

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, B. Muma and 13 audience members

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

Agenda Approval by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of May 13, 2019

Pg. 2: That the township include **an annual permit** fee of \$200

Motion to approve as corrected by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of May 21, 2019

Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Deena Jardee of Paddle Antrim presented the details of the Paddle Antrim Water Trail access sites. Signage standards have been developed and they would like signs installed at each of the designated sites. They are requesting review and approval of this agreement.

Cole noted in the agreement that signage would have sponsors listed and the township has refrained from that. All board members agreed. Jardee said this is the way to insure they have income to provide for the maintenance for the signs. Cole asked about the maintenance of the way-finding signs. Jardee said these are the brown signs and would be the township's responsibility.

Pharo said he was not in favor of approving the agreement without further review. Jardee said she's happy to answer any questions.

Kelly Trammel has a home off of Stallman Road. He would like to know why there is an unpaved strip on Stallman. Can this section be paved? I don't speak for all of the residents but I would like to see this portion paved.

L. Bargy stated that section is narrow and they would have to widen it and tear out a significant number of trees and many residents didn't want it done. It would cost as much to do that small portion, as it did for the rest of the road. Bargy said ultimately it was the decision of the road commission and the budget for the paving. Bargy agreed to discuss it with the ACRC.

Robin Sims has been campaigning for extending the public sewer. She said she is willing to go door to door but she needs to know costs. Derman said it may be a good idea to have a public meeting to discuss and see what you are planning.

L. Bargy said he would like to determine the level of interested.
Pharo said he is not interest in creating a sewer system for Milton Township.
Brad Muma said if the level of interest is there, the process would include a design phase to determine different scenarios to come up with a cost. Then you could create a plan to make application to the USDA for possible loans or grants.
S. Ball asked about fees. Muma said it would be the engineer coming up with preliminary design. A ballpark might be \$20K, plus or minus to draw up the plan.
Bargy suggested we see how much interest there is. To see if the public would like to have an informational meeting.
Bob Kingon said ESLA would like to see the sewer system around the lakes. The lakes associations would be happy to help.

A letter was sent out to 8 residents on S. West Torch Lk., Dr. to address a complaint that was made regarding the current LED lighting. The light now shines directly into their home. Consumers Energy gave the option to remove the light. Four responses were received. One spoke in favor of keeping the light and three were in favor of removing the light.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to remove the street light. Motion carried.

PA 116 Agreement from Dan and Anna Boals. This is an application for a Farmland Agreement between Natural Resource and Dept. of Agriculture with state of Michigan. This needs to be approved by the board. The state wants to know that the property is actively being farmed.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve PA 116 agreement from Dan and Anna Boals.

Sheriff's Report

Submitted. 124 runs for May.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief J. Ball

12 runs for May. Update on Risk Management visit. Hose testing has been completed. Follow up on trees leaning on phone/cable lines. Working on automatic aid agreements with other townships. Update on Peninsula Township truck.

Zoning Report: by C. Weinzapfel

We had a meeting with Mountain Park Association and discussion on Betty Lane Rd. Weinzapfel would like the board's approval to recommend the Planning commission to schedule a Public Hearing at the August meeting for the Weekly Rental Ordinance.

Motion by L. Atkinson/S. Ball to direct this to the Planning Commission for a Public Hearing. Motion carried.

B. Pharo addressed his concerns regarding the language in the proposed ordinance. B. Kingon informed Pharo that they have proposed some changes to the language and will

forward that information for review. We will then bring it back to the board for final approval.

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

No report

Ambulance Report

Submitted, 10 runs in May.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Maplehurst Grand Opening will be June 15th at 10:00 am. Update on Farmland Preservation. Status given on Betty Lane.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Bargy

The ACRC will be starting the road work. We have approved Ringler for an overlay on existing pavement. Winters, Bussa, Easily, O'Dell and a portion of Indian west of Cairn will be crack and chip sealed. Also we will be doing 1,650 of Erickson. We will also be splitting Birch Lake Road with Elk Rapids Township.

Public Comment

Fred Gulick asked about the Farmland Preservation initiation being placed on the ballot. Derman explained that the Regional Land Conservancy asked for this to be on the ballot and the township approved it. Gulick asked if a private citizen could ask for something to be placed on the ballot. Derman said he's never heard of a private citizen making a request like that.

Brad Muma said Elk Rapids Township is having an informational meeting with Inwood Harbor regarding a sewer extension from Birch Lake to Inwood Harbor. This is the 19th at 4 pm at the Elk Rapids Governmental Center.

Tom Paradis asked about boundary line markings regarding the Maplehurst Property. Atkinson said the signs were received today and they will be put along the fence. Paradis said there is no boundary markers for the property on Powell Road.

Jerry Sorgi had questions on the township website. The contact feature isn't working. L. Atkinson is working on this.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:15 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the July 8, 2019 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available on line at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball
Milton Township Clerk