

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
December 13, 2011
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Wiegand, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring.

MINUTES from the November 8th regular meeting were presented by Wiegand.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the November 8th meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-mail from Sarah Murray, Abonmarche, regarding grant funding available for community arts projects.
- Minutes from Silver Lake Action Committee Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$96,436.07 on November 1st, 2011, ending balance on November 30th, 2011 of \$76,844.00. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$14,476.93 on November 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$14,049.17 on November 30th, 2011.

-Cargill also presented up-to-date budget report. Budget amendments are also included in the report.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report. Fishbeck bill was for cemetery work, Equalization bill was for printing tax bills. Field and Associates was for a required additional appraisal for the park property at Silver Lake.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 14360 through 14392 from the General Fund totaling \$28,409.99. Roll call vote Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 5 permits written this month.
- Plans to have a year-end report next month.
- Master Plan
 - Proposed Master Plan has been approved by the Planning Commission and is ready to be presented to the Township Board for their approval.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the Proposed Golden Township Master Plan with the following corrections:
 - Page 2: Deleting duplicated "Townships"
 - Page 6: Deleting duplicated "they make the Township unusually attractive for development."
 - Page 10: "Matter" should be "Manner"
 - Page 10: "or" should be "nor"
 - Page 23: "form" should be "from"
 - All yes. Motion carried.

-Three Rezoning Requests:

1. Lisa Johnson

- Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to recommend the approval of Lisa Johnson's request to rezone 5658 W Fifth Street, Mears, parcel #64-006-730-013-00, the South 95 feet of Lots 13, 14, 15 & 16 of Block 20 from C-1 Commercial to R-1 Residential. All yes, motion carried.

2. Gemini Resorts

- Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to recommend approval of Gemini Resorts, LLC's request to rezone 1388 N 34th Ave. Parcel, #64-006-028-100-10 and adjacent property described as Section 28 pt of NE1/4 of NW1/4 COM AT W ¼ SEC COR, THS 89 deg E 1312.87 FT, TH N 01 DEG W 1287.23 FT TO POB, TH N 01 DEG W 746.06 FT, TH N 89 DEG E 33.01 FT, TH S 53 DEG E ALG INTER TRAV LN 1260.35 FT, TH N 89 DEG W 1026.12 FT TO POB Parcel #64-006-028-100-19 from AR Agricultural Residential to RC Resort Commercial.

3. Gemini Resorts

- Motion by Cargill support by Ackley to recommend the approval of Gemini Resorts, LLC's request to rezone 7880 W Hazel Road, Parcel #64-006-028-100-09, All that part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec 28, lying S and E of the county highway from AR Agricultural Residential to RC Resort Commercial.

-Rivers Land split at Lake Marie

- Request by owner to divide parcel #020-300-14 in to two separate parcels. Owners have checked with the Health Department regarding septic systems on parcels of less than one acre. This split would create two parcels that are each greater than 100' and 12,000 sq. feet which are the minimum requirements for this Resort Residential area.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Rivers Land split (Land Division 11-2), parcel #020-300-14, in to two parcels, each greater than 100' and 12,000 square foot. All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

-As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Maintenance/Sexton

-Garbage pick-up job description discussed. Board agreed on information presented by Wiegand:

-Harrison Road pick up: Pick up twice per month, ½ hour each trip, 14 miles. Cargill will do this at no charge to the township.

-Channel Park: Pick up twice per week for July and Aug, once per week in June and September, 1.5 hour each trip, 16 miles.

-Fence installation/removal at Channel Beach: 4 hours each time, 16 miles.

-Bids for outlying mowing will be advertised in February or March. The board is hoping to hire a professional landscaper for this work.

-The position of sexton could be posted sooner with the board's approval. Fuehring suggested contacting Steve Eisenloher to get his opinion on the issue as he has done this in the past. Fuehring will contact Mr. Eisenloher.

-Board discussed possibly getting a professional landscaper to maintain the Mears Cemetery also. Wiegand to compile total cemetery expenses for the year to use as a comparison as landscapers submit their bids in the OSpring.

-A maintenance person may still be necessary for small jobs around the building, small tractor repairs, etc. This will be discussed more at a later date.

-Fuehring suggested having Terry Cargill cleaning and tuning up the cemetery tractor this winter. Fuehring suggested cleaning out the building at the cemetery also.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New member for Planning Commission

-Whelpley presented Michael Cook.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to appoint Michael Cook to the Planning Commission. All yes, motion carried.

2. Appoint Ted Hosner to Silver Lake Action Committee as Planning Commission Representative.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to appoint Ted Hosner to the Silver Lake Action Committee as the Planning Commission Representative. All yes, motion carried.

3. Library Contract

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to pay \$15,000.00 for the Library Contract for 2012. Roll Call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

4. Connie to MTA Conference
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to send Connie Cargill to the Annual MTA Conference as the Golden Township Representative and cover costs for conference registration, travel expenses and motel. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion carried.

5. Escrow for Fire Board Payments
 - Township Legal Counsel has recommended that the Golden Township Board escrow quarterly payments to the Hart Area Fire Board until compliance with MCL 41.811 is achieved.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to escrow quarterly payments to the Hart Area Fire Board until compliance with MCL 41.811 is achieved. All yes, motion carried.

6. Juniper Beach Sign
 - Walsworth confirming location of “No Outlet” sign for Juniper Beach Road.
 - After discussion Board agreed the sign should be put somewhere past the old school house and before the Silver Ridge intersection.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident stated someone is dumping trash on the Snake Trail again.
2. Current road projects were discussed.

Meeting adjourned 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

