

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 10, 2013
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Board present: Connie Cargill, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen
Also present: Jake Whelpley, Zoning administrator; and six guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting, all yes, the motion carried.

A special thank you is to be given to Mr. Eric Johnson as he is carrying on the tradition of his father, Mr. Ed Johnson, former clerk, in decorating the town of Mears.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of November 30, 2013 was \$157,850.01, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$181,771.80.

Motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mr. Fuehring, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, Check numbers 15285 through 15308, EFT payment 41, and #1152 from the Road Fund was approved in the amount of \$22,379.69, and \$88.53, respectively, on a roll call vote, all yes.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Ackley to reappoint Robert Fong, Chad Coker, and Leann Mitteer to the Planning Commission, and to also reappoint Robert Veltman as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Hart Area Public Library Contract from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$15,000, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Ackley to pass resolution of support and commitment for grant application for improvements of Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT & COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF COASTAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION approving support for and commitment to the submission of a Coastal Management Program grant application to MDEQ – Office of Great Lakes for improvements to Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

WHEREAS, the park land was acquired in 2013 with assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the purpose of developing a community park, and

WHEREAS, the land has been and will now continue to be a public park, community event center, nature study area and non-motorized trail staging area and access point, and

WHEREAS, the land is currently undeveloped and in need of general and universal access, parking, resource enhancements, restroom facilities and multi-purpose use infrastructure and improvements, and

WHEREAS, funding for badly needed initial improvements is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Michigan Coastal Management Program, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Phase I improvements is estimated to cost \$50,000, fifty percent of which would be funded through the Coastal Management Program (\$25,000) and fifty percent would be funded as local match (\$25,000), and

WHEREAS, there is strong, active community support and involvement in the park project for implementation of improvements and coordinating its use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Golden Township supports and approves the submission of the aforementioned grant application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program for improvements to Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes for a project amount of \$50,000 and commits that the fifty percent local match shall be provided if the proposed project is funded.

Adopted this 10th day of December, 2013.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

BY: _____

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mrs. Cargill to allow the buyback of cemetery plots at ½ of the current price (resident price) under these qualifying guidelines: 1. Must have original deed or burial rights certificate. 2. Must have notarized letters from siblings, or other family members relinquishing their rights to the cemetery plots verifying you as rightful owner. Transfer fee changed from \$50 to \$25, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the name change of what was the Gold N' Silver Park, changed to Silver Lake Dunes Golden Township Park, and now changed to Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Motion to allow a draw from the community fund to pay Hallack Contracting in the amount of \$3222.61 for the driveway and stump removal at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes, all yes, the motion carried.

Jeff Clark owner of Sands Restaurant inquired about a possible beer tent at the Apple and BBQ Festival. He is to research this possibility and report back with more information.

Fire report: The steering committee recommendations approved at last month's meeting were given to the other entities. We are waiting to hear back from them.

Public comment was held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk