

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016

Members present: Bargy, Atkinson, Cole and Pharo

Members absent: S. Ball, excused

Also present: Attorney Derman, J. Ball, Weinzapfel, and 20 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 November 14, 2016

Change motion currently reading:

Motion to approve the Gilbert lot split with the condition of the roof removal and meeting the setbacks by Pharo/ S. Ball. Motion carried.

Change to:

Motion to approve the Gilbert merger and consolidation request with conditions of the roof removal, meeting all zoning ordinance requirements with a written formal recorded agreement by Pharo / S. Ball. Motion carried.

Chris Kushman spoke regarding the Traverse City to Charlevoix Tart Trail. Cole suggested Kushman meet with concerned farmers to establish possible solutions to trespassing and spraying issues.

2016-19 resolution to support the planning of the Traverse City to Charlevoix bike trail concept by: Cole/Atkinson.

Roll Call: B. Pharo – Yes; L. Bargy – Yes; T. Cole – Yes; L. Atkinson – Yes.

Absent: S. Ball

Motion carried: 4-0

Public Comment:

Scott Briggs asked regarding the Sutter Road access. Lon said he spoke with Heidi Shaffer and there are some proposed changes. She proposed reducing the catch basin. She also proposed to put catch tiers on the south side where the water actually flows. Briggs asked about the docks being stored on the access? Weinzapfel said he will discuss it with the owner when he returns, and make sure the docks are not on the access property in the future.

Dennis McQuillan asked how many public accesses? Weinzapfel has a list of all of the access sites and their use. He will provide that to McQuillan.

Tom Paradis asked regarding the progress on Maplehurst. Bargy said the grant went through. We are still looking at 1-2 years before it becomes the township's property. The conservancy still needs to raise \$1.8 million over and above the grant. They will fence around the lodge shortly. They are going to put a better gate up to keep people out.

Cal Nagy said he'd like to see a timeline of events and how things will happen. If it does go public, is there any way the township can compensate neighboring property owners for their property rights. Nagy has water and fishing rights to the lake and he's wondering about compensation.

Sheriff's Report

As presented by Bargy
108 total runs for November

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief Ball
18 total calls for November. Update on new truck. Current updates include grant funding for neighboring townships and mutual training, mutual aid agreements, risk management policies that require approval. We can hold this off until next month.

Zoning/Planning Report

As presented by Weinzapfel
Planning and Zoning didn't meet last month. No update on Cottage Cove Septic System. Jim McKimmy has requested a change to his multi user septic agreement. He would like it to go 3-5 years between pump outs, rather than annually. Working on finalizing the Gilbert land agreement. Black book 2016-07 regarding the zoning change for Boat House Storage from Ag to Light Manufacturing is done.

Ambulance Report

As presented by Lata
Milton had 15 calls for November. Due to snow, on time percentage dropped to 79%. Call volume, we are at 383 calls for Antrim County.

Attorney's Report

As presented by Derman
Development grant for the Bigelow property didn't go through. They will start demolition and disconnect natural gas and sewer lines. Update on Cottage Cove multi user septic escrow account. Update on Amendment 2016-07 is now in effect. Tax tribunal matter with Jordan Development is resolved.

Supervisor's Report

As presented by Bargy

Elk Rapids and Milton are in discussions on how to better utilize our fire department services. Elk Rapids is also considering extending their sewer line out Cairn Hwy., they would like Kewadin to hook in. This is being evaluated.

Public Comment

No one wished to speak

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Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

These minutes are subject to approval at the January regular meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:33 pm.