

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
March 8, 2017 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen

Absent: none

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, six members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Berens gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the February 8, 2017 Special Board Meeting and the February 8, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the agenda with the addition of #10 Brining and #12 Support letter for First Christian Reformed Church, change of Ambulance Board to Ambulance Oversight Committee and removal of Burn Ordinance Committee. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck gave the opening remarks. We have received a public hearing notice from Ottawa County Parks regarding the proposed purchase of 117 acres in Robinson Township with 6013 feet of it along Stearns Bayou and Stearns Creek located at 136th and Johnson. They are seeking a grant to fund help fund the acquisition. Kuck communicated concerns about additional traffic on the roads and the loss of tax base.

Supervisor Kuck received information from the Ottawa County Road Commission that they have approved the deviation request for the location of the non motorized path along the north side of North Cedar Drive and they made a motion to consider a future water main location along the south side of North Cedar Drive.

Commissioner Greg DeJong gave a local update; he is happy the concerns for the residents along North Cedar were resolved, and shares our concerns for the new park acquisition on Stearns Bayou. New commissioner Kelly Kuiper was recently welcomed. The County Commissioners will be holding a Board Meeting at GVSU on March 30th. Some roads in Robinson Township will have work done on them this summer. Three members of the Sheriff's Department recently received distinguished service awards.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to adopt the planning commission's recommendation for approval of the revised site plan for Dykstra Excavating/Emerald Lakes dated January 30, 2017, which revises the boundary between Cells 1-C and 2-A for all the reasons given in the original Earth Change approval and to recommend renewal of the three year Class B Earth Change permit per Article VII, Section 2 E of the Robinson Township Earth Change Ordinance based upon the applicants representations of complying with the Earth Change conditions and in consideration of the health, safety, and general welfare of the Township residents. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to open the public hearing for Ochoa's Blueberry Farm Inc. seeking a special use permit for migrant housing at 13982 Lake Michigan Drive. Motion carried.

Miguel Ochoa made a presentation about the proposed migrant housing.

Questions:

-Saddler asked when the laundry facility would be built. Answer: this year

-Hayward asked if the addition of the furnace room would need to be reviewed by the PC. Answer from Attorney: no

-Kuck asked if setbacks would be maintained. Answer: yes

-Berens asked if building permits would be required. Answer: no, only a zoning certificate of compliance because it is in AG and because the State regulates migrant housing

-Nancy Esnaola asked if would be apartments. Answer: no, it will be a large shared home

Kuck shared concerns regarding the temporary signs for A&L that are on Lake Michigan Drive that have not been taken down to comply with the zoning ordinance. Because the signs are not a part of the property their compliance cannot be made a condition of approval. Mr. Ochoa agreed to work with zoning administrator Brian Werschem to resolve that issue.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Kuck to approve the detailed site plan and special use application from Ochoa Blueberry farms for farm labor housing based on the findings of the planning commission that are based upon meeting the standards in Sections 31.8, 32.5 and 4.5B of the zoning ordinance with the following conditions.

1. Compliance with application materials submitted to the Township, specifically including the March 7, 2017 submission.
2. Compliance with the verbal representations made by the applicant which are included in the Planning Commission and Township Board meeting minutes.
3. Compliance with all Federal, State, County, and Township ordinances.
4. Verification by the Zoning Administrator that unapproved signs have been removed from the site.

Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Berens to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Grant of License agreement with the Grand Haven High School (Young Bucs) Baseball program subject to completion of dates on the agreement. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Kuck to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Grant of License agreement with Hope Reformed Church for use of the baseball field adding item "d: restore field to baseball conditions after each use. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the 2017 wage schedule as presented. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. A letter will be sent to board representatives to make them aware that their per diem is only for Board meetings and not sub-committee meetings.

Kuck made a motion seconded by Hayward to require a fee of \$25 for a Home Occupation Registration. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Discussion was held regarding notification of proposed cable work scheduled by AcenTek and a request for approval of the proposed construction. It was determined that they need to file for a Metro Act Permit with the State. Berens made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to table the discussion for AcenTek.

Supervisor Kuck received an update on the Buchanan Street paving. They will soon be having a public hearing, award contracts for cutting and ditching and meet with some landowners regarding ditching issues.

Berens made a motion seconded by Kuck to appoint Eric Hayward as the Citizen Representative to the NORA Board. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Berens to appoint Kathy Kuck as the Board Representative to the NORA Board. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Kuck to approve Michigan Chloride Sales to do the brining of the roads with the first application to be at a rate of 3,000 gallons per mile, 2nd and 3rd application at 1,650 gallons per mile subject to weather. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to send a letter of support of the First Christian Reformed Recycle Ministry to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation from the Township. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion seconded by Hayward to cover the fee for the cost for the on-line Citizen Planners classes of \$10/class for 6 classes for Bill Maschewske. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the need for an update to the Master Plan.

Discussion was held on making the Township a smoke free campus.

Discussion was held regarding a logo for the Board room. It will be added to the March 29th agenda.

Zoning Administrator submitted a report.

Planning Commission Annual report will be available at the March 29th meeting

Ambulance Oversight committee has sent a letter to NOCH looking for confirmation of willingness to negotiate. They will be meeting monthly in order to keep the process going.

The Park Board has the Community Recreation Plan ready for the 30 day public review period. A public hearing will be scheduled for the April Board meeting.

Public comments: discussion on the grading of Sleeper Street. Today's grading was done better than before.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to adjourn at 9:16 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk