

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022

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

Members absent: T. Cole, excused.

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, Sheriff Dan Bean, Don Anderson, Joe Renis, Bill Hefferan, Brad Muma, and 15 audience members

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

Agenda Approval

Add: Revitalize Milton Skate Park under unfinished business

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Approval of regular meeting minutes of June 13, 2022

Change:

Under Unfinished Business:

Chain of Lakes ~~Watershed~~ Water Trail Sign Maintenance Agreement

Motion to approve as amended by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried. 4-0

Absent T. Cole.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick: Commented on the Chain of Lakes Water Trail Sign Agreement. He thinks the amount for the sign repair is outrageous. Regarding the meeting on June 24th wasn't posted.

Sheriff's Report: by Sheriff Dan Bean

195 incidents for July. Update on 4th of July on Torch Lake. It went well and was probably the lightest year they've had for a while. 36 citations issued. Update on upcoming millage request for 911. Update on radio tower.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

12 incidents for June. Update on water point truck sale and portable radios from the DNR grant. Update on mini pumper.

EMS Report

There is a report in the packet

Zoning Report: by S. Kopriva

A report is provided showing land use permits. 68 for the year so far. Discussion on Host Compliance/Granicus. Kopriva will follow up on services and compliance.

Amendment for ZBA: This is in regard to the number of members on the ZBA. L. Atkinson is concerned about paying for 9 members. There is also a change to the escrow language.

Motion by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo to approve the zoning amendments.

Roll Call: L. Atkinson –Yes; L. Barga-Yes; B. Pharo –Yes; S. Ball-Yes

Motion carried 4-0 Absent T. Cole

Planning Report: by B. Hefferan

Next meeting is July 21. We are continuing to look at the RV Park Ordinance and possible changes. Update on steep slopes subcommittee.

Attorney's Report: by B. Derman

Update on Winters Road End Access. Reported progress on 186networks agreement.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to give L. Barga permission to sign the 186networks waiver. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: by L. Barga

A. Resignation: Tom Cole, effective August 9th. We will thank him for his service at his last meeting.

Library Report

As presented by L. Atkinson

Update on director search committee.

Unfinished Business

A. Granicus: Host Compliance

S. Ball said this has to be approved or the contract has to be amended. B. Hefferan gave an update on Short Term Rentals and how we utilize Host Compliance. He would like an understanding on how the township tracks and enforces permits. S. Kopriva discussed how Host Compliance is used. She'd suggest using the address component, but not the letter writing component and compliance monitoring. Board members feel strongly that we need to identify STR in the township and make sure they are properly permitted. S. Kopriva will follow up with Host Compliance.

Revitalize Milton Township Skate Park: Carol Rideout presented the new proposal. They are not asking for funds, rather they are asking for permission to make updates to the skate park as presented, using Sk8park Atlas. S. Ball requested a copy of Sk8park's license and insurance prior to starting the project.

Motion by B. Pharo/L. Atkinson to approve the proposal for work to be completed by Sk8park Atlas as presented by Revitalize Milton Township Skate Park.

Motion carried. 4-0 Absent T. Cole

Bargy announced a Special meeting for Wednesday July 13th. 2022, at the township hall at 8 am to discuss sewer.

Public Comment

Mike Gaylord from 186 Networks said they are planning on doing South Milton which is only where Consumer's is and not in Great Lakes Energy area.

Shirley Snare asked about the O'Dell road end access. Bargy gave an update.

Joe Renis said he's concerned regarding the sewer. He hasn't had any information on the sewer proposal. He gave some possible concerns about the sewer. Don't continue the process until property owners affected are notified.

Fred Gulick said more time is necessary to give notice to people who will be affected regarding this special meeting for the sewer.

Robin Sims said it's been almost four years when the letter went out. She would like to see progress.

Catherine Vermeersch said everyone needs to be informed regarding the sewer.

Brad Muma requested the board look at the intersection of Quarterline and Campbell. I makes more sense to have the stop sign on Quarterline. He'd like to see if the ACRC would look at this. In addition, there is a public/private gun range at Sutter Road. I'm not sure what the zoning is. It's considered private, but it's treated as anyone is welcome to come there and operates any day of the week. Regarding the sewer, a feasibility study gets you information.

Linda Constantine said people don't really understand a septic system. She explained her understanding. She said a feasibility study is a good idea.

John Spevacek spoke in favor of sewer systems and a feasibility study.

Carolyn Synol is in favor of a feasibility study.

Rob Constantine is in favor of a feasibility study.

Rob Bargy discussed a DNR program for testing water and septic systems.

Don Anderson said everyone talking is on the lake. Is this where the problem lies? If it was implemented, is that cost divided out over the whole township?

Susan Mohr said there is an organized group that has been collecting data. The data has not been provided to determine if there is a problem or if a study needs to be done.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:28 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk