

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2015

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Feldmeier, Hovenkamp, Mongreig, Scott and Ulsh.

Approval of Agenda. Motion by Scott with second by Hovenkamp to approve the agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Feldmeier with second by Scott to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015, Regular Meeting as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Motion by Hovenkamp with second by Feldmeier approve the **List of Bills** for payment. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Scott reported the following for the month of May 2015:

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| Income | \$ 84,883.82 |
| Expenditures | \$ 85,142.40 |
| General Fund Balance | \$ 394,064.87 |
| May 2015 Balance | \$ 393,806.29 |

Motion by Feldmeier second by Mongreig to approve the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Citizens Time:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler brought County level information. Still searching for a new County Administrator and centralized dispatch is seeking a project manager.

Ordinance No. 267 Zoning Text Amendments: Motion by Feldmeier with second by Mongreig to adopt Ordinance No. 267 an ordinance that amends various sections of the Schoolcraft Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 137, as amended) pertaining to solar energy generating facilities and accessory solar energy systems, and roadside stands and farm markets. Roll Call Vote: Feldmeier – yes, Hovenkamp –yes, Mongreig – yes, Scott – yes, Ulsh – yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Greenstone Farm Credit Services Application: Motion by Mongreig with second by Feldmeier to approve the Planning Commission recommendations and therefore not approve the changes to the planning classification and the zoning classification of the subject property requested by the property owner. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Department report received.

Barton Lake Association: At the request of the Barton Lake Association, Alan Smaka, PE of Wightman and Associates, Inc. gave an overview of sanitary sewer collection and treatment system improvements he has engineered, including related costs and availability of USDA Grants. He then answered questions from many Barton Lake property owners.

Supervisor Ulsh and Clerk Mongreig emphasized to the property owners that Schoolcraft Township did not start this discussion. The Barton Lake Association requested the informational meeting so that all could be informed.

Zoning Board of Appeals Member: Motion by Feldmeier with second by Hovenkamp to confirm the reappointment of Charles Bibart to the Zoning Board Appeals for a three-year term beginning June 2015. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Planning Commission Report:

Ordinance No. 267 Zoning Text Amendments: Unanimously approved by the Planning Commission.

Greenstone Farm Credit Services Application: Unanimously denied by the Planning Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance for property located at 15031 Barton Lake.

Swan Park Report: Ryan LaPorte reported that the Park has been very busy recently. There have been issues with parking due to all of the rain. He also submitted the Swan Park Committee long term plan as requested by Trustee Feldmeier. The Plan outlines the future projects in order and by cost.

Mr. LaPorte informed the Board of the Relay for Life to be held at Swan Park June 20, 2015.

Supervisor Ulsh remarked how nice the park looks.

Supervisor Ulsh informed the board that the South County Fire Authority has approached the Vicksburg Foundation for funding for the Fire Authority to hire a consultant to help with reorganization.

The South County EMS has withdrawn from involvement with South Kalamazoo Fire Authority

Supervisor Ulsh informed the board that the EMS has ordered a new ambulance due to be delivered in approximately 90 days. If the EMS funding allows, they will be purchasing another. The existing ambulances are failing.

Clerk Mongreig reported that the referendum (**Propane in the 131 Corridor**), will be voted on in the March 8, 2016, Presidential Primary Election.

Clerk Mongreig asked how it was decided that the Barton Lake Association meeting be held during the regular meeting. Supervisor Ulsh stated that he and Trustee Hovenkamp talked about having another meeting, but that he doesn't think the board needs to be involved. Trustee Hovenkamp said that the signs already have the July Schoolcraft Township Board meeting listed and it would be costly to change them.

Curtis Allen property activity was discussed:

Power washing with yelling of four-letter words

People are intimidated by Allen

Supervisor responded to a caller saying that the Township cannot take this problem on alone – neighbors and property owners must come forward.

Trustee Feldmeier proposed that while the appeal is going on that the earth change ordinance issue be addressed. And that the neighbors approach the edge of the property and do whatever it takes to get an assessment of how much earth has been moved.

The board also discussed the statements that Mr. Allen made about ONLY his son riding on the track. Supervisor Ulsh stated that the Judge did not designate, only said that the track can continue to be used.

Supervisor Ulsh reiterated that the property owners/neighbors must call the Sheriff's Department when these offenses occur.

Trustee Feldmeier stated that he believes waiting for the appeals process is wrong and 80% from what we, (Schoolcraft Township) should be doing.

Supervisor suggested that Trustee Feldmeier discuss the issue with Attorney Rolfe.

Trustee Hovenkamp will discuss the amount of earth moved with an excavator.

Supervisor Ulsh announced that South County EMS was awarded the top award from Borgess Hospital for response time.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk
Township of Schoolcraft