

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2016

Board Members Present: Stormont, Hart, Loveland, Bray and Lesinski, Zenz in at 9:00am. Absent Brennan

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Harris, Assessor Deboe, Zoning Administrator Lammers in at 8:45am

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Stormont at 8:10 am.

Cedar Knoll Property Update: Ben Latocki from Production Realty offered a contract to sell the property with a 10% commission and offering to donate 20% of his commission back to the Grass Lake Township Recreation Department. If the property does not sell in 6 months the commission drops to 8% and no donation made back to the recreation department. Bray will contact Latocki about a selling price for the property.

East Cemetery Tree Removal: The tree that has recently falling across the drive of the cemetery has not been removed as of 8:00am July 26, 2016.

Soccer Parking Lot Clean Up: Stormont talked to Newkirk and asked that they clean up or hire someone to clean up the soccer parking lot.

Wolf Lake Lift Station Odor Control: There has been an odor problem due to the Rexford Lift Station. A new filter has been installed to help control the odor.

Tree Grant/Donation \$5,000 Bob Hamel: The township received a grant of \$2,000 from Arbor Day Alliance for trees at the parks. Bob Hamel will match the grant and make a donation for labor and mulch for the trees. Stormont is working on another grant for \$2,500 from Consumers.

Master Plan Update: Lesinski reported that the Planning Commission board corrected any minor errors on the rough draft of the Master Plan to get it ready for the public hearings.

Parking Signs – JDOT Invoice: Signs are made, but need to be paid for first. Waiting on invoice.

Wellness Grant Opportunity \$10,000: The Wellness Foundation has a \$10,000 grant earmarked for the Sports-N-Trails. Stormont suggested using it for sand volleyball courts. Lesinski asked if there was any need to enhance the trails. Bray suggested to apply for the grant and then work out the details.

Fire Station Sign Quote: The Township received a quote from Fritz Advertising for \$28,468 for a 5'x10' electronic sign. Bray had concerns because there is an ordinance that does not allow electronic signs. Lesinski will talk to the Planning Commission to update the sign ordinance.

Basketball Court Grant/Location: Approximate cost of basketball courts is \$50,000-\$60,000. Stormont suggested using \$26,500 from the Wellness Foundation and \$15,000 from the contributions from the cell tower and Consumers. Stormont also suggested installing them on the north side of the drive to the soccer fields. Bray is concerned about the maintenance of the parks.

Soccer Field Sprinklers: The Township received a bid for the soccer field sprinklers. It will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Change Cell Tower Funds: It was decided that 5% will go to the County Park, 10% to the Whistlestop, 20% to Capital and 65% to Parks Maintenance.

Wolf Lake Forest Bill to Leoni: An invoice of about \$10,500 will be presented to Jerry Rowe for all non-routine maintenance.

Fire Auxiliary Fund: The Fire Auxiliary has an account at Comerica Bank and is being charged \$15.00 a month because there is less than \$1,000.00 in the account. The Employer Identification Number of the Fire Auxiliary is also inactive. Zenz asked the Board if the account was moved to Farmers State Bank as a sub-account of the Fire Department could they use the Township's EIN, so the account would be without fees. The Auxiliary funds would never be co-mingled with Township funds. Zenz had checked with the Township Auditor and he stated that there would be no issues with using it and would probably be a better way to have the account set up. The board was fine with the Ladies Auxiliary setting up the fund using the Township's EIN. No board member needs to be on the signature card.

Power to Park: Consumers had to cut power to the park, but everything is now fully restored.

Someone would like to donate an antique 1888 fire hose apparatus to the township. Stormont suggested displaying it at the fire station. The township could accept it as a temporary donation. Hart suggested talking to Fire Chief Jones.

Lammers gave the board an update about the Huhman property. Another date is set for the pretrial. There is no progress done on the property.

Lammers was informed by Jeff Snyder that the DEQ does not allow townships to charge residents for new grinder pumps to replace ones that have worn out. More information is needed to decide what action to take.

Deboe informed the board that the scanning for all the assessing data is finished and would like to know if the hard copies need to be kept or can they be destroyed? Zenz will call MTA to ask about retention requirements.

Work Session adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Harris