

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
MINUTES

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

Board Members Present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley.
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 10 guests.

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

Correspondence:

1. Community Foundation: Sent a check of \$13,000.00 from the **Malcolm "Pete" Wood Memorial Fund** to be used towards the **band shell at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes**.
2. United States Department of Agriculture: The **Township's SEARCH Grant application** was received.
3. Michigan Department of Transportation (**MDOT**) has scheduled three meetings for public input.

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of August 31, 2016 was as follows: General Fund \$254,263.16; Road fund \$299,322.66; Capital Project Fund \$15,630.31; General Park/Recreation Fund \$6,906.37; Silver Lake Park \$1,708.50; Johnson Square \$55,165.50.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the **Financial Report** was accepted subject to Audit.
Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, to pay check numbers 16523 through 16576 in the general fund for the amount of \$50,013.42. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were eight permits for the month of August with a total of 57 for the year. Craig Cihak is making some **changes to Craig's Cruisers layout**. Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator, along with Mrs. Iteen, Clerk, put together **papers for Oceana Circuit Court in the Eiben case**.

Park Report: Mrs. Cargill stated that Gustafson & Son Well Drilling gave the township a bill of \$1,868.13 to replace the burnt out well pump at the **Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes**. The well pump was installed in 2014. The question of a warrantee is being looked into.

-Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to **approve payment of the matching funds of \$15,000.00** as written in the Resolution for the acceptance of the **Recreation Passport Grant** in the amount of Forty-Five Thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (**DNR**), and to award the bid for the park improvements to Beckman Brothers to include paving alternates #1 – Pave all drives and parking areas, and #2 – Place donor pavers in lieu of sidewalk, for a total of Eighty-eight thousand, five hundred twenty-nine (\$88,529.00). The park committee has raised donations of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

-Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley, to **move the lawn mower from Mears Cemetery to the Silver Lake Park** at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. All yes the motion carried. A decision was also made to sell the old, **old lawn mower** at the Mears Cemetery. These mowers have not been used since Ralph and Sonny Beggs were the caretakers.

New Business-

Mrs. Cargill mentioned that Golden Township has been changing the ballast in the current lighting of the township hall. To **change all lighting to LED** in the board room and offices would involve 139 4' LED bulbs with a cost of \$2700.00 plus \$300.00 to install them for a total \$3,000.00 for the upgrade.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to pay **The Friends of Silver Lake the \$30,000.00 for the Silver Lake Quality Study as recorded in the July 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.** All yes, the motion carried.

Mike Cook talked about the planning commission and the proposed rental ordinance. There are 430 short term rental units.

Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to **approve budgets amendments** numbers 2771-2778 to fix last year's budget. All yes, the motion carried.

Public discussion:

Stacy from the **Health Department** talked about the **services available** from the health department like Flu shots and cancer screening

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk