

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016

Members present: Bargy, S. Ball, Atkinson, Cole and Pharo

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Sheriff Bean and 7 audience members.

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

Agenda approved by consent.

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 by Atkinson/S. Ball.

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Gosling Czubak Proposal was submitted for Professional Services: For Milton Township Waterfront Park Implementation – Phase 3. Design to include the Kayak Launch: Board discussed what the total cost of the launch will be with the grants included. The Milton match would be \$30,135. Pharo asked why we should spend 10k for the professional services now. Don't we need to own the property first? Greg Payne from the P&R committee stated that kayak launch will be on the access that we already own. We can proceed with the Kayak Launch without the Bigelow Property. Pharo said my concern is; we haven't approved buying the property yet. Why should we spend this money now? Bargy said the conservancy is going forward with purchasing the Bigelow property and we've been awarded our grants. Derman spoke regarding the legal issues. It should close this week. If something happens and the sale doesn't go through, the kayak launch will be on our road end access.

Motion to approve \$10,980 for the Gozling Czubak proposal by Cole/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Beachfront Development Recommendations

As presented by Dick Gray and Greg Payne

A presentation was given regarding the requirements for the grants and agreements.

Discussion about what buildings would be torn down and which would stay.

Traverse City Rotary \$30,000 Acceptance Agreement:

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Cole. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Sheriff Bean

Total events for December: 107. This is up from last year's total of 92. Update on personnel, staffing, and training. Update on phone scams. There is an IRS scam going on and another where the caller says that you've won a new car if you send money.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball

14 total calls for December. 109 calls for 2015. 91 for 2014.

Call volume is 80% during the daytime hours. Mutual aid calls are down. Our busiest month was August and our busiest days are Sundays. Update on training report for the year end. We received a \$150 donation from Paddle Antrim. Ball said the department would like the opportunity to use the old buildings for training purposes at the new park location.

Zoning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel

He will be at the MTA conference next week. Last month we appointed new members.

My mistake, we had already done that last year. We now need appointments to 2019

Planning Commission:

Jim Stilson, Bill Hefferan, Chantel Lefebvre

ZBA:

Don Anderson, Adam Jankowski, Richard Burdo

Motion by Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Planning Report

As presented by Stilson

Update on 25 foot protection strip. Tomorrow night's meeting will be reviewing 25 foot protection strip, and reviewing the PUD. Election of officers and review meeting dates for 2016.

Ambulance Report

As presented by John Locke

For December, we have had 28 calls. Our on time percentage is 79%. There had 14 calls in Milton Township.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman

Discussion on Public Act 269 regarding local ballot issues. It greatly impacts how you communicate with your voters regarding ballot issues. Update on park lands. Update on Farmland Preservation. Update on Cottage Cove. Update on county wide recycling. Update on ER Hydro Dam licensing.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be: Monday, March 21st. at 6 pm.
Special meeting with Chief Jeremy Ball and the Township Board: Jan. 19th at 8 am

Public Comment

Liz Kaczan shared concerns that having a pavilion in the main lodge could be dangerous so close to the road. Discussion of removing the buildings on the Earle property.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by S. Ball/Atkinson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:17 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the February 8, 2016 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball
Milton Township Clerk