

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
November 14 2022

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, J. Ball, B. Hefferan, J. Pollister Amos, J. Petersen, P. Williams, K. Bargy, and 7 audience members

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

Agenda approval by consent

Approval of regular meeting minutes of October 10, 2022
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/J. Renis. Motion carried. 5-0

Approval of special meeting of October 26, 2022
Motion to approve by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment:

Karen Bargy, current county commissioner gave a report and introduced Bill Hefferan as the newly elected commissioner. She gave updates on recent county meetings and the budget, the materials waste plan, and an MSU survey regarding drinking water safety.

Pete Garwood: Antrim County

Garwood is here with Dennis Irelan and Darcy Springborn to talk to the board about a parcel of property deeded to the county in the 1950s. It's 100 ft. of frontage. Dennis Irelan is here representing a client who has adjoining property. It does have a house on it. Together it would make 400 feet of frontage on Torch Lake. The county doesn't want to own or manage it but would like to work together in the idea of raising the funds for purchasing these properties. It wouldn't be used as a motor launch. It would be used for quiet use. The county is not well positioned to maintain a park in that area. It would require Irelan to fund raise for the purchase, and it would need to be held by a government agency. The conservancy may be able to partner as well as the DNR. Irelan is in talks with Glen Chown at the conservancy. Atkinson asked if the county would be willing to donate lot 33 as a match. Garwood said they haven't committed to that. They would prefer to get fair market value if Irelan is going to fund raise for it. L. Atkinson said the existing home is in nice condition and does have a lot of value. We wouldn't have a lot of use for the home and would have to be removed. L. Atkinson said our master plan asks us to consider water front property. B. Pharo said he's willing to consider it also. Discussion of maintenance costs and how the pieces will come together. Renis said he thinks this is a great idea. Irelan will work on setting up a time for board members to view the property. They will meet 10 am Wednesday morning at the township hall.

Sheriff's Report:

Report provided.
109 calls for service.

Fire Department Report: Chief J. Ball

23 calls for service. 19 of those were during the high wind we had on 17-19th of October. No bids were received on the water point truck. J. Ball would like to try to advertise it again locally and regionally. Would the board like to lower the minimum bid? J. Ball suggested lowering it to \$12K. L. Bary suggested piecing it out since the pump can't be certified. Update on MABAS.

Motion by Pharo/Atkinson to approve the MABAS agreement. Motion carried. 5-0

EMS Report

Report provided.

Zoning Report

Report provided. 104 permits for year.

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Hefferan asked if the NW Torch property would be discussed during Parks and Rec Meeting. Not until there is something to discuss. There were public comments on the RV Park ordinance. We will continue the public hearing this Thursday at 7 pm. We also approved a site plan review for a 14 unit site condo for the property that was previously considered for an RV park between Miller and Torch River Roads. We also recommended to the board approval for the reduction of ZBA membership down from 7 members to 5.

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Update on Metro Act COLI documents. Update on Brettonwood Shores SAD.

Supervisor's Report: L. Bary

The old town hall siding is almost done.

Library Report:

Julia Pollister Amos gave an update on the ERDL and introduced Pamela Williams as the new library director. P. Williams talked about herself and her vision for the library. She hopes to better meet the needs of the patrons of the library.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. Resignation by Dave Kopkau from the ERDL Board
Motion to accept the resignation of Dave Kopkau from the ERDL Board by L. Atkinson/S. Ball. Motion carried. 5-0

2. Appointment of ERDL board member

Motion to accept the appointment of Dave McCullough to the ERDL Board by B. Pharo/J. Renis. Motion carried. 5-0

Public Comment

None

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:59 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the December 12, 2022 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk