

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2009
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:52 pm. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Wiegand. Ackley absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the March 10th meeting were presented. Corrections were made.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the March 10th meeting as amended. All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the March 26th Special Meeting presented. Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes as presented. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given with the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$218,279.63 and ending balance of \$210,891.24. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$140,082.12 and ending balance of \$196,734.49. Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13104 through 13142 totaling \$32,739.86. Roll call vote Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring, Wiegand, Ackley-absent. All yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT presented by Jake Whelpley.

1. Application to DNR for grant has been received and is one of 162 that are requesting funding from the state.
2. Splitting Val Du/Cottonwood Creek PUD presented by Jake
Motion by Cargill, support by Wiegand to approve splitting the Val PUD in to two separate PUD's for Cottonwood Creek and Val Du Lakes as presented. All yes, Motion carried.
3. Request by Cottonwood Creek Resort to relocate the driveway access to her resort as presented.
Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to relocate the driveway access to the Cottonwood Creek Resort as presented. All yes, Motion carried.
4. Val Du PUD request for approval of campground.
 - Board discussed concerns regarding proximity of bar to campground.
 - Mrs. Lowing stated that the Planning Commission had already approved this, so there shouldn't be any concerns at the Board level with the project.
 - Mr. Lowing stated sites will not be rustic; they will be concrete slabs that will be completed in Phase I of the project.

8:07 Ackley arrived.

- Jake stated the Board options at this point are: Deny the request, approve the request, or send the proposal back to the Planning Commission.
- Jake stated the list of standards to approve a PUD should be read at the Planning Commission Meeting, and that was not done at the previous meeting.

- Discussed the possibility of adding restrictions to the PUD to ensure the Township won't have problems with the campground that they have had in the past with previous owners.
- Mrs. Lowing discussed the fact that if it is sent back to Planning Commission, they will be losing valuable time and money that they have invested in the project.
- Mrs. Lowing stated there is another campground at Silver Lake that sells take-out beer and wine.
- Mr. Lowing stated that all of their staff, including security, would be trained in how to manage people who have been drinking alcohol.
- Board stated that in order to approve the PUD, restrictions would be necessary.
- Board discussed the fact that they prefer not to approve the PUD now, and have to pull it later as this is expensive and always includes bad publicity for the area.
- Sunchasers business owner, spoke in favor of the PUD and in support of the Lowings.
- Craig Cihak, business owner, spoke in favor of allowing the Lowings to begin their project. Although he cautioned them that it may be a difficult process because of all the rules and regulations involved and because of the cost.
- Discussed having the Lowings meet with the Liquor Commission to ensure they were meeting their requirements.
- Craig Cihak discussed problems that may associated with applying too many restrictions to the PUD that will later need to be enforced by the Township.
- Board discussion regarding restrictions that could be considered including bar hours, requiring fencing between bar and campground, having slabs, water, electrical, sewers, bath house finished before opening.
- Cottonwood Creek business owner spoke against the project because of the increase in cost her business will have associated with having this campground/bar PUD next to hers.
- Board discussed having campground rules reviewed and installing a fence between the bar and the campground.
- Leo Terryn, Planning Commission member, stated he was confident the Planning Commission would be up to the challenge of applying appropriate restrictions to the PUD.
- Gary Dunham spoke in favor of the Lowing's being able to run a quality business.
- Golden Township resident spoke against the project because of drinking problems associated with campgrounds in the past
- Mrs. Lowing discussed the fact that they have lived up to all Township expectations thus far. They just want to make good use of the land they have that is presently sitting vacant.

Motion by Fuehring support by Wiegand to send the Val Du Lakes PUD back to the Planning Commission to have the list of standards read and discussed, and to make recommendations re: restrictions that could be applied to the PUD to make it more acceptable for Golden Township standards that have been established.

Old Business:

1. Clean Up Day – May 16
 - Agreed to pay \$150 to include yard waste
 - Agreed to allow Retec to keep any reimbursement received from metal that is received.
 - Volunteers: Don, Kevin, Dwight

New Business:

1. Riley Orchards PA 116 request submitted for approval.
Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the Riley Orchards PA 116 as presented. All yes, motion carried.
2. Request for Deputy Treasurer, Mindy, to attend BS&A Training for new Tax Program at the cost of \$95.
Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to allow Mindy to attend BS&A Training. All yes. Motion carried.
3. Clerk requested items to be put on the Golden Township's Agency Profile at the Community Foundation website as items the Township would be willing to accept as donations. Suggested items included: Flag Pole, Pavillion at Johnson Square, Tables and Chairs, Laptop Computer, Playground.
4. Foundation Grant Request for \$5,000 to the Community Foundation presented.
Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve submitting the \$5,000 request to the Community Foundation to assist in funding the Silver Lake Corridor Project.
5. Reynolds Road Abandonment discussed. Issue was tabled to May meeting. Kevin to get more details regarding the request.
6. Road Commission Dust Brining estimate submitted for approval.
Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to accept the Road Commission's bid as presented. Roll call Vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.
7. Request to renew All Season's Portajohn's Contract for 2009. Suggested removing portion of estimate that required the Township to pay for damaged portajohns. Connie to contact All Season's to remove that requirement from the contract.
8. Downtown Mears Streetlights, Townhall lights. Community Foundation is requesting a final grant report for money they distributed to the Township for Streetlights in Mears. Connie explained the lights have not been put up yet because of road construction, bad weather and supplies being back-ordered. Tina will contact the Foundation.
9. Request to be submitted to OCRC for Apple Festival banners to be hung across the road for the summer, and to close the road in Silver Lake the day of the Apple Festival.
Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to submit a request for approval to the OCRC for the temporary installation of promotional banners across Hazel and 18th Ave. from May 18th through September 21st, 2009, and also to close traffic on Silver Lake Road between Silver Point General Store and Parkside Store on September 12, 2009 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm for the Apple and BBQ Cook-Off Festival. All yes, Motion carried.
10. Request from 4-H group regarding Community Garden Space. Discussed spaces around the hall that may be good for planting. Suggested contacting Ed Johnson about using a plot near his yard where he used to have a garden. If that is possible, Don will till the ground up for them. If that is not available, the east end of the Township parking lot would be the best.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Joe Nameth questioned if it would be possible to bring older, used computers to Clean-Up Day. This probably would not be possible, but it was suggested to take it to the recycle place out on M-20 or to Good Will.
2. Mark DeMaat questioned the status of the Silver Lake Sewer Project since the Township has money invested in the program. Connie to contact Gary Vogt regarding the present status of the project .
3. Bob Henry thanked the Board for their assistance on the Silver Lake Corridor Project.

Meeting Adjourned 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

