

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
JUNE 13, 2017  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator and approximately 16 guests.

**Minutes** - Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried. Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 Special Board Meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Anne Hardy concerning a broadband survey.
2. Letter from Greater Silver Lake Fireworks Fund for the annual fireworks display on the 4th of July with a contribution form.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of June 13, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$210,030.58; Road fund \$474,631.97; Fire Fund \$24,567.63; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$51,975.97; Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes Fund \$3,775.94; Johnson Square Fund \$53,868.99.

**Bills** - Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to pay check numbers 16902 through 16950 in the general fund for the amount of \$52,192.11. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**MTA Professional Development Retreat:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the treasurer and her deputy and the clerk (her deputy has other engagements) to attend the MTA retreat. Roll Call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 42 permits so far this year. Mr. Draper and Mr. Cook attended a MTA class which was very informational. A resident wants to process honey in a pole barn and Mr. Draper thought he would be allowed according to the lawyer under "The Right to Farm Act".

**Park Report:**

**Johnson Square:** Johnson Square is coming along fine – cement pads are poured and the pavilion is being built.

**Fire Report:** Mr. Beggs stated that an assistant fire chief will be appointed. The openers on the garage doors at the Hart Area Fire Barn need to be replaced as they do not have eyes.

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Whelpley stated that the planning commission has been working on a temporary camping amendment and on the application for short term rental permit.

**Road Report** – Mr. Walsworth stated that Deer Road has been paved and is very smooth. Seven and one-half miles of tar and chip will be completed in Upper Silver Lake this summer.

**Assessor Report:** The residential properties have all been visited and the visits to the commercial properties will begin on Wednesday and then the farm units will be done.

Old Business-

**Berens Property:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to have a letter written for intent to purchase property from Dean Berens for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes which was detailed under "possible park land expansion" in the May 9, 2017 board meeting. The township is also in the process of applying for grants for this purchase. All yes, the motion carried.

New Business-

**Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes Advisory Committee:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen to reappoint Gary Dunham, Bob Henry, Harvey Berens, and Connie Cargill, and to appoint Mike Cook to the advisory committee. All yes, the motion carried. The township will seek legal advice concerning liquor in the parks for occasions such as weddings and Applefest. Mrs. Cargill will look into this.

**Kitchen Refrigerator:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen not to exceed \$800. Roll Call all yes, the motion carried.

**Rezone Wadel Campground Property:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to reaffirm the rezoning of Properties # 64-006-028-100-03, # 64-006-028-200-01, and # 64-006-028-200-06, the old Silver Hills Campground, to Resort/Commercial at the corner of Taylor and 34<sup>th</sup> in Mears, MI, which was approved in the March 14, 2017 board meeting. It has to be put in the paper within fifteen days. All yes, the motion carried.

**Applefest Outdoor gathering:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the outdoor gathering permit for the Silver Lake Sand Dunes Apple and BBQ Festival in September. All yes, the motion carried.

**Fireworks Permit:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve the fireworks permit for the Greater Silver Lake Fireworks Fund. All yes, the motion carried.

**Art Fair:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the closing of roads beginning Friday afternoon through Saturday. The roads closed will be: The alley behind Golden Eatery, and the roads on both sides of Johnson Square. All yes, the motion carried. Mr. Walsworth will talk to the road commission.

**Public discussion:**

- Ryan Schiller, under sheriff, introduced Deputy Doug Schmidt, the evening and overnight Silver Lake Officer.
- Deb Borst asked the deputy if he patrolled the area during the slow time for ORV's. He said yes.
- Carl Kaat stated that cars are going to fast from the state park to Floradale.
- Mark Borst questioned the speed limit on 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mr. Shiller stated it was 55 mph.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm  
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk