

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
JUNE 13, 2023
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by supervisor, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Bill Kolenda, and Doug Dykstra.

Board Members Absent: None

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Mr. McNeely, Township Lawyer; and 27 guests.

Doug Dykstra's additions are in italics.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting, 4-27-2023 and 6-8-2023 special board meetings. All yes, the motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the agenda as written. All yes, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

-Mr. Donald Synder talked about the property line dividing his land and the sand dragway.

-Mrs. Ward talked about the sand dragway PUD not being done correctly, filled out adequately, and some rules seemed to be disregarded.

-Mr. Ward talked about the sand dragway and to please follow the rules.

-Mrs. Snyder talked about the sand dragway and that maybe there was miscommunication.

-Ted Ferwerda talked about reducing the setbacks on smaller tracks of land.

Correspondence: *None*

Financial Report: The ending balance in the fund as of June 13, 2023 was as follows: General Fund \$182,812.03; Road fund \$9,613.83; Capitol Savings Fund \$8,300.15. The Michigan Class investment funds for the above funds are as follows: GF \$321,856.81; RF \$499,343.04; CSF \$137,673.51.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Dykstra, supported by Mr. Kolenda to pay check numbers 19620 - 19667 and EFT 168 in the general fund for \$72,023.69. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Reports:

-**Sheriff:** None

-**Zoning:** There are 45 permits so far with 12 of them new homes, and 216 rental permits.

Stapel Land Division: Otto Stapel, parent parcel #64-006-021-400-01. See attached paperwork.

-**Parks:** There was a meeting today on the 5-year Recreation Plan.

-**Fire:** There has been a ~~request~~ *discussion* to have Medical First Responders on the fire runs. *Hart is only department that is not doing this in the county.* Currently the county is paying \$110 per call for Medical First Responders if milage is not renewed next year the 8 firemen will need to run the 1000 + calls per year. The annual meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of July. *Jake to let us know date and time.*

-Planning Commission: The meeting last month: Silver Scoops – Building replaced, Silver Hills Campground – adding a splash pad *and laundry*. Silver Back Off Road Speed Way PUD approved with three conditions – fence, porta potties, scramble area. Please see PC minutes for more information.

Silver Back Off Road Speed Way: Motion to accept with conditions of no fence on east lot line. Replace with scrub brush and trees in holes to make it impassable to neighbor's property, scramble allowed as submitted. Put an 8-foot-high fence from the south-west corner (while maintaining a clear vision corner) of the lot to the gate on the west side of the property, a privacy fence along south side of property from clear vision (SW) corner along south side of property to the last electric box heading east. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the major modification of the Silver Back Off Road Speed Way PUD. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

-Roads: Lighthouse Drive needs a complete redo of the entire road. On north 18th Avenue there needs to be a county drain to address the water running into the lake. *Dykstra questioned why stone was being put on roads that are not on an approved list. Jake said we are not paying for this, road commission is.*

-Assessor: None

Old Business: *None*

New Business:

Golden Township Flag: Motion by Mr. Kolenda, supported by Mr. Dykstra to contact the area art teachers to see if their students *from the 2023/24 graduating class* could come up with a flag design. If chosen they would get a \$500 college scholarship. All yes, the motion carried.

Mears Art Fair: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the outdoor gathering for the Mears Art Fair. All yes, the motion carried.

Cemetery Issues: There will be a meeting with Trugreen to discuss the thick moss problem. May use inmates to straighten tombstones. The flag pole needs to be replaced.

Special Assessment Software: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the purchase of the new software, training, and annual support fee *not to exceed \$500*. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Video Conferencing equipment: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Dykstra to approve the equipment purchase *and setup by Shotwell Solutions, LLC* not to exceed \$5,000. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Shotwell Solutions LLC: Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Kolenda to approve a one-year IT commitment with Shotwell Solutions LLC *to replace VC3 not to exceed \$5,000 per year*. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk