

Minutes of the
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
7:00 p.m.

Present: Frank Johnson, Bonnie Hayward, Christine Saddler
Absent: Travis Bergman and Travis Vugteveen

Also present: Twelve members of the public

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Supervisor Johnson

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 board meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda with the replacement of Ottawa County Treasurer Cheryl Clark with Undersheriff Eric DeBoer as number one and the addition of Water Board appointment as 8.5. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks.

With the arrival of Cheryl Clark, Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to add Cheryl Clark back to the agenda as Item number one. Motion carried.

Cheryl Clark who is the current Ottawa County Treasurer and is running for election, talked about her background and experience, and about the County Treasurer's office and their role.

Ottawa County Sheriff Candidate Undersheriff Eric DeBoer also introduced himself and profiled his background and experience with the Department.

Supervisor Johnson opened the Rillema Public Hearing.

Keith and Kris Rillema are requesting to expand an existing building located at 12880 N Cedar, Grand Haven by 3,120 sq feet. This is a revision to an existing site plan.

Public Comment:

Jane Longstreet of 14221 Osner Street stated that she was pleased that the addition will be located at the back of the building so as to limit the visual impact from the street for those using the Connor Bayou Park.

Scott Coon of 14131 120th Ave shared his support for the project by saying the board should let him build.

Applicant Kris Rillema said that events at the Park are welcome to use their parking lot for overflow parking.

No public comment received in opposition.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to close the Rillema Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the proposed site plan amendment for 12880 N Cedar for addition as presented with all of the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission at their March 26, 2024 meeting and as stated in the memo by Zoning Administrator Lovelace dated March 28, 2024. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Vugteveen and Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the Dresen Class A pond permit, parcel 70-08-10-400-026 based on the findings with the conditions and restrictions set forth by the Planning Commission at their April 23, 2024 meeting and the memo from Zoning Administrator Lovelace dated April 24, 2024. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Vugteveen and Bergman absent. Motion carried.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have the Planning Commission consider simplifying the Class A pond permit process for residential ponds when reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve a fee of \$ 0.11 per parcel for an Apex mapping fee. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Vugteveen and Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to hire Shannon Huizenga as a new Firefighter. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to table the discussion on the upgrading the Townships website to be ADA compliant. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Saddler to table the discussion on the purchase of a trail rake until it can be confirmed it Diemer's Landscaping LLC already has this capability. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to table the appointment of Water Board Member until they could be contacted first. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to start to develop a succession plan for Legal Counsel to be prepared for the future.

It was the consensus of the Board to welcome Stantec to have a Community Service project day in the Township Park on June 17th and provide an initial management plan that includes a botanical inventory and management recommendations.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson declaring the Townships agreement that the parcel 70-08-35-100-009 owned by Kenneth Prince is appropriate for a permanent agricultural conservation easement. This parcel is being considered for selection under the Farmland Preservation Rights program. Motion carried.

Clerk Saddler gave a brief update on the new Cemetery project. In process of final layout plan for the cremorial area.

Public Comment was shared regarding the great work that was done on election day, and an inquiry as to how to get questions resolved about a driveway on Sleeper Street. Driveway permits are through the Ottawa County Road Commission.

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

Reports are on file.

Thomas Schultz recently celebrated his 45th anniversary on the Fire Department and will be retiring on August 10th.

The PC Master Plan Public Hearing will be held on May 22, 2024.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk