

Milton Township  
7023 Cherry Ave.  
Kewadin, MI 49648

Synopsis  
Milton Township  
Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2021

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, and 15 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 12, 2021

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

**Public Comment:**

No one wished to speak

**Sheriff's Report**

As presented

396 calls for service for July 2021

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

16 calls for service for July 2021. Update on FD programs and grants. Report given on training. Currently looking at a different phone plan for Station 2.

**Planning Report:** by B. Hefferan

There will be a meeting tomorrow night. On the agenda will be the winery ordinance, steep slopes and road ends.

**Ambulance Report**

There is a report in the packet

11 calls for service for July 2021

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

Nothing new on the tower contract. Still waiting to hear on pending legislation at the state level. Update on Campbell Road issue. Report on Bailey vs. Antrim County. No response on FOIA request. Update on John Sheehan property.

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

Letter: Olson, Bzdok & Howard Submitted to Legal: This is in regards to the RV park and has been sent to legal for comment.

Update on tar and chip on Cairn Hwy. This is being done by Antrim County. Ringler and Stallman paving are done. Brentenwood Heights' paving is in process.

**Library Report:** by L. Atkinson

The motion to suspend fundraising passed at the last board meeting in July. Last month Johnson came to the meeting and she was partially correct in stating that a feasibility study was done on the fundraising aspects only. One has not been done to look at construction in a different location.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

Martin Hamburg of Torch Lake Dr., said there has been trash by the roads. People are leaving couches, TVs, and other garbage out by the road. There should be an ordinance that deals with this.

Julie Smith of Chippewa Trail deferred her three minutes to Tim Smith

Tim Smith of TESA thanked the board for their work on the RV Park. The organization has submitted a letter from their attorney to request a moratorium of 6-12 months on SUPs to complete the review of the master plan, the Steep Slopes ordinance, property damage to nearby property owners and to give the new Zoning Administrator time to get their feet on the ground.

Smith said some things have been said that have been false. He read a statement that rebuked Heidi Shafer who in his opinion, said many untruths. He listed these issues in his statement.

Kevin Solarek of Rex Terrace Road spoke on behalf of TESA. He complimented the Planning Commission of Milton Township and the chairman Bill Hefferan, for all of their work. In my previous work and experience overseeing zoning and planning issues, no dirt should have been disturbed, prior to the proper permits being issued. It was handled very poorly at the county level.

Diane Richter spoke regarding the ERDL and having a feasibility study. The decision had been made from the beginning that the expansion was for the current site. It was never a consideration to look at any other sites.

**Approval of Bills**

Motion to approve the bills by S. Ball/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:25 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the September 13, 2021 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at [miltontownship.org](http://miltontownship.org)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball,  
Milton Township Clerk