

JUNE 24, 2020
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Special Board meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Carl Fuehring at 2:00 pm.

Board members present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Bill Kolenda, Gary Beggs

Board members absent: Rachel Iteen

Others present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Brenda Draper, Deputy Clerk and 10 people.

Pledge of allegiance recited.

Discussing whether to approve fireworks in Golden Township on July 4, 2020.

Public Comment:

Anthony Munafo: (Heroes on The Dunes) said to ask him any questions.

Ted Ferwerda: Stated he is all for the fireworks

Craig Cihak: Would like to see fireworks. Curious what ramifications would come from the Governor.

Board Members:

Bill Kolenda: Most people want the fireworks to happen. Social gathering on the dunes is safe in your own vehicles. Street corners could be a concern with social distancing. State will either allow it or they won't.

* **Called for a MOTION:** Approve fireworks for 4th of July, following any State guidelines handed down.

Approval for Golden Township. **SUPPORT:** Connie Cargill.

Gary Beggs: Why are we having this meeting?

Bill Kolenda: Sean Henry cancelled the fireworks this year. Anthony Munafo came forward to hold them in Silver Lake and needs approval from Golden Township, according to the State.

Anthony Munafo: Explained how he got involved. DNR and the State contacted him to approve a Permit but needed approved from Golden Township. NOT asking Township to take ANY liability. He took out the permits and will take ALL responsibility. Will follow State social distancing rules. Still moving forward as if Michigan is still in 'Phase 3' of Governor's Order, although we have moved into Phase 4. This is NOT a mass gathering. HERO OPERATION will do whatever the Township wants from him.

Connie Cargill: Had a conversation with Jody Johnson from DNR.

Rob Draper: The 'road ends' could be the locations people gather. Road Commission owns that, not the Township.

MOTION: Bill Kolenda

SUPPORT: Connie Cargill

"Approve fireworks for 4th of July, following any State guidelines handed down. Approval for Golden Township."

ROLL CALL: ALL YES

Meeting Adjourned 2:31pm

Brenda Draper

Deputy Clerk