

APPROVED WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 22, 2014

The Grass Lake Charter Township Board met on Tuesday July 22, 2014 for their monthly work session at the Township Conference Meeting Room. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am. by Stormont.

Board members present: Loveland, Zenz, Brennan, Stormont and Hart.

Also present: Assessor Deboe.

Job Description Grass Lake Park Manager – Stormont has received a copy of job description from the Jackson County Parks. This is something that the board will have to start thinking about.

Grass Lake Collaborative – Brennan, Lesinski and Ben Dandrow are a sub-committee working on bringing industry to Grass Lake along the I-94 corridor.

Mortimer Property – Per original agreement the 5 feet on west side of our property is near completion. Boundary adjustment needs to be done, DeBoe is looking into the legal description for the Township.

Tenneco –DEQ has some unresolved issues that may require them to hook to the public sewer.

Consumers Energy – Stormont still talking with them concerning the easement thru the Sports & Trails Park. The line would run overhead of scoreboards and approximately 60 to 70 feet high. The main reason for easement is for more power to Tenneco.

Collaboration with Grass Lake Village –Brennan would like us to look into the possibility of sharing services with the Village such as: snow plowing, lawn mowing, service to sewer lines and police protection.

Pure Michigan Grant Application – possibly look into this for trails at the Sports & Trails Park.

Huhman Violations & other violation letters – A letter was sent to Mr Huhman explaining what was expected to be cleaned up on the property. Loveland will be following up on this in late September. Stormont will get with Brian Sturgill as a follow up to letters that were mailed out in mid June to other zoning violations.

Cemetery Tree Bids – Johnny's Tree Service, Hudson's Tree Service and KCI-Inc have submitted bids for the downed limb in the West Cemetery and other dead wood.

Cemetery Mowing - Stormont will contact Chris Johnson and Ben Scott from JMS to have a meeting in regards to the roundup over spray used in both cemeteries.

Cemetery Driveway Corner Posts – Zenz would like to have split rail corner post with 4 rails installed around some of the corners of the driveways. An estimate from Chelsea Lumber and Menards has been received.

Trustee Position – Scott Bray, Anna Loveland and Frank Seaburg were interviewed on July 17.

Errors and Omission Insurance Coverage – Zenz phoned the Decker Agency regarding the specific coverage the Township has in regards to Joe Smith, Building Inspector. A letter will be coming from the Agency stating exact coverage that we have.

Mt Hope Road Property – Zoning Administrator Lammers checking into the Zoning of the lot and some clarification of an addition to the existing building. Hopefully a closing date will be able to be set up after the questions have been answered.

Recreation & Park Millage – Stormont has received a request from Phil Willis to look into the possibility of assessing a millage for recreation and park improvements.

Painting Dugouts – Hart has gotten an estimate for painting 8 dug outs, he feels we should be able to do the job for less than \$800.00 – (material and labor). Coppernoll's will donate brushes and roller covers.

Jackson County Book – Dale Fisher is putting together a book on Jackson County and would like to devote 8 pages to Grass Lake. He is looking for \$1,000.00 donation from the Township, Grass Lake Village, Grass Lake Schools and the DDA, in return we would ~~each~~ receive 50 books total. Zenz will contact MTA to see if this would be a legal expenditure of money.

Cell Tower – Stormont has received numerous letters from companies interested in purchasing the Township's cell tower rights.

Assessing Department – DeBoe presented the board with an IFT application from Tenneco, the board went through the point system for qualifying. A tentative approval will be given as long as adjustments to the totals on the Asset Listing & Spending Forecast spreadsheet and the application that was provided are the same. A letter from Consumers Energy will be needed stating that all energy saving devices are in place. A letter will also be sent to Fodor Timber in regards to the personal property itemized sheet turned in that she has questions. DeBoe is also questioning a PRE for an address on Island Road, as long as fair and equity is applied then the PRE is either granted or denied.

Hart moved to adjourn the work session, supported by Loveland. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Zenz, Clerk