed. No revisions were recommended.

A discussion was held regarding how to resolve the issues with the Township Hall building renovations. Whether suing or trying to fix it ourselves would be the solution. The consensus was that an estimate from a contractor such as Owens Kimball or Tridon will be gotten to see what needs to be done to fix the problems. After the estimate is obtained a course of action can be determined. A list will be compiled of known or potential problems for the contractor.

The phone line to the garage was severed during the parking lot repaving. Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to disconnect the phone and cancel EPS monitoring of the garage. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to purchase 28 yards of playground grade mulch from Michigan Wood Fiber for both the playground and train to be picked up for a cost of \$420. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

A request to conduct water testing for residents at the Township Hall was received from the Ottawa Conservation District. More information needs to be gathered before a decision can be made.

Kuck made a motion supported by Saddler to leave the current legal bill for Specialty Sands as an open expense on their escrow account. This would not be covered by the surveillance fees as it was a legal bill. Motion carried.

Eric Hayward will be coordinating the volunteer group from Shape to do some work in the Township Park. Kuck and Berens will work together on a list of tasks. Kuck and Hayward will develop a list of projects for Van Lopik and Limberlost properties. It was the consensus of the Board to remove the boards from the seawall on VanLopik.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to table the assessing reform proposal. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the MDOT property on Osborn that was used for the wetland mitigation. They might be looking to donate it and would give the Township the right of first refusal. This will be an item for future discussion.

Discussion was held regarding the Top-Grade mining site and the concerns that there had been a removal of the top soil. We have received a letter documenting that it had been redistributed that we have accepted. We will be increasing the frequency of inspections to ensure compliance with all requirements.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to untable the payment to JD Fisher discussion. Motion carried.

Confirmation has been received from AECOM that the construction was completed per the drawings. The motion that was on the table from March 14, 2018 was: "Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to pay JD Fisher Builders for the outstanding bill for work on the attic furnace enclosure." The amount of the bill was \$1,750. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchase of an outdoor posting board. Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to table the discussion on an outdoor posting board. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a joint meeting with the Township Board and Park Board. Ideas for improvements include disc golf, something for older kids and an exercise area.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. Motion carried.
Reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk