

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

May 13, 2014

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 present: Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring.

Also present: several guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of the 5-8-2014, special board meeting, all yes the motion carried.

Correspondence: Email from Chris VanAntwerp wanting a Silver Lake Fire Station.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of April 30, 2014 was \$279,559.06, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$513,731.19.

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 15438 through 15472 plus two more one to Duane Fitzpatrick and one to Harris & Associates, EFT payment 48 approved, Roll call vote, all yes.

Zoning Report: 10 zoning permits were issued. Two land divisions:

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the land division of the Tom VanLiere property # 64-006-032-200-01, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the land division of the Gene Moorman property parent parcel #64-006-014-300-02, all yes, the motion carried.

Planning commission approved site plans for the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes and for a campground at Grace Adventures.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to have the clerk write a letter of support to go with the grant application for the county wide fire services survey. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve advertising for Zoning Administrator so that they can be trained before Mr. Whelpley retires. All yes. Motion carried

Fire Report: Gary Dreyer of Harris & Associates, who is also the Crockery Township Fire Chief, gave a presentation on the formation of a fire department in Golden Township.

Mr. Walsworth gave his opinion on the formation of a Golden Township Fire Department. He said that He did not feel that we could have a standalone fire station up and running in 30 months. It was his opinion that Golden Township should: 1. look into building a satellite barn that the Hart Area Fire Board would have to approve into their system. 2. Have the fire mil renewed. 3. Assess a short term limited millage for 5 to 10 years, whatever would be needed to cover the cost of the construction of the building (this would be an additional millage to the one mentioned in #2).

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve cost for a blueprint and cost analysis from Blackmer Construction. All yes. Motion carried.

Park Report: Gary Gibson with the help of volunteer labor and with donations from the community is to build a 40'x 60' pavilion at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve up to Forty-one hundred dollars (\$4100.00) for improvements to the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes for cost incurred on the pavilion. \$150 to Duane Fitzpatrick for pavilion drawing, \$300 for sealed Prints, \$2,985 to Hallack Contracting for transport of fill from back of lot, light grading & leveling, and site preparation. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mr. Ackley to approve the purchase of two new computer towers. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to accept the 2014 proposed Ordinance Amendments. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring, supported by Mrs. Cargill to install a street light at 7th and Mears where there is a school bus stop. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Vega contacted Mrs. Cargill after he visited the cemetery. He told her that there are several trees that are in really bad shape and are dangerous that need to be removed. Mrs. Cargill was instructed to get a price and then call the board members before taking action.

Public comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk