

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018

Members present: L. Bargy, L. Atkinson, T. Cole and B. Pharo. Absent: S. Ball.

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, B. Kingon and 12 audience members.

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

Agenda Approval: Additions are as follows. MNRTF Development Grand, Library Correspondence, Website upgrade, Park Greenbelt, ADA Ramp, and Consumers Power Resolution 2018-12.

Agenda approved with changes by consent.

Approval of Special meeting minutes of May 22, 2018
Motion to approve by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2018
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/ T. Cole. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Fred Gulick spoke in opposition of the township's decision to install a greenbelt in the waterfront park. How can the township be exempt from the 25ft. protection strip in the new park? He also shared concerns regarding the 25ft. protection strip ordinance. This should have been voted on when the summer residents returned.

Cole noted that part of the park is exempt from the protection strip because it's a public beach.

Barry Cole introduced himself. He is running for Probate Judge for Antrim County. A brief explanation of the office and his qualifications were given.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Resolution: #2018-13

Motion to approve by B. Pharo/T. Cole.

Roll Call: Cole - Yes; Pharo - Yes; Bargy - Yes; Atkinson - Yes. Absent - Ball

Motion carried 4-0

The library treasurer has requested a letter in support of the proposed expansion. Cole was in favor. Pharo opposed. The board decided not to provide a letter as requested.

ADA Ramp at Old Town Hall Bid:

Svec's bid came in at \$26,410. The bid includes the installation of handrails. The bid from Julian Concrete came in at 23,655 without installation of handrails.

Motion by Cole/Pharo to approve SVEC Construction Bid for \$26,410 for a new ADA ramp. Motion carried.

Discussion on website upgrades. Atkinson said she'd like to have permission to research costs for the upgrade. Board members agreed to explore the options.

B. Kingon discussed the RFP for a greenbelt for the Milton Waterfront Park. We put out requests to 18 companies and one came back. A committee evaluated the proposal and requested some revisions. The price went from \$11,600 to \$19,150. It falls within the \$20K that was estimated for this project. The grant will pick up 75% of the project, leaving \$4800 for the township to match. ELSA said they would contribute \$2K toward the township match. The committee recommended approval of the bid from Inhabitect dated June 8, 2018.

Motion by Cole/Atkinson to approve up to \$3,000 toward the greenbelt for the Milton Waterfront Park. Motion carried.

Consumers Energy Resolution to change street lights to high pressure sodium. It will be a \$68 savings per month/light. Cole asked about LEDs. Bary didn't have the information at hand to discuss regarding the comparison from high pressure sodium to LEDs. Board agreed to review additional information.

Sheriff's Report: 113 runs for May.

Fire Department Report: Chief Ball

8 calls for May. Discussion of training burn at Maplehurst. The new truck has been delivered and is at Station #2 right now. Training and maintenance reports given. Information provided on accidental death insurance. One bid received for a water softener at Station #1. Working on getting other bids.

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Currently reviewing special use permits for accessory structures larger than their primary structures. Tomorrow night's agenda; Clark and Son's signage and Tad Dowker's storage. Hefferan discussed Dowker's request for access to US 31 versus Quarterline Rd.

Ambulance Report: B. Pharo

17 runs for the month. There have been two complaints this month that Pharo is following up on. Overall, satisfaction level has been high. Complaints were regarding care and cleanliness of the ambulance.

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Project agreement with the DNR regarding Maplehurst. They are anticipating this to come back to the township soon. Update on Cottage Cove, DeFaw/Rambling Hills and Betty Lane. Reiterated on Eckardt property and resolution presented.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to approve Eckardt Resolution #2018-14

Roll Call: Pharo – Yes; Atkinson – Yes; Cole – Yes; Bary – Yes. Absent - Ball

Motion carried 4-0

Supervisor's Report: L. Bary

Two bids submitted for removal of a willow tree on Severance Ave. The tree is right on the property line. Northern Tree bid \$3300. Unlimited Outdoor will also remove and grind the stump for \$3000. The property owner that shares the tree, suggested sharing the cost with the township. Cole and Pharo agreed to the arrangement. Once the tree is removed, we should look at the drainage there.

Motion by Cole/Pharo to approve \$1500 toward the tree removal on Severance Ave.

Motion carried.

Regarding the possibility of continuing the sewer line into Kewadin. There has been enough support to do further research. Next month we will come back with more information to review.

Cole said someone has discovered a 10" black pipe at the Winters Rd. access that washed up on shore. They would like to get rid of it but wanted our permission. Cole told her she could go ahead and remove it.

Public Comment: Joyce Grammer asked where the sewer line would go. Bary said the corner of Cherry Ave. and Cairn Hwy. It's still in discussion. How many were in favor and how many were against? Bary said they haven't narrowed that down yet. They will study it further.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Atkinson/Cole to approve the bills as presented.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:00 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the July 9th. 2018 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball, Clerk