

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
MAY 8TH, 2007
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township board was called to order by Chairman Walsworth at 7:30 P.M., members present were Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley & Fuehring. Kolosci absent due to the school election.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to approve the minutes with corrections all yes motion carried.

Correspondence;

A letter was received by the Chairman from the Cooks in regards to the proposed rental ordinance; Zoning Administrator Whelpley will file it with the others he has received. The Hart Silver Lake, Mears Chamber sent a copy of a letter they received from Barbara Lauderbaugh of Baldwin with pictures of swans on the channel pointing out some debris in the water. Kolosci will send a copy of the letter to the DNR.

The Treasurers reported that the General fund has \$191,157.82 and the Road fund has \$276,321.76.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the Treasurers report all yes motion carried.

The Presentation of the Bills;

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve check numbers 12110-12145 totaling \$15,753.37, roll call vote Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley & Fuehring all yes. Kolosci absent.

The Zoning report was given by Administrator Whelpley reporting 15 permits issued.

Points of interest:

- More law enforcement in the Silver Lake area meeting with Sheriff Prince
- Private roads and the possibility of the county accepting built to standard roads in the future.
- The proposed rental ordinance response letters received and how other communities deal with the same situation.
- The proposed private sewer system, the Planning Commission has not acted on the issue, waiting to take a tour of a similar system.
- Feldt property on Hazel Rd has been recommended for rezoning from Resort Residential to Resort Commercial.

The Feldt rezoning was discussed and has been recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring all yes motion carried.

A seminar workshop covering plat and subdivision issues costing \$300.00 was discussed; Mr. Whelpley asked that the board approve his attending the seminar.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley, roll call vote Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring, Walsworth all yes motion carried. Kolosci Absent.

The clean up day road closure for May 19th, 2007 was discussed.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley, to approve asking the road commission for permission to close Morrison between 3rd & 4th from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to conduct clean up day at the Township Hall, all yes motion carried.

Kolosci has asked that the board approve the funds to purchase a small banner that can be used in the Spring and Fall, as well as years to come, to let the community know a week prior where clean up day will be held.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Cargill to purchase a banner for clean up day. Roll call vote Ackley, Fuehring, Cargill and Walsworth all yes. Kolosci absent motion carried.

Mears property LLC would like to apply for a grant for a phased project for sidewalks, streets and alleyways, parking lots, bike racks, benches etc. from the community foundation, but in order to do that you must be a 501c3 or a public entity and because they are working within the public portion of the downtown area they would like to have Golden Township apply for the grant.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN
MEARS**

Moved by Carl Fuehring supported by Connie Cargill to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Mears is falling into a state of blight – many of the buildings are vacant and in a state of disrepair.

WHEREAS, several businesses in the Village of Mears have closed.

WHEREAS, Mears Properties LLC wishes to improve the appearance of the Mears downtown area.

WHEREAS, Mears Properties LLC wishes to improve the economy of Golden Township by bringing new businesses into Mears and thus creating more jobs for the Golden Township area.

WHEREAS, Mears Properties LLC wishes to crease a desirable destination in Golden Township that will be an enjoyable experience for visitors.

THEREFORE, the Golden Township Board supported the revitalization project of the Village of Mears by Mears Properties LLC

AND ALSO THEREFORE, the Golden Township Board will contribute up to \$7000. to the improvement of the sidewalks in the Mears downtown area.

Roll call vote: Cargill, yes; Walsworth, yes; Ackley, yes; Fuehring, yes; Kolosci, absent; the resolution passed.

Matching funds for the Mears LLC project along with the monies that the Township receives for right of ways was discussed and the fact that it is the Townships obligation to repair sidewalks.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to give up to \$7,000.00 in matching funds to the Mears LLC downtown project to be used for streets, sidewalks alleys etc. roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Walsworth all yes, Kolosci absent. Motion carried.

Mears LLC has also asked that the Township board to approve placing a banner across Fox rd. in the downtown Mears area for the summer, to announce the opening of the downtown area. They must have the Townships approval before applying to the road commission.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve placing a banner across Fox Rd. in the downtown Mears area, all yes motion carried.

Public input was asked for:

Terry Way asked who would be running the Val-Du-Lakes Campground, and if it would be ran by the same people as last year.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to adjourn the meeting, all yes meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jake Whelpley
Zoning Administrator