

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 8, 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, Kevin Ackley, Rachel Iteen.  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Jake Whelpley, Zoning Assistant; Lori Green and 30 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the General Fund as of November 30, 2015 was \$195,711.17, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$38,400.59.

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 16167 through 16194 in the amount of \$19,194.09. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Iteen to amend the budget for the following: Account 101-265-970.000 with a credit of \$8,262.00, account 101-276-970.000 with a credit of \$13,818.00, and account 805-000-995.000 with a credit of \$536.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were five permits issued in November.

**Clinton Moore land division:** The east twenty feet of lot 44 Sandy View Subdivision property #006-600-043-00, is being added to lot 45 where garage was built over the lot line. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

New Business-

**Lori Green:** Questioning "How does Federal and State government understand sustainability?" Tom Dewese to present sustainability January 14<sup>th</sup> at Hart Middle School.

**Mr. Lathers:** Would like to see a recreation park at Johnson Square with: tennis court, pickle ball court, bocce ball court and wants a volunteer committee to put together what they could do with \$50,000 from the Lather's Trust. Don Walsworth said there would need to be a handyman if this park is added. Kevin Ackley may be interested in sitting on a committee.

**Planning Commission secretary** missed the last three meetings and also failed to write the minutes for their meetings. Minutes are needed if ever went to court. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to remove her from office. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**BOR appointments:** Ronald Thatcher, Ryan Walsworth, Helen Lefler, Gary Gray, and Todd Brandel were reappointed for another two year term. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring. All yes, the motion carried.

**ZBA:** Reappointed Mike Henderson and Brad Whitney for another three year term. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring. All yes, the motion carried.

**PC appointments:** Deb Borst appointed in place of Avery Wilson, Jake Whelpley appointed in place of LuAnn Mitteer. Reappointed Leo Terryn and Brad Whitney for another three year term. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring. All yes, the motion carried.

**Planning Commission** discourages purchase of additional land for **Cedar Point Park expansion**.

Joel Mikkelson, chair of Oceana County Park & Recreation Committee, spoke seeking support to purchase the Poole property. He would like to see it expanded himself.

Adrienne Slaymaker stated that Cedar Point is a hazard and should not be expanded. There is also a danger of fire.

Dick Walsworth stated it was good for the public and should be expanded.

Chuck Smith from Pentwater Township spoke against buying the property as it would be a big loss of Tax revenue for their township, County and schools.

Dr. Roseman spoke and was opposed to expansion of the park

Jake Whelpley was quoted "Quality over Quantity" and he spoke in opposition and as revenue is not available to even take care of the existing parks.

A Resident stated that he also lived out by Cedar Point Park and would like to see the park expanded.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Iteen, **to approve a motion of support to proceed in filling out grant application for the purchase of additional land for Cedar Point Park expansion**. Roll call vote, Mr. Fuehring, no; Mrs. Cargill, no; Mr. Walsworth, yes; Mr. Ackley, yes; Mrs. Iteen, yes. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

**Public discussion:** Discussion was heard during the Cedar Point Park expansion mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk