

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting June 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present: Supervisor Kathryn Kuck, Treasurer Bonnie Hayward, Clerk Christine Saddler, Trustee Bernice Berens, Trustee Travis Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje and eleven members of the public

Berens gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Opening remarks of the Supervisor: Due to the full agenda there were no opening remarks

Commissioner Greg DeJong was absent

Public comment: none

North Ottawa Community Hospital Board Representative Eric Hayward gave an annual report. The Hospital will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on June 13th. The hospital has been working to fill gaps within the community with new equipment and new doctors. They have received awards for their nursing and for the birthing center. They are reaching out to the community and offering many health seminars.

Berens made a motion supported by Kuck to approve a Resolution of Recognition for North Ottawa Community Health System declaring that June 15 will be known as North Ottawa Community Health System Day. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck read the notice for the two public hearings for the requests to expand the no wake zone on the Grand River: 14152 Garfield Road, Spring Lake vicinity and 9720 Oriole Drive, Coopersville, MI vicinity.

Supervisor Kuck declared the public hearing for the expansion of the slow no wake zone in the vicinity of 14152 Garfield Road open.

Comments were received from four residents in opposition of extending the slow no wake zone.

- The erosion being experienced in that area is more from ice and snow melt than wakes.
- Expanding the zone will not help because you can't regulate good judgement
- There is already a regulation of no wake within 100 feet of shore
- Ottawa County should enforce the laws currently in place
- The high water is cyclical and will go down again. Once a zone has been increased to deal with an issue, it will not go away once the issue is no longer present.
- Boaters are responsible for their wake and any damage it causes.

No comments in favor of the slow no wake zone were received.

Supervisor Kuck declared the public hearing closed.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to deny passing a resolution to request the Michigan DNR hold a public hearing to inquire into the need to expand the slow no wake zone on the Grand River in the vicinity of 14152 Garfield Road, Spring Lake. Roll Call vote: Hayward: yes, Vugteveen: yes, Kuck: yes, Berens: no, Saddler: yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck declared the public hearing for the expansion of the slow no wake zone in the vicinity of 9720 Oriole Drive, Coopersville open. This request came from the owners of Conestoga campground.

Comments were received from six citizens in opposition to expanding the slow no wake zone:

- People from the campground have been observed skiing directly from the docks in violation of the 100 foot from shore rule. This may be causing some of the damage.
- This request is for one of the widest parts of the river (close to 200'). This space allows for the waves to dissipate so there isn't as much force.
- Increasing the zone only increases the ability of the Sheriff's Department to issue tickets without requiring people to take responsibility.
- Enforcement of the current restrictions should happen.
- There isn't anyone present to voice support.
- Those who have lived on the river for years understand the cycles of the river and live with it. You shouldn't legislate for a handful.
- Damage to boats from wakes can be alleviated by different mooring techniques.

No comments in favor of expanding the slow no wake zone were received.

Supervisor Kuck declared the public hearing closed.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to deny passing a resolution to request the Michigan DNR hold a public hearing to inquire into the need to expand the slow no wake zone on the Grand River in the vicinity of 9720 Oriole Drive, Coopersville. Roll Call vote: Hayward: yes, Vugteveen: yes, Berens: no, Kuck: yes, Saddler: yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to negotiate the contract with Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) for building inspector services including building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Class A Earth Change permit for Zach Zoerhoff for parcel no. 70-08-25-300-035 based on the recommendations and conditions stated by the Planning Commission at the May 28, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the S&M Class B Earth Change permit renewal based on the recommendations and conditions stated by the Planning Commission at the May 28, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the Clark Farm Class B Earth Change permit renewal based on the recommendations and conditions stated by the Planning Commission at the May 28, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Ottawa County's autonomy from being required to adhere to Township zoning regulations.

Discussion was held regarding controlling the mole population in the park. The use of "tomcat worms" will be tried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the purchase of flags for the cemetery and Township hall from Display Sales in the amount of \$351.40. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to review the application and escrow fee schedule and bring them back to the board. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens for the Township to absorb the balance of the escrow amount owing for the Sobolik ZBA variance. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Saddler gave a summary of the sessions attended at the MTA conference she attended in April.

Discussion was held regarding a revision to the zoning ordinance to preserve agricultural land in regards to site condominiums on agricultural land. The consensus of the board was for the Planning Commission to proceed with the process to close this "loophole".

Discussion was held on rules for water and sewer and establishing distances. This needs to be coordinated with our master plans for both water and sewer.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to adopt the revised Spending Resolution 2019-06-13. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Reports are on file:

Zoning report

Treasurer

Fire Department

Ambulance

NORA: The first meeting with the new director will be held on June 13, 2019

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk