

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2015

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

Also present: Attorneys Derman, Weinzapfel, Chief Ball, Holtcamp and 8 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 May 11, 2015  
Correction by Cole. Add "Motion Carried" after "Motion to proceed as discussed in closed session by Pharo/Cole.  
Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Atkinson/S. Ball.  
Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Shan Lewis of N. West Torch Lake Drive has concerns of private encroachment on the 66 foot public access site located at the end of Campbell Road off N. West Torch Lake Drive. Concerns stated; Split rail fence encroaching on the access along with trees planted there as well. This looks like private property, not a public access. In the last couple weeks, they've added a drainage basin on the 66 feet. In the last year, this access has changed greatly. Have all these changes been approved by Milton Township for private use. Bargy said it's a 66 foot road end access. They have a right to use it to enter their driveway. Weinzapfel said he's been watching it and they have been informed that they can't park there overnight. Lewis said she's concerned about the fence and the large trees which are near the center line of the 66 feet. It's difficult to turn around at the bottom. Weinzapfel said that there is an existing row of old trees that follow the line in the road right away also. As for the fence, he hasn't pressed them about it. We will give them one more warning and then we will look at removing it. The people with the new construction to the north have also been warned that they must plant only on their property. Bargy said Weinzapfel will address the issue.

**Sheriff's Report**

134 total calls for May.

**Fire Department Report**

As presented by Chief Ball

We've had a total of (7) calls for May, (32) total for the year so far. We are planning for Torch Fest on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

I would like the board's approval to appoint Andrea Albert as the new secretary. Motion to approve by Pharo/S. Ball. **Motion carried.**

We have a new member, Dave Findly. I would like the board's approval to bring him on to the department. Motion to approve by Pharo/S. Ball. **Motion carried.**

Update on the following; truck committee, truck maintenance and equipment testing.  
Update on Explorer Program and the summer training schedule.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding the fireworks being moved to the ball diamond in Alden. Chief Ball said Alden is currently working on that. Some nearby homeowners have concerns.

### **Zoning Report**

As presented by Weinzapfel  
No ZBA meeting this month.

### **Ambulance Report**

As presented by Holtcamp  
193 calls since we started six months ago. We are doing well as far as response times. 67 of those calls were to Milton. The old ambulance being donated to Milton, will be ready this week. Update on open houses. Wed. June 17 and 24, noon to six pm. We will be serving hot dogs and you can tour the ambulances. We will also have free CPR lessons. This will be posted in the paper and on the website.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding any issues with transporting people to Munson through the traffic mess. It hasn't been that bad for us bypassing it. We just avoid that stretch if at all possible. We are looking at maybe 10-12 extra minutes.

### **Planning Commission Report**

As presented by Weinzapfel  
They will be addressing five amendments to the zoning ordinance. Weinzapfel discussed each amendment. They will also look at a request to amend the zoning ordinance regarding non-conforming homes on non-conforming lots.

Weinzapfel discussed a lot division requested.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to approve the lot split request such that half of (Lot # 50) will be recorded to (Lot # 49) and half will be recorded to (Lot # 51.) **Motion carried.**

Update on DeFauw property regarding possible litigation.

Update on Master Plan. Completed copies should be available shortly.

### **Attorney's Report**

As presented by Derman

The DNR is upgrading the access on Arwood Trail. Update on possible road funding from the state. Update regarding Freedom of Information Act. New policies have to be adopted. There is a presentation regarding the township grant application for the DNR. Update on Farmland Preservation. Metro act payment should be in soon if not already. No new word on county funded recycling. Update on Shanty Creek Water System.

### **Supervisor's Report**

As presented by Bargy

There is a request from GoslingCzubak for an additional payment to continue on with the grant process and planning of the park. The payment amount requested is \$12,880.00.

The money will come from the park fund.

Motion by Cole/Atkinson to approve the \$12,880 for GoslingCzubak to continue their work on the park project. **Motion carried.**

They have started road work on Chippewa Trail. Cole reported that last year's culvert work on MacKenzie is deteriorating. Bargy said he would report it to the Road Commission.

Atkinson said she would like us to look into the removal of the tree stumps. The township will get bids.

We have some problems with one rental house. The renter went away for the winter and turned the heat down. The pipes froze and broke. It doesn't make sense to fix it when we are going to be removing it. The renter has a contract until September. But, he is leaving for three months. He has requested that he be allowed to leave his things there until August. Bargy stated that there has been interest in the buildings. The board can accept written/sealed bids for the structures. The bids will be for the two little cottages and the garage. They will be sold separate and the after removal of the buildings, the building site will need to be cleaned up by the purchaser of that building.

Chief Ball asked if they don't have any requests, could the FD train in the structure. Bargy stated that would be okay.

### **Public Comment**

Shirley Snare from Joe Marks Tr., inquired about random signs that need to be removed. Weinzapfel said he would drive over and take a look. The road commission has torn up chunks of asphalt on Joe Marks Trail. I have picked these large chunks up off of my lawn. Do they need to go so fast? Bargy stated that they need to maintain a certain speed in order to move the snow.

### **Approval of Bills**

Cole asked regarding the bill on Weathertop? Payment is for their special assessment for the paving. They have two more years to pay on it. Cole asked regarding damage to the well on the park property. No one knows exactly when it happened.  
Motion to approve the bills by Atkinson/Cole. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:55 pm.

These minutes are subject to board approval at the July 13, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball  
Milton Township Clerk