

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 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 and 10 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 September 9, 2019  
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of special meeting minutes of October 2, 2019  
Change: Last page, change "Crandall"  
Also, change "Scott" to "Steve"  
Motion to approve as amended by T. Cole/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Dennis Fitzpatrick complimented the board on their work at Maplehurst.

**Sheriff's Report**

**As submitted.**

143 calls for service for September

**Fire Department Report:** by Chief J. Ball

14 runs for September. 122 runs for the year so far. Update on new tanker from Peninsula Township. Advertising the two trucks for sale. Will look for interest in the UP.  
Halloween Open House on Thursday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Cairn Hwy., Station.

**Zoning Report:** by C. Weinzapfel

ZBA met for the first time for a public hearing and approved a land division dealing with a private road in Weathertop. Discussion of land division requirements in the future.

**Planning Report:** by B. Hefferan

There will be subcommittee reports tomorrow night including the vacation rental and special use for proposed RV Park.

**Ambulance Report:**

**No report available**

**Attorney's Report:** by B. Derman

Update on township tower lease. Review files on Betty Lane, Sewer Extension agreement and cable franchise.

**Supervisor's Report:** by L. Bargy

Mike Meriwether, from the Antrim County Conservation, forestry division has walked Maplehurst. He has suggested maybe having a logging company come in and log out dead and dying trees to clean up the wooded area. Atkinson stated that the MDNR has strict policy against logging on sloped land. In speaking with Steve Lagerquist from the GTRLC, he stated that they are in support of leaving the woods in its natural state. There will be no action to log out Maplehurst at this time.

Bargy will be submitting a grant application through ParPlan for \$5,000 to purchase upgraded equipment for surveillance monitoring of the parks and recycling center.

Update on sewer extension project.

Bargy said that he was unable to get a bid for repair on the soccer and baseball fields. There was not enough time to get bids to submit for the grant. Pharo said he thought the board decided to use the bid we had for the soccer field, to at least pay for part of the project. We can figure out the baseball fields later. No further discussion. Discussion on striping the tennis courts. A bid from Hentco came in at \$14,000 to convert the one set of tennis courts into pickleball courts. Atkinson and Bargy are in favor of converting the set of courts into pickleball. Cole, Pharo and Ball were in favor of dual striping all of the courts at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Motion by Pharo/S. Ball to dual stripe all courts for pickleball and tennis. Motion carried 3-2.

**Public Comment:**

Leah Nicholson asked about parking for the cross country run event at Maplehurst. Cars were parked on both sides of the road. This could be a safety hazard. Confirmation on the gas wells being capped at Maplehurst.

**Approval of Bills**

Motion to approve the bills by L. Atkinson/T. Cole. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** Cemetery Tree Removal Bids

Two bids were received for cutting 8 trees at the Cemetery. The bid from Northern Tree is for \$2,000 and the bid from Dave's Tree Service for \$5,577. Northern's bid notes the stump height at 4 feet. Dave's stated stump height "as low as possible."

Motion to go with Northern Tree by S. Ball/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

O'Dell Road End Access:

We received photos from a citizen that lives near the O'Dell access. Vehicles are getting stuck trying to launch boats there and tearing up the beach. Question on whether to put rocks as a barrier to prohibit vehicles from accessing the sight. This is not an improved launch site. Bargy said he's not in favor of blocking off the access. A citizen also said they were concerned for safety of people enjoying the beach and swimming when others are launching their boats. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:50 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval of at the November 11, 2019 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available on line at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk