

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
May 8, 2012  
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Wiegand, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring.

MINUTES from the April 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$246,230.40 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, ending balance on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 of \$220,223.39. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$292,923.36 on April 1st, 2012 and ending balance of \$293,052.31 on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

-\$91,288.51 in the T&A account which includes the following: Lathers Memorial, Park Grant Match, Fire Department money owed, building rent and building deposit.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Closing on the Park Property will be May 30<sup>th</sup>.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Ackley to approve using money from the Community Foundation Fund to use toward the purchase of the park property at Silver Lake. Cargill to determine the amount to be paid based on interest accrued and current closing costs. Cargill will also decide whether to leave \$500 in the account to leave it open, or to completely close the account. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 14558 through 14594 from the General Fund totaling \$30,710.04. Also, check number 1138 from the Road Fund for Hallack Contracting totaling \$157.50. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried. Cargill to verify the accuracy of check number 14558.

## ZONING REPORT:

- Has already been receiving reports from Swiharts regarding condition of septic systems. Whelpley also noted that Michigan does not have a state wide Sanitary Code.
- Wrote 8 permits.
- Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments will be at the June Planning Commission Meeting.
- Wilson will present his site plan for his proposed campground at the May Planning Commission meeting.
- Public Hearing for the Master Plan will be at the May Planning Commission Meeting.
- Mears Historic Park presented a site plan to the Planning Commission in April for an antique windmill to be erected. This site plan was passed.

-Land Division requested by Kristine Clemens for parcel number 64-006-026-400-16. The request is to divide the property in to two parcels. Whelpley states it meets all minimum requirements.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the land division for Kristine Clemens, parcel number 64-006-026-400-16 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Land Division requested by Ken Wierenga for property number 64-006-005-400-08 to divide it in to two parcels. Whelpley required them to construct a driveway to the property so it would have direct access to the road. Whelpley stated it meets all requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Land Division Request submitted by Ken Wierenga for property number 64-006-005-400-08 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Wiegand arrives.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

-As presented.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Road Commission for Banner and road closure
  - Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to submit request to the Road Commission for permission to hang banners across Hazel and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue from May 20<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup> to promote Silver Lake summer events, and also to close Silver Lake Road between Silver Pointe General Store and Parkside Store for a one day festival on September 8, 2012 from 6am-9pm. All yes, motion carried.
2. Telamon Contract
  - Additional changes were made to the contract. Wiegand to make revisions and submit to the Board for review.
3. Proposal for Bike Path – Safety concerns near Parkside Store – Brian Klepper

-Request by Klepper, owner of Parkside Store, to make revisions to the bike path in front of the store to make it easier to use for pedestrians and bicyclists. Klepper submitted photographs and drawings of his proposal. Klepper stated he will cover the cost of re-striping the path. He is requesting Board approval as the Road Commission will not agree to any revisions to the bike path without this.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve Klepper making revisions to the bike path in front of Parkside Store as presented. All yes, motion carried.

-Wiegand to submit letter to the Road Commission regarding approval of revising the bike path.

#### 4. Road Bids

-Road bids will be opened May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Road Commission and the Road Commission will be meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup> to award bids. Cargill recommended appointing Walsworth and Walsworth to make the decision for which bidder should do work for Golden Township this year. By approving the bidder earlier, the road work will be done earlier in the summer.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to appoint Walsworth and Walsworth to use their discretion in appointing the contractor to do the road work for Golden Township for 2012. All yes, motion carried.

#### 5. Township Park Beach at Lake Michigan – Concerns that the channel is cutting across the beach. Ken Hayes Jr., President of the Golden Sands Lighthouse Association.

-Discussed congestion in parking lot for the beach. Requested removing the angle parking sign on the north side of the guard rail.

-The snow fence is down, but not removed.

-Hayes stated there are stagnant ponds on the beach and these do not seem clean.

-The channel cuts across the entire township beach which requires beach goers to walk through the channel to get to the beach. Beach goers are also walking on neighboring property to go around the channel to get to the beach.

-Mr. Hayes is requesting a solution to straighten the channel

-Walsworth suggested simply dredging the channel.

-Mr. Hayes wondered about getting a permit to do the dredging.

-Walsworth and Fuehring stated it is too expensive and takes too long to get a permit from the DNR. Simply dredging it would be simpler.

-Cargill stated the permit was \$1300 or \$1500 a few years ago.

-Wiegand suggested getting the 3 year permit and abiding by the DNR's guidelines.

-Walworth to visit site and determine if the angle parking sign should be removed.

-Walsworth to contact someone to remove the snow fence.

-Walsworth will determine whether the channel should be dredged or not when he makes his site visit.

#### 6. Computer Issues

-Request to pay Don Redding for fixing the AVG on the laptop computer and removing the hard drives from old computers. Fuehring will destroy the hard drives and Redding will take the old computers and parts to Goodwill.

-Motion by Ackley support by Fuehring to pay Don Redding \$40 to fix the AVG on the laptop computer and to remove hard drives from old computers. Roll Call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, motion carried.

#### 7. Flag Purchase and Lighting

-We are in need of a flag for the flag pole at the township hall. Bricker researched this issue last fall and found a good size flag for a good price at Tractor Supply. Cargill to purchase flag.

-Light for flag pole doesn't seem to be working. Walsworth suggested calling Blackmer to have them fix it. Wiegand to contact Blackmer.

8. Clean Up Day Reminder: Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm.

9. Estimate for Irrigation at the Cemetery

-White Lake Nursery submitted an estimate for irrigation at the cemetery. The estimate is for 12 spigots in the new section of the cemetery. The total cost would be \$3,150.00. -

-Wiegand wondered why we aren't considering irrigation along with the spigots. Cargill stated she would check in to it.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve White Lake Nursery, Inc.'s bid for \$3,150.00 to install a main line with fittings and 12 spigots above the ground for the new cemetery area. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, motion carried.

-Cargill to contact White Lake Nursery to do the work and will also ask for an additional estimate for irrigation for the cemetery.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

1. Beattie's stated Veteran's Markers may still be up from last fall? The flags are gone and the markers are still there. They questioned whether the flags would be put up before Memorial Day. Cargill will contact the VFW to verify that they will be out.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk

