

Synopsis
Milton Township
Draft Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

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

Also present: Attorneys B. Derman, and 8 audience members.

C. Weinzapfel called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda by L. Atkinson/J. Renis. Motion carried.

Approval of draft minutes regular meeting February 13, 2023

Amend under; (**Unfinished Business**) (I will be re-sending RFPs out.)

Motion to approve minutes as amended by L. Atkinson/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Approval of draft minutes of the Budget Workshop February 15, 2023

Motion to approve by J. Renis/B. Pharo. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Fred Gulick referenced the property on Torch Lake. Weinzapfel said it will be discussed tonight under the supervisor's report.

Sheriff's Report: by Undersheriff Kevin Hoch

78 total calls for service for February. Update on facilities and personnel.

Fire Department Report: by Chief J. Ball

5 calls for service for February. Update on physicals and personnel, training, grants and maintenance.

EMS Report

12 runs for Milton Township.

Zoning Report

As presented

Planning Report: B. Hefferan

Our next meeting date may need to be changed prior to the April meeting. On our agenda is an amendment to the winery ordinance, the steep slopes subcommittee, and utility grade solar, also master plan updates.

Attorney's Report: B. Derman

Update on Waring Road access, and COLI/186 Network broadband installation. Still waiting on signed agreement for the Great Lakes Energy permit. Communication on Brentonwood SAD.

Supervisor's Report: by C. Weinzapfel

A. Approve purchase of office chairs

The initial price for 10 chairs is \$7736. The cost will actually be lower because we will be able to get a discount through MiDeal, that isn't reflected in this price.

Motion by L. Atkinson/ B. Pharo to approve HB High Back UPH Back chair from Interphase Interiors not to exceed \$7,000 for 10 chairs.

Roll Call: B.Pharo-Yes; S. Ball-Yes; L. Atkinson-Yes; C. Weinzapfel-Yes; and J. Renis-Yes Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Old Town Hall: Closed for April

We've been having issues with ice and snow piling up on the ADA ramp.

Motion by S. Ball/L. Atkinson to close the Old Town Hall for April. Motion carried. 5-0

C. Proposed Kayak Park / Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application

Charlie MacDonald from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy said in order to apply for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application, the board would need to pass a resolution in support. The resolution is a requirement to apply. We need an agreement in place to secure the property, where we are in a time crunch. You can hold a public hearing and then schedule a special meeting for the resolution, so we can apply for the grant prior to the April 1st deadline. The grant doesn't have to be finalized until October 1st. S. Ball asked about Dennis Ireland raising matching funds and where the county stood on their parcel. L. Atkinson said they are working with the owner to negotiate things. B. Hefferan said his intention is to communicate that the parcel owned by the county be turned over to the township. We haven't had any vote on that. MacDonald is working on getting an appraisal. The application can always be withdrawn. It won't commit the township to any financial obligations and if the pieces don't come together, you can withdraw any time before October 1. S. Ball asked if this is to be a kayak park, will we be doing the same ADA launch. Atkinson said the goal would be to keep it natural and low maintenance and no kayak launch. The current launch has proven to not be low maintenance.

Motion by **L. Atkinson/B. Pharo** to conduct a public hearing for the 2023 Michigan Natural Acquisition Grant Application for the proposed kayak park on NW Torch Lake Drive, Thursday March 23 at 6 pm. Motion carried. 5-0

D. Resignation Letter

L. Atkinson has put in her letter of resignation effective September 1, 2023.

Motion by J. Renis/B. Pharo to accept the letter of resignation. Motion carried. 5-0

Library Report

No report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

Wayne Meyers of NW Torch Lake Drive said he thinks the parks are great for township residents. Could we ask for an extension for the April 1 deadline? When will preserving the water quality issues be addressed? It is steep property with runoff.

Atkinson mentioned a shoreline protection strip would help with runoff to the water. We could provide a buffer to shield the neighbors. April 1st. is a strict deadline. No extension is available.

Approval of Bills

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

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:54 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the April 10, 2023 meeting. A copy of these minutes are available at miltontownship.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ball, Clerk