

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2009

7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 p.m. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Wiegand absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented. Corrections were made.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented by Cargill regarding letter from Gary Vogt.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$153,992.23 in General Fund and \$69,588.45 in Road Fund. Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13043 through 13073 totaling \$20,102.17. Roll call vote Ackley, Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley, Wiegand Absent, all yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Report presented by Jake Whelpley.

-Planning Commission met and approved two new PUD's. Also discussed Open Space Ordinance.

-Jake plans to attend MTA Grant Writing Session on Thursday.

-Jake plans to give a deposition at the Road Commission on Friday regarding Harrison Road. Jake will be submitting Zoning information. Township Board member should also attend. Walsworth plans to give his deposition regarding this same issue on 2-20-2009. Cargill's deposition has already been done.

-Submitted revised Planning Commission Ordinance for approval.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Planning Commission Ordinance as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Minch Road

-Request from the Road Commission to take over rights to property mentioned on attached description.

-Board plans to visit the property and make a decision in March.

2. Tractor Estimate: John Deere X500 \$4650.00, John Deere X700 \$6750.00, Trac-Vac \$2400.00

-Motion by Fuehring support by Ackley to purchase the John Deere X700 from Voelker's in the amount of: \$6,750.00, Roll Call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent, Motion Carried.

Fuehring to order the tractor.

3. Public Hearing for Rec Plan (Wiegand now present)

-Recreation Plan presented by Jake

-Public response was requested. No comments were given.

#3 PUBLIC HEARING FOR RECREATION PLAN

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GOLDEN TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Golden Township has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreational facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period 2009 and 2013, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held February 10, 2009 at the Golden Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions and ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Golden Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Golden Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Golden Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Golden Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Golden Township.

Motion by: Cargill, Support by: Fuehring. Fuehring yes, Wiegand yes, Ackley yes, Walsworth yes, Cargill yes.

I, Tina Wiegand, Golden Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Golden Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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Tina Wiegand

Golden Township Clerk

**New Business:**

1. Amended Park Resolution. Original Resolution presented in August of 2008. Resolution has been changed because property lines on the given land have been changed.  
Motion by Ackley, Support by Cargill to rescind the Original Resolution dated 8-12-08. All yes, Motion carried.

The following revised Resolution is presented by the Golden Township Board for adoption:

Whereas: the Silver Lake area is a recreational asset to the citizens of Golden Township and;

Whereas: Golden Township is authorized by various Public Acts of the State of Michigan to provide land for parks and recreational opportunities for its citizens and;

Whereas: Lots 10 through 14, 31 through 35, 57 through 61 of Brubaker's Plat and adjacent lands are available for purchase and are in an excellent location for a township park and;

Whereas: the MDNR has grant funds available to townships for the purchase of such land and;

Whereas: This grant money and other contributions would fund this purchase without township expense.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Golden Township Board agrees if Lots 10 through 14, 31 through 35, 57 through 61 of Brubaker's Plat and adjacent lands are purchased with MDNR grant money and contributions, that it will be designated as a Golden Township Park for all Golden Township residents and visitors to use.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to adopt the revised Park Resolution. Ackley yes, Cargill yes, Wiegand yes, Walsworth yes, Fuehring yes. Motion carried.

I, Tina Wiegand, Golden Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Golden Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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2. Set Budget Hearing Date  
-Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to set the 2009 Golden Township Budget Hearing for March 10, 2009 beginning at 7:15 pm. All yes, Motion Carried.
3. Johnson Square Park Use Request for July 25 and 26 for a Wilson School Reunion. Board recommended approving the request after the appropriate paperwork is signed.
4. Help with the Art Fair – Request to reimburse Kathy Carlson \$70 in addition to giving her a booth to use free of charge for her work with coordinating the Art Fair in July in Mears.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to approve reimbursing Kathy Carlson \$70 plus the use of a booth for the Art Fair in return for her coordinating the event. Roll Call Vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Motion Carried.

5. New Planning Commission Member – Four applications were submitted for vacancy created by the resignation of Gail Schulte. Motion by Ackley, Support by Cargill to appoint LuAnn Mitteer to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission. All yes, Motion Carried. Fuehring requested letters be sent to all persons who submitted applications. Wiegand to send letters.

6. Hazardous Waste Contract Request – Request is for \$575.00 to support the three county Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to participate in the Clean up day and submit our share of the cost which is \$575.00. Roll Call Vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion Carried.

7. Annual Budget – 2009 Budget presented for board and public review. To be submitted for approval in March 2009. (See attached)

8. Sidewalk Lighting – Request for \$3,375.00 to put in street lights in front of the Township Hall to coordinate with the downtown area. Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve estimate from Blackmer Electric in the amount of \$3,375.00 for street lights in front of the Township Hall, with the addition of not sawing the concrete. Roll Call Vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-no, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion Carried.

9. Mission Statement – Wiegand submitted three options for a new Golden Township Mission Statement. Board to review and vote on a new Mission Statement in March.

10. Silver Lake Corridor Update – Cooperative effort with engineers, Road Commission Members, and other interested parties working together to improve the road and add a bike trail from Silver Lake State Park to Fox Road. No plans for public sewer at this point unless additional grant money becomes available. The proposal includes \$328,000 in assessments that could be shared by the Township, and the residents of the Special Assessment District, for the Trail portion of the project. Board to consider these amounts as they review the 2009 Budget and make a decision in March 2009. (See attached)

11. 4-H Golden Community Club update – Plan to begin activities in April. Group is now cooperating with the local 4-H which will cover all their insurance and liabilities. This also allows the group to write grants through 4-H under their 501C-3. (See attached letter)

12. Road Closure Request for Out House Race on 2-21-09 – Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to recommend requesting a road closure from The Township Hall to the Mears Post Office by the OCRC for an Out House Race on 2-10-09 from 9:30am – 11:00am. All yes, Motion Carried. Wiegand to submit request to the OCRC.

13. Request for updated software from the Assessor's Office – Bid is from Apex Software for \$545.00. Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to approve purchasing software from Apex Software for \$545.00. Roll Call Vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion Carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Discussion regarding the Silver Lake Road Project and where additional \$150,000 will come from.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk