

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2019

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

Also present: Attorney B. Derman, C. Weinzapfel, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, Brad Muma, and 26 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 July 8, 2019
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of July 10, 2019
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of July 25, 2019
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/T. Cole. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dave Schultz of Rapid City came before the board with a group of pickleball players. His group is requesting for more courts to be striped for pickleball. We have almost 20 people trying to play pickleball on two courts. We understand they are planning on striping one court on Indian Road for pickleball. Bargy said that is the plan.

Bargy said we need some help from the group financially, or approach the other townships to see if they can provide financial assistance. The cost to convert the two courts in to six, would cost roughly \$12K. If we were to call within the next week, it could be done by Labor Day. Schultz said it would be a challenge to raise that kind of money in that short amount of time.

Schultz said if those could be striped immediately, we could then look for additional funding.

Bargy said the court being done on Indian Road is being done because money was donated for it.

The cost to come in and paint one court on Indian Rd., is around \$500. Cole asked regarding the conflicts between tennis and pickleball? Have we looked at the usage? Bargy said the tennis players use that court weekly.

Kathy Finnigan of Highland View Drive Rapid City asked why the tennis players aren't being asked to pay for taking care of the courts. She knows someone who has offered to

paint the courts. Bargy said we are doing basic maintenance on the courts. We aren't doing something new.

Bargy said we are asking the soccer people and the baseball people to cost share on work that is done on some of the fields.

Frank Grulo of East Harbor Drive, Elk Rapids said the pickleball lines are difficult when you are playing tennis. They take you off your game. He would not like to see it on all four courts on Indian Road.

Cole asked how many days per week do the pickleball people play? Finnigan said they play three days per week, and we don't have the room to play. Cole said he has concerns about numbers. I don't want to see us do it and it not be the best fit. I think we need to look at that before we turn them all into pickleball courts.

Atkinson said we also have the high school that comes out to use our courts for the tennis team. We are trying to strike a balance here.

S. Ball said there are increased numbers on team sports all the time. They work it out by creating a schedule. You may have to create a schedule and alternate days.

Schultz said if they were all striped for both players, tennis and pickleball, we would have the opportunity to schedule for pickle ball.

Bargy said if we do that, the tennis players might come and the courts would be full and then they couldn't use it.

Kathy Finnigan said pickleball players have increased 650 percent. Giving us four courts and letting the tennis players use the Cairn Highway courts would be the best option.

Warren Hamburg of Rapid City asked if there are any grants available. Bargy said those are applied for in the spring. Atkinson said she will check into grants.

Jack Hart said when the township didn't have a lot of money. We took care of the tennis courts when it started. I think three and three is a good compromise.

Gary Manthi of Cherry Ave, Rapid City supports the idea of creating six pickleball courts on Carin Highway and leaving the rest for tennis.

Jim Stilson shared his concerns on the recent work that was done on Bussa Rd. They put a very thin layer of tar and chip on it and never fixed the shoulder of the road. There is a three to four inch drop in some places. There are places where it's eroded away. If you go up and down the road you can see where they crack filled and you can see all of them at this point. You need at least a two foot shoulder. The sides are eroding, there are many different places where the shoulder drops off. I know this can't be fixed this year, but there is no one here that goes and checks it. I'd like to show someone the problems with

this road so we can look at how to get it fixed. It's a waste of money. Bargy said he will call the road commission tomorrow, to have them take a look at it.

Paulette Termatte asked if a clock could be put in the old township hall for the people who do the exercise group? Bargy said he's sure we can put some kind of clock in there.

Sheriff's Report:

Submitted. 403 total calls for July.

Fire Department Report: Chief J. Ball

26 runs for July. 89 for the year. Update on the tanker from Peninsula Township. Report on agreements with neighboring townships, fire department programs and personnel.

Zoning Report: C. Weinzapfel

CAD has requested a road name for North Shore Docks. This needs approval from the board. I have several lot line adjustments and mergers.

Severance and Lake Ave. There are two parcels in separate ownership. They want to transfer from Kurtz to Strickland to make it more equal and accommodate the septic systems. They are platted in Harbor Beach.

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

Bill Burger of Juniper Drive. This is one large parcel which is lot 5 and 6 and they would like to recreate lot 6. In doing so, the cottage encroaches about six inches. They are asking permission to do a lot line adjustment so they don't have to remove the eave overhang. The line will move approximately one foot.

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

Request from Teresa Dennis and new owner Robert Horsley that the Board approve a merge of the platted Lot #22 Weathertop Subdivision with newly created un-platted parcel C2 created following the land division of parcel 05-12-430-013-35.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Bargy to approve the merge contingent upon getting the signed agreement from all parties. Motion carried.

Notheshore Dock is requesting the Board to approve the name Blue Water Dr. This has been approved through Equalization. Motion by B. Pharo/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

We are scheduled for a public hearing tomorrow night on vacation rentals.

Ambulance Report

There is a report in the packet

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Regarding elections, farmland preservation failed. Roads and ambulance millage passed. Tower on township property, Derman has requested a written contract and is waiting for that. Update on medical marijuana rules in Michigan.

Brad Muma said he did get a few responses back from the letter that was sent out to property owners on Cairn Hwy., between Birch Lk. Rd., and Cherry Ave. There are still many people who haven't responded. Discussion on negotiations with the Village of Elk Rapids. Bargy said he talked to a person at Floran Cottages and they are interested.

Supervisor's Report: L. Bargy

Atkinson got a call from the NW Michigan Health Department. They may have an additional \$5K which might be available for Maplehurst. Atkinson would like to use the funds towards stone benches. She needs approval if the funds become available. We would need to use the funds by 9/30/19.

Motion by T. Cole/S. Ball to approve the use of the \$5K grant for stone benches. Motion carried.

Amy Russel Inquired as to the proposal from Steuer to repair the drainage issues on the soccer fields. The quote came in at \$6500. We are concerned that we will spend all this money and still have a problem. We are still having some issues with the fields where drainage was installed last year. Is there an option to have an engineer take a look at the field? B. Muma offered to take a look at the fields. Discussion on meeting at the soccer field after the meeting.

Public Comment:

Tom Paradis asked regarding the meeting last month about the land conservancy and farmland preservation. There were a lot of uninformed people and a bunch of us missed an opportunity to talk to them.

Shirley Snare reported on the road end access off of O'Dell Rd. People getting stuck launching their boats.

Approval of Bills:

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:05 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the September 9, 2019 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available on line at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk