

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
JULY 11, 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; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 21 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of June 13, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$232,830.84; Road fund \$472,363.92; Fire Fund \$32,028.70; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$47,177.48.

Bills - Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to pay check numbers 16951 through 16998 and EFT89 in the general fund for the amount of \$78,211.67. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 52 permits so far this year.

Donald Ricks Land Division: Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve Don Ricks land division. They are taking 80 acres out of Parcel # 006-027-100-03 and adding it to Parcel # 006-027-400-02 which was 40 acres making a 120 acre parcel. All yes, the motion carried.

Increased Fees: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to increase to five hundred (\$500.00) the following fees: Zoning Board of Appeals: Variance Application; Planning Commission: Special use permit, Planned Unit Developments, and Rezoning, effective immediately. All yes, the motion carried. Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to increase the land division fee from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred fifty (\$150.00) per split, effective immediately. All yes, the motion carried.

Park Reports:

Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes: Tonight was the first picnic at the park along with the first concert of this summer. The new street sign "Harvey Berens Parkway" was installed today. Mr. Fuehring will look into getting trees out by the road at the park and also at the township.

Channel Park: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve a 6 yard dumpster at the channel park not to exceed one thousand (\$1000.00). All yes, the motion carried. Mr. Beggs will look into the dumpster matter. Mrs. Cargill will look into the signs there that need to be replaced.

Fire Report: Assistant fire chief, Dwight Fuehring, was appointed. The ninth board member now has a four year term and other members still have six year terms.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whelpley stated that the planning commission will start a dangerous building ordinance and in October begin review and update of the master plan.

Road Report – The DEQ, DNR, Oceana County Road Commission, and Drain Office all have to approve of the repairs to the guard rail that is caving in on North Lighthouse Drive. It will take 18-24 months to complete.

Assessor Report: The residential properties have all been visited. When the visits to the commercial properties are completed the farm units will be done.

Old Business- None

New Business-

Short Term Rental Ordinance: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to amend the Short Term Rental Ordinance by removing the rental size requirement of 720 square feet. There are many cottages that were built prior to 1990 when zoning began which are smaller rentals. All yes, the motion carried.

Short Term Rental Ordinance Application: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to accept the short term rental ordinance application. All yes, the motion carried.

Short Term Rental Ordinance Application Fee: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to accept the short term rental application fee of \$150 per unit with a discount of \$50 for the first year if the permit is applied for before January 1, 2018. All yes, the motion carried.

Temporary Campground Amendment: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the adoption of the temporary campground amendment (#7) to Section 4:33 along with the fee of \$150 the first year for the temporary campground permit. All yes, the motion carried.

Public discussion:

-A resident questioned the commercial use for short term rentals and wants to know if there would be teeth in the ordinance.

-A summer resident thanks the board for doing something about the "commercial" renting.

-Larry Liebert asked for 24th Ave., a seasonal road, to be graded as it is extremely rutted. Mr. Walsworth said he would speak to Mark Timmer at the road commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk