

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016

Members present: Supervisor - L. Bargy; Clerk - S. Ball; Treasurer - L. Atkinson; Trustee T. Cole and Trustee – B. Pharo

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Sheriff Bean and 10 audience members

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

Agenda Approval
Agenda approved by consent

Approval of meeting minutes dated March 1, 2016 special meeting
Motion to approve by Atkinson / Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of meeting minutes dated March 14, 2016 regular meeting
Motion to approve by Atkinson / S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of March 23, 2016 public hearing meeting
Motion to approve by Atkinson / Ball. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick disputed his recent tax assessment. He gave a presentation to the board comparing his property to other properties. He had several questions for the board, regarding current assessments on certain parcels. Bargy referred Mr. Gulick to the township assessor for clarification on his assessment questions.

Deana Jerdee from Paddle Antrim: Presentation of Chain of Lake Water Trail
Executive director of Paddle Antrim discussed the Water Trail project. They are looking to the townships for support and information on the public access sites for the water trail. Park and Rec., committee has a sub-committee that has gathered information and will work with Paddle Antrim on access sites for the water trail project. Glenn Paradis asked who would clean up after the paddlers. Jerdee said they are working on those issues now.

Presentation: Tyler Krych and Jesse Denherder: Kewadin Skateboard Park
As the years go by, the skate park has deteriorated and become unsafe. He presented a proposal to upgrade the Skate Park to be more functional and family friendly. We would use the current footprint, but remove the existing equipment. Patch the concrete. The cost would be through crowd funding, no township dollars. We want to repaint over the graffiti and remove the overgrowth in favor of manicured landscaping. The jumps and ramps would be more weather resistant and would hold up to Michigan winters. We want to put in trash cans and would be willing to maintain them. Phase II would be to build a

quarter or half pipe on the west side of the park. Phase III would be to remove the driveway and add a skating bowl.

S. Ball asked how this would be rated for liability purposes. Krych said he wants this to be useable to all ages. Nothing will be big and scary. Once we figure it out, we could send pictures and make sure you're okay with it.

Motion to proceed with Phase 1 of revamping the skate park by S. Ball / Atkinson.
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Bean

Bean gave a presentation on Smart 911. 75 total runs for the month of March. Update on new dispatchers and other personnel updates.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

4 runs for March. 16 calls for the year so far. Luke Gillette has resigned from the department due to time constraints. Staff level is 17 members. Update on grant proposals. Collecting for MD at the junk day on April 30th. Starting to recruit for new members for the FD. Update on training. Update on trucks. Would like board approval to go out for bids on a new truck. We also need to appoint officers.

Motion by Cole to send specs for pricing on a new truck. Seconded by Pharo. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the following as officers for the Fire Department by Pharo \ Cole.
Motion carried.

Deputy Chief: Dan Doherty

Captain: Dan Butler

Lieutenant: Tim Tilley

Lieutenant: Kevin Ball

Safety Officer: Mike Tilley

Secretary: Andrea Albert

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

Planning commission will meet tomorrow. ZBA met last month and elected officers.

There is no ZBA meeting this month. Still working on Cottage Cove septic escrow.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Lata

7 runs for Milton in March. 22 total calls for the area. On time percentages are at 86% for the month. Everything is going well.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Update on Bigelow agreement. Update on grant application for Maplehurst property.

Update on farmland preservation. Recycling will be on the ballot county wide.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Bargy discussed language in the DNR grant for Maplehurst regarding their objection to language. It must be changed in order to be accepted. It's common to have opposition to a project. You must focus on the support you get as well. We have had a lot of support.

Atkinson is for removing the language and sending the application through. Cole said he's surprised that we are being given the option to fix the grant. Cole said the DNR sees the fact that we are willing to put the issue on the ballot, that it doesn't have the support of the board. And that's not the case. Cole said he's been away, but he's gotten one negative response and an overwhelming number of positive responses. Pharo said he's yet to see a full list of costs on the project. Brian McDonugh of the GT Conservancy spoke regarding the application. We can work to get the project agreements signed and in a form where everyone is agreed. S. Ball said she's got a problem saying that we as a board agreed to put it to a vote of the people and now we have this problem? Do we disregard what we said? How do we make that right? Bargy said we will have to put it in the minutes that we had to do this to make the application eligible. Atkinson said she believes this park could be approximately \$40K per year for the maintenance costs. We contacted the Long Lake Township. They have a township budget of \$10K for their maintenance costs. I think we can keep ours to a minimum. Brian said regarding the commitment we made during the tour, getting the property as a clean slate and then setting up a small endowment. It will be your responsibility to cover maintenance costs. Cole said he doesn't have a problem with rescinding the wording on the application. In good faith, the board will provide a second survey, to make sure we are doing something that the people are not against. The survey indicated a large positive response. The board resolution gives conditional support, which is not what the DNR wants to see. Bargy, Cole and Atkinson said they are in favor of removing the language from the grant.

Motion to rescind resolution 2016-13 by Cole. Seconded by Atkinson.

Roll Call:

Pharo: Yea

Bargy: Yea

Atkinson: Yea

Cole: Yea

Ball: Yea

Motion carried 5-0

Motion to adopt resolution 2016-14 in favor of the DNR grant application for Maplehurst natural area by Cole. Seconded by Atkinson

Roll Call:

Bargy Yea

Atkinson: Yea

Ball: Yea
Cole: yea
Pharo: Yea
Motion carried 5-0

Bargy got bids for drainage work in the parks. The ER Soccer Association will cover the cost of the south area. Two bids: \$3925 from Steuer. Mel's Excavating bid was \$4500. Motion to approve Steuer by Pharo / Cole. Motion carried.

Bargy asked Glenn Paradis about a plugged culvert on Cherry Ave. Bargy is asking the county road commission to clean the culvert. It's between the basketball court and the house. Paradis said he will talk to the road commission about it.

Public Comment

Keith Termaat asked regarding the Maplehurst site plan. We are in the initial phase. There is a lot of flexibility. This should be a mixed use site. He thinks this would be an excellent site for a small hospital that would satisfy the needs of our community. Atkinson said this will be a designated natural area. The DNR will not allow buildings that are not for recreational use.

Approval of Bills

We will have to postpone the approval of the bills due to technical difficulties.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:35 pm.