

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
MAY 9, 2017  
MINUTES

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

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator and 38 guests.

**Minutes** - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting with correction and April 18, 2017 Special Board Meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: See Short Term Rental Ordinance heading listed below.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of April 30, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$379,174.65; Road fund \$474,531.24; Fire Fund \$24,567.63; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$829.59; Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes Fund \$7,083.14; Johnson Square Fund \$58,387.50.

**Bills** - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to pay check numbers 16853 through 16901 in the general fund for the amount of \$50,937.67. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 35 permits so far this year. There were three for new homes this past month.

**Land Splits** - Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the **Donald Ricks Land Split**, property # 64-006-027-300-05. All yes, the motion carried. **See Attached Papers**

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve the **Gary Beggs Land Split** property # 64-006-021-200-02. Beggs abstained from voting. All yes, the motion carried. **See Attached Papers**

**Park Report:**

**Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes:** There was a very nice turn out for the Community Spirit Day Picnic on May 7, even though the wind was bitter cold. Approximately 250 people were served with a chicken dinner or hot dog. It was a memorial to Jeff Clark, a dedication of the band shell donated by the Pete Wood family, and a recognition of the DNR grant.

**Possible Park Land Expansion:** Dean Berens has offered Golden Township the prospect of buying three lots, numbers 15, 36, and 56 for their purchase price of \$125,000 offered as a five year no interest land contract. If Golden Township bought those three, they would donate the two additional lots, numbers 54 and 55 for additional park expansion.

**Fire Report:** Mr. Beggs stated that the fire board is working on a budget. It will be presented to the entities for approval.

**Planning Commission:** Mr. Whelpley stated that the planning commission will begin next on a Dangerous Building Ordinance.

**Road Report** – Mr. Walsworth stated that trees and stumps have been removed from Deer Road and that Wadle will begin work soon in early June. Six to Seven miles of Tar and Chip in Upper Silver Lake will be done this year and also Mr. Mark Timmer of the Oceana County Road Commission has agreed to tar & chip Polk Road from 64<sup>th</sup> to 56<sup>th</sup>.

Jean Adams asked if the road to the lighthouse was on this list for improvements. She mentioned problems like guard rails and Ruckels Bridge. Mr. Walsworth stated that it was not on the list, but it could be considered just not this year.

**Assessor Report:** Todd Brandle was asked if he had a report as he has been working on the re-evaluation, but he said no.

Old Business-

**Mears Cemetery sign** - Mrs. Iteen showed a picture of the new sign and stated that it was installed on April 24, 2017.

New Business-

**Susie Knoll (Conservation District)** spoke to the board and residents about **Russian or Autumn Olive**, an invasive species and left materials for best control practices. She also mentioned a **Scrap Tire Collection** on Saturday, June 24 at the Oceana County Road Commission.

**Jeep Invasion:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve mass gathering and fireworks permits for the Jeep Invasion on June 2 and 3 at the Golden Sands Golf Course. There are 526 Jeeps registered and 1140 people at this time. All yes, the motion carried.

**Seasonal Closure of Cemetery:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve a seasonal closure of cemetery from December 1 – April 1 yearly. All yes, the motion carried.

**Juniper Beach/Ridge Road Signs:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve two road signs. One intersection sign for Juniper Beach and Ridge on the triangle corner, and another sign – Ridge Road, Dune Access with and arrow placed on Juniper Beach Road heading northwest from Deer Road prior to the intersection of Ridge Road that goes past Grace Adventures. All yes, the motion carried.

**General Property Tax Sale:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to not purchase the properties on tax sale. All yes, the motion carried.

**Short Term Rental Ordinance:** Mr. Draper read two correspondence: Jack and Mary Doorlag in favor of the ordinance and Bonnie Scholten, Flora Dale Association Board of directors President, asking when a meeting will be held and for paperwork forwarded to her. Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the Short Term Rental Ordinance effective January 1, 2018. Beggs, yes; Cargill, yes; Walsworth, yes; Iteen, no; Fuehring, yes, the motion carried.

**Public discussion:**

-A resident asked about the dumpster at the Golden Township Park at the channel. He would like it taken away.

-A resident asked about overnight parking at the Golden Township Park at the channel.

-A resident asked if there were going to be picnics in the park again this year. Yes.

-Susie Knoll asked about a recycling service in the township instead of using the Oceana County Transfer Station on M-20 which she thought was too far to go.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk