

Minutes of the
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Saddler, Hayward, Berens and Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje and thirteen members of the public plus on line participants

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Supervisor Kuck

The pledge of Allegiance was recited

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to approve the minutes from June 10, 2020 Special board meeting. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the minutes from June 10, 2020 Regular board meeting. Motion carried

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

Ottawa County Commissioner Greg DeJong gave an update on happenings in the County including praise for the Ottawa County Department of Public Health and the outstanding work they have done in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public comments were received by multiple audience members regarding implementing new slow no wake regulations. Two were in favor of them for the Grand River and one against. Three were against regulations in Stearns Bayou and two were for them.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the renewal of the MME Development LLC Class B Earth Change permit based on the recommendations and stipulations made by the Planning Commission at the meeting on June 23, 2020. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

After a discussion with Jason Shamblin and Melanie Manion from Ottawa County Parks (via Zoom), Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to adhere to the Boards original decision to not move forward with a request to the DNR to expand the Slow No Wake Zone on the Grand River in the area near Riverside Park. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding beginning the process to determine if a Slow No Wake Zone should be implemented on Stearns Bayou. This process would require a public hearing. The consensus of the Board is that more input from the residents should be gathered to see what the interest is before proceeding.

Discussion was held regarding the selection of a company to assist in the update of the Master Plan. Consensus of the Board was to have the Planning Commission conduct the second interview with Fresh Coast and with McKenna and make a recommendation to the Board.

Berens made a motion supported by Saddler to purchase three computers for the Supervisor, Assessor and Front Desk through Addorio Technologies for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 including set up. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to send a letter to USDA, NRCS Office of the Chief in support of Ottawa County's application for a Conservation Innovation Grant. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to approve renewal of a 60-month lease with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Saddler to approve payment of the Accident Fund workers compensation insurance renewal with a request that an audit be conducted to confirm that all categories of coverage are accurate. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a no parking area near the intersection of 144th Ave and Green.

Discussion was held regarding an alternative plan for a Clean Up Day.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the estimate from Diemers Property Services to reroute the sprinkler line at the back of the Township Hall at a cost of \$334. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Reports:

Treasurer-Audit is complete-waiting for paperwork

Fire Department- Open house has been cancelled

Clerk-over 1,000 absentee ballots have been issued for the August 4th election

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk