

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
MAY 12, 2015
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 Members present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley.
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Jake Whelpley, Zoning Assistant; Pam Walker, Assessor Assistant and 8 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Walsworth congratulated Pam Walker for her work as Assessor 1988-2015. She will be continuing as Assessor Assistant working with the new assessor, Barbara VanGelderren. Mr. Walsworth also congratulated Jake Whelpley for his work as Zoning Administrator 1991-2015. He will be continuing a Zoning Assistant to the new administrator, Rob Draper.

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

Correspondence: Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication, June 14, 2015, 2:00 pm, at the County Court House. This is sponsored by the Garden Club of Pentwater, the only garden club in Oceana County.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of April 30, 2015 was \$288,984.21, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$324,939.74.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit. Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, check numbers 15868 through 15915 in the amount of \$71,272.99. This larger amount includes both library and fire payments. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve Blue Grass Lawns, LLC to apply weed control and fertilizer to the Mears cemetery, old and new areas, for the amount of \$885. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were four permits issued. A drive-in restaurant was not given a permit.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve a down payment of \$5,200 for the playground equipment for Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. This will be reimbursed to the township by the Silver Lake Sand Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce and the Silver Lake Sand Dunes - Hart Visitor Bureau. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to repass the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant changing the dollar amounts to rounded numbers as required. All yes, the motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township of Golden has prepared a Recreation Plan that includes development of the Golden Township Park located in the Silver Lake Sand Dunes area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Golden hereby authorizes the filing of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for Park Development in the amount of \$261,400.00 as follows:

1. The Township of Golden shall request a Recreation Grant in the amount of \$261,400.00.
2. The Township of Golden shall seek local match funds in the amount of \$87,200.00.
3. The Township of Golden will commit up to \$87,200.00 to fulfill any required match funds.
4. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare, sign, and forward the Recreation Grant application of the above said improvements and to coordinate all grant related matters between the township and the MDNR, and other applicable agencies and parties.

AYES: Mr. Walsworth, Mrs. Cargill, Mr. Ackley, Mrs. Iteen

NAYS: None

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to repass the Michigan Natural Resources Passport Grant changing the dollar amounts to rounded numbers as required. All yes, the motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Township of Golden has prepared a Recreation Plan that includes development of the Golden Township Park located in the Silver Lake Sand Dunes area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Golden hereby authorizes the filing of a Michigan Natural Resources Passport Grant application for Phase 1 Recreational Improvements in the amount of \$45,000.00 as follows:

1. The Township of Golden shall request a Recreation Grant in the amount of \$45,000.00.
2. The Township of Golden shall seek local match funds in the amount of \$15,300.00.
3. The Township of Golden will commit up to \$15,300.00 to fulfill any required match funds.
4. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare, sign, and forward the Recreation Grant application of the above said improvements and to coordinate all grant related matters between the township and the MDNR, and other applicable agencies and parties.

AYES: Mr. Walsworth, Mrs. Cargill, Mr. Ackley, Mrs. Iteen

NAYS: None

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve Mrs. Cargill attending a money matters and better budgeting class. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley, to approve the installation of a French drain at the end of the drainage ditch on Golden Township's property creating a slight depression with a depth of about 16" to 18" to contain the water running out of the ditch. This project is not to exceed the cost of \$1,500. Roll call vote: Iteen, yes; Walsworth, yes; Ackley, yes; Cargill, no; Fuehring, yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve an Audit by Hendon and slate. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the contract with All Seasons Porta-Jons for this year. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to approve the closing of Center Street and split it down the middle adding to the adjacent property. All yes, the motion carried.

The corner of 64th and Taylor, blacktopped south approximately 200' is to be put on the schedule to do next year to stop run off and erosion.

Public comments:

Ted Hosner mentioned the private sewer system being put in by Craig Cihak.

There is a Silver Lake, Lake Board meeting (Saturday, June 13, 9-11am, Grace Adventures-Beacon Gymnasium) a report on the study of Silver Lake is expected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk