

Synopsis
Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020

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

Also present: C. Weinzapfel, B. Hefferan and Chief J. Ball and three audience members.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Agenda approval by consent.

Approval of regular meeting minutes dated July 13, 2020

Change Betty ~~Land~~ to Betty Lane.

Motion to approve by Atkinson/Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Sheriff's Report

Report provided. 487 total events for July.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Chief J. Ball.

I was contacted by the Kalkaska EMS director. They have an ambulance stationed at the Alden fire department. With the increase of calls at the south end of the township, he suggested using their ambulance for calls in that area. Ball suggested drafting a letter for Antrim County Dispatch, requesting Kalkaska EMS be simulcast for mutual aid. Ball stated that if MMR has to come from Whitewater Twp., this would be a better choice for the residents of Milton Twp. Ball will work on drafting a letter, and present it to Bargy for review.

9931 is currently out of service. We are waiting on a pump module.

Zoning Report

As presented by C. Weinzapfel

The planning and ZBA are meeting this month in the park at the pavilion. Update on Betty Lane. Discussion of the definition of (long term rental) as it pertains to the STR Ordinance. Also, sub-letting of a long term rental. After discussion, it was recommended that these questions be referred to the planning commission for review.

Planning Report

As presented by B. Hefferan

Hefferan discussed the agenda for the meeting tomorrow. The RV Park will not be on the agenda for discussion.

Ambulance Report

Report provided

Attorney's Report

No report

Supervisor's Report

As presented by L. Bargy

Bargy addressed the O'Dell Road end access. Both Bargy and Pharo said they've been by on weekends and weekdays and they've never seen more than three vehicles at this access. Atkinson discussed the idea of having a survey done for O'Dell and Campbell and posting hours of operation. The Public Access Use and Parking ordinance is outdated. This should be reviewed and brought up to date. Bargy recommended referring the ordinance to the planning commission for review.

Motion by Cole/Pharo to have O'Dell and Campbell surveyed and install split rail fence to mark the boundaries. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Paddle Antrim regarding the signs that are being put up on the water trail.

Township Clean-up Day is August 22 from 7 am to noon.

Public Comment

Gary Bokerman said he and his wife live in Torch River. He addressed what he feels is a discrepancy in how the board deals with the two different villages. He sees a population threat to the area in regards to the RV Park. He would like to know what the balance would be as it pertains to the master plan.

Joyce Grammar said people who have moved here want to shut the door on further development. Why are we having these meetings now after the people have bought the property and put a lot of money into developing the RV Park? Hefferan said no decisions have been made regarding the RV Park. Grammar also said she visited O'Dell Road end access and she feels the property lines are being respected.

Dan Wells owns adjoining property to the possible RV Park. He shared his concerns on tree removal. He said the County Road Commission has come out to dig on his property and he doesn't know why? Bargy said he would need to talk to their office. They were actually digging out in the road right of way where they are allowed to dig. Wells also asked if the township had a plan for dealing with the current level of chaos at the Torch River Bridge and the off road parking. It is not safe. Bargy said the township is working with the road commission to try to get no parking signs but they've been slow to do this.

Bargy also discussed how the DNR has purchased land to improve the boat launch and parking.

Approval of the bills:

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:03 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the September 14th meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk