

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present: Supervisor Frank Johnson, Treasurer Bonnie Hayward, Clerk Christine Saddler, Trustee Vugteveen and Trustee Travis Bergman

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Pastor Bernard from Robinson Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks. He reported that the Township recently underwent their audit.

Ottawa County Commissioner Greg DeJong shared that all of the annual reports for County Departments are available for viewing on the County website www.miottawa.org

Ottawa County Parks Director Jason Shamblin gave an update on the Stearns Bayou Connector project. There may be need for a light or 4-way stop at the intersection of 144th and Green where the pathway will cross over from one side of the street to the other. Posting "no parking" signs along Green Street is requested. Discussion was had regarding this.

Frank Schroyer from Ottawa Conservation District promoted the tire recycling event they are hosting on July 31st at the Holland Road Commission site.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Taxation for 2021. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to adopt the Michigan Township Association Principles of Governance. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the Class A Earth Change request for 11180 144th Ave based on the information in the application and the report from the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall confirm adherence to that and all local and State ordinances. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Bergman made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the Zoning Text Amendment ordinance for Accessory structures in R1 and R2 and to authorize the execution of the ordinance. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve a yearly service contract with Wolverine Power Systems at a level 1 program. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Johnson to accept the resignation of Chad Bush from the Park Board. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to accept the resignation of George Schippers from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Vugteveen to issue George Schippers a Certificate of Appreciation for his 33 years of service on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Clerk's attendance at the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries conference in Traverse City in August, including the hotel, registration, mileage, food, and a per diem. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the necessity of a fireworks ordinance with no action taken.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to send to the Planning Commission for discussion, an allowance for an accessory building on a vacant residential parcel. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Bergman to move forward in the development of a butterfly memorial garden at the Robinson Township South Cemetery. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to untable the Pete Bourque contract zoning agreement discussion. Motion carried.

Consensus of the Board was that if Bourque did not sign the agreement and pay the amount owing by July 31st then the Treasurer would proceed with collections.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to untable the tennis and basketball court project. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the quote from Raquet Sports for both the non-resilient acrylic color coating and crack repair in the amount of \$11,250 and the quote from Denny's excavating for the removal of the old basketball poles and construction of a new basketball half-court in the area where the beach volleyball is located in the amount of \$27,075. Roll call vote was held. Hayward: yes, Saddler: yes, Johnson: yes, Bergman: no, Vugteveen: yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment was focused on the infestation of gypsy moths and the devastation experienced to the residents' trees. A desire was expressed by the residents in attendance for aerial spraying to be conducted.

Discussion was held regarding the request by the Deputy Supervisor to the Clerk for after-hours access to the Township office. The request was made while the Supervisor was out of town and whom had not provided prior approval to the Clerk. The Deputy Supervisor was upset and verbally complained and ridiculed the Clerk over the delay.

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

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Bergman to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk