

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13TH, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township board was called to order by Chairman Walsworth at 7:30 p.m. Members present Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring and Kolosci. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to accept the minutes, with corrections all yes motion carried.

Chairman Walsworth summarized a letter from Ken Robinson with the idea of using the test wells on the corner of Joy and Fox for cooling the Hall, it was said the wells are very shallow, only good for testing.

Cargill gave the Treasurers report explaining the Cemetery Perpetual fund and that the C.D. for that account is a 2 yr. CD at 5%. Also reported was that Sheriff Prince had said that next year we will revert to \$5,000.00 we normally pay for the Silver Lake officer, we paid \$7000.00 this year due to State cut backs, next year the county will receive \$15,000.00 as usual.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to accept the treasurers report all, yes motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to approved check numbers 11414-11463 totaling \$54,399.70. Roll call vote Ackley, Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Kolosci, all yes motion carried.

Jake Whelpley gave the zoning report, the corner of Joy and Fox maybe considered a Brownfield, Whelpley stated he had placed it on the WMSEERDC list so that it may be considered for clean up funds.

Whelpley talked about Purchase Right Developments stating he felt the County would be the one to adopt an Ordinance, not individual Twps.

Ricks Land Division parcel's involved #64-006-027-100-04,028-100-03,028-200-01,028-200-07 with all the land involved becomes a parent tract parcel of 207 acres, which allows 19 divisions, and Ricks is asking for 17, to be used as Ag. Res. 2 acre lots, all have access. Whelpley recommends approval with conditions:

1. Legal descriptions of the parcels upon approval and filing.
2. An acceptable road maintenance agreement
3. Upon O.C.R.C. approval

All Yes Motion carried.

Fuehring stated that John Foss of the Oceana County Road Commission would like to be part of the loop on the Land Division process, due to the numerous problems with to many driveways on the main roads. Fuehring is concerned with the Ricks Land Division because of the driveway issues and high banks where the proposed access points will be.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the Ricks Land Division for 17 divisions on parcel's #64-006-027-100-04,028-100-03, 028-200-01, 028-200-07 with all the land involved becomes a parent tract parcel of 207 acres of land located in Golden Township with the following conditions:

1. A legal description of the new parcels be filed with the zoning administrator.
2. An acceptable road maintenance agreement be filed with the zoning administrator.

3. Upon O.C.R.C. approval
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North Star/LiteWave Communications was discussed, Walsworth stated he had spoke with Charlie and that the sale of the company was going thru and should transfer on 12/31/06 to Towne and Country Cable. The board will look into what needs to be done concerning the franchise.

The Master Plan was discussed Ed McNeely the Township attorney explained that a Master Plan should be looked at as a set of goals and that enforcement should come from the Zoning Ordinance. He found many areas of the proposed Master Plan that could possible lead the Township into areas that would be hard to defend and suggested we take a closer look at it.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to table the Master Plan, all yes motion carried. Discussion on the existing Master Plan of 1997, it was said that the law requires the board to review and accept the Master Plan every five year an that changes do not necessarily need to be made in order to comply with the law, you just have to review and state so in the minutes of the board.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to officially state that review has been made of the 1997 Golden Township Master Plan, as called for by law. All yes motion carried.

Kolosci summarized a letter from Colvin Mathews on behalf of the Mathews family he would like to donate back to the Township graves spaces 1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,&12, lot 4, block 5 in the Mears Cemetery, in exchange for repairs to the Mathews monument.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the acceptance of the Mathews donation of grave spaces 1,2,3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12, lot 4, block 5 in the Mears cemetery, in exchange for minor repair to the Mathews monument, all yes motion carried.

Kolosci to send Thank You to the Mathews family.

Kolosci and Fuehring explained a few thought on the future expansion of the Mears cemetery. Fuehring thought that with a few of the community members he has spoken with a work bee could be organized. Basically to start clearing and moving trees etc... Thoughts were that maybe the Township could pay for the gas for the volunteer's equipment.

The new Social Security Number privacy policy was discussed and how important it is, due to identity theft.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the Social Security Number Privacy Policy, all yes motion carried. Copy of file

Core Energy LLC was discussed they have asked to lease Township properties for exploration. With many questions left unanswered by the documents received the board was not ready or willing to accept the offer.

Motion by Kolosci, Support by Ackley to table the Core Energy LLC lease offer, all yes motion carried.

The Planning Commission has asked the Township board to place a One Year Moratorium on Wind Powered Generator development as well as all development in the Ag. District.

Questions on why a moratorium be placed on the entire Ag. District, were asked. Fuehring & Whelpley explained that the P.C. felt it would be a good time to look at the Zoning Ordinance as far as separating Ag. Land and non-farmable land, set and that if we separate the two we would be able to maintain and protect the farmland.

The length of the moratorium was also discussed most felt that a year was too long and that the task could be accomplished sooner. The board will ask the P.C. to research the Wind Power Generators and finish the Zoning ordinance in the next 9 months.

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Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley, to place a 9 month Moratorium on Wind Powered Generator Development in Golden Township with the revised Zoning Ordinance being presented to the Township Board at a regular monthly meeting on or before August 8th, 2006.

All yes motion carried.

Dick Walsworth gave the road report, 2006 road considerations, prime & seal coat 8.5 miles of road, Wilson Rd final pave (Taylor to Filmore), Log Rd & 34th Ave (grade & gravel) estimated cost \$292,745.00. (On file)

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring roll call vote Kolosci, Cargill, Ackley, Walsworth & Fuehring. Approved.

Walsworth also reported that the chip & seal that was done on the roads was very poor, it is not sticking to the road surface and is leaving trenches.

The Snake Trail has been cleaned up and looks great, the cost was much less than originally thought and was shared by the Road Commission and the Township.

Clean up day for the Township was again discussed, Kolosci will call Chuck at Oceana auto to verify that anyone can call and either drop off or possibly have appliances and other metal items picked up, possibly at no charge. The information found will be placed on the website. Kolosci will call and invite Tim Tariske to a mtg. in March to discuss the various options for the Township clean up day.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to adjourn, adjourned 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci Golden Township Clerk