

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
AUGUST 8, 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 21 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.

Correspondence:

A certified letter from Shawn Liebert concerning 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, a seasonal road.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of July 31, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$229,395.77; Road fund \$195,956.32; Fire Fund \$4,584.70; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$44,737.00.

**Bills** - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to pay check numbers 16999 through 17041 and EFT90 in the general fund for the amount of \$33,204.93. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 62 permits so far this year.

**Hippie Fest:** Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve the outdoor gathering for Hippie Fest at Val Du Lakes for October 7, 2017, from noon to 7 p.m. All yes the motion carried.

**Gerritt Bankcroft Land Division:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the Gerritt Bankcroft land division. All yes, the motion carried. See attached paper.

**Park Reports:**

**Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the appraisal of the Berens' property next to the park for the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00), and to authorize the committee to proceed to apply for the acquisition grant and the Department of Natural Resources Development Grant to enlarge the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Channel Park:** The dumpster is being dumped three times a week now instead of getting a larger dumpster.

**Fire Report:** The fire chief has started the process to fill the position of two captains, and later the position of two lieutenants. The chief is community minded and has involved the fire department in community activities. Motion by ~~Mrs.~~ Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the amendment of the fire agreement to allow less than 20% of monies to be put into the capital savings account as some of that money is needed on a regular basis. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** There was no P.C. meeting last month, but the short term rental application is finished and available in the office or on the township's website.

**Road Report:** Mr. Walsworth stated that the road across the Upper Silver Lake Dam spillway will be open soon. The tar, chip and fog coat jobs are almost completed. The Oceana County Road Commission is applying for a grant to stripe the roads.

**Road Sign:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to let the OCRC know that we have no objection to a new sign at the corner of Leisure St and N. Harbor St. saying “No Dune Access” or “Dead-End” or both. All yes the motion carried. A cross walk on N. Shore Drive from the parking lot to community boat dock information will be given to the Ocean County Road Commission as it is not in Golden Township’s jurisdiction.

**Assessor Report:** The agricultural visits are more than 2/3 complete. The residential properties have all been visited. Properties may be revisited due to questions or photographs needed.

Old Business- None

New Business: Completed above.

**Public discussion:**

-ZBA members are needed.

-A two cottage owner asked why Golden Township is charging \$150 for rental privileges. Mike Cook responded to the question.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk