

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2019

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, Bob Kingon, and 4 audience members

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

Agenda Approval by consent

Approve minutes from October 14, 2019

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

**Public Comment:**

Fred Gulick asked about \$32,500 spent on the park. He's submitted a FOIA request to find out what the money was spent on. He also asked about the permit for dredging Elk Lake for the beach at the waterfront park. He produced the permit which is signed by Lon Bargy. He and Bargy discussed the permit. Guilk also asked regarding a letter that was sent to him by an individual that received a notice from Host Compliance. She came to discuss the notice that she received but she wouldn't give her name and spoke about her opposition to the rental ordinance.

**Paddle Antrim Agreement/Signage**

Bob Kingon, representing the Parks and Rec committee and Deena Jerdee discussed the agreement with Paddle Antrim regarding replacement and maintenance of signs. The Park and Rec., will work towards grants and fundraising, rather than using tax dollars.

T. Cole discussed some areas of concern for him. Signs for emergency are not delineated between the non emergency signs. Cole is also concerned about amenities such as kayak racks and launches being placed at road end accesses. Kingon and Jerdee explained that sites were listed by what they could support and road ends can't support those amenities. This is more for access sites with parking. Cole also discussed some language concerns.

Motion to approve the agreement as presented by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report**

Report presented. 123 runs for October.

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

27 runs for October. 149 for the year. Review of the MERS retirement benefit. It will be kept at 25% of runs to achieve the benefit. No offers have been received on the trucks for sale. Discussion on advertising instead of putting them out to a broker. Chief Ball will

look into putting out advertisements. Update on maintenance issues. 90 people attended the Halloween open house. Jake Gillette has resigned after 9 years of service. Update regarding forming an auxiliary and a cadet program. Presentation of new battery operated cutting tool.

**Zoning Report:**

No report.

**Planning Report: B. Hefferan**

Public hearing tomorrow night for the vacation rental ordinance draft V12 . There will also be a subcommittee report on the RV Park ordinance.

**Ambulance Report:**

Report presented.

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

Update given on Betty Lane and on hemp/marijuana laws.

**Supervisor's Report/Unfinished Business: L .Bargy**

L. Bargy and L. Atkinson went to the Elk Rapids meeting where they approved the sewer agreement. Presented is the agreement for review and approval.

Motion to approve the sewer agreement as presented by T. Cole/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

Atkinson presented three bids for a new copy machine for the office. After review, it was determined that the Canon copier from Great Lakes Business for a 60 month lease was the favorable bid.

Motion to approve the lease of the Canon C3500 111 Series from Great Lakes Business by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson. Motion carried.

L. Atkinson discussed a grant she submitted for \$6,000 for the pickleball courts. Pharo asked regarding the decision to use the grant for the soccer and baseball fields. Atkinson did not have information on repair work for the fields to submit at the time. Cole felt it may be a benefit to be able to put 8 pickleball courts on two tennis courts. Atkinson has another grant she'd like to apply for from the Health Department of North West Michigan. This would be for \$8,000. The board was in favor of applying for the HDNWM grant. The grant for the \$6,000 is good until the fall of 2020. The conversion of the courts will be contingent on receiving grant money to cover the cost.

Motion by L. Atkinson / B. Pharo to proceed with the application to the Health Department of NW Michigan for \$8,000 and the final decision on striping versus new courts will be determined based on the grant money received. Motion carried.

Agreement for the Care and Maintenance of the Cairn Monument and Surrounding Property: Discussion of the agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement by B. Pharo / T. Cole. Motion carried.

L. Bargo is applying for a grant for surveillance and lighting at the recycling center and the park for \$5000. This is through Par Plan – Accident Fund.

Discussion of road project completion and invoice from the Antrim County Road Commission. Bargo to call ACRC for follow up.

**Public Comment:**

Fred Gulick referred to D. Jerdee regarding kayaking on Elk Lake.

**Approval of Bills**

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:25 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval of at the December 9, 2019 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available on line at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Ball, Clerk