

APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2009

A work session meeting of the Grass Lake Charter Township Board was called to order on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 8:40 a.m. Board members present: Loveland, Stormont, Bray, Hart and Lesinski. Absent: Adams and Clark. Also present: Assessor DeBoe and Deputy Clerk Zenz.

Field Usage Agreement – Agreement reviewed by Township Attorney and change was made to paragraph 4. Stormont will follow-up with Attorney again to review paragraph 6 and 10.

Land Purchase – The survey is done and staked out. Bank needs copy of survey and agreement before they will release the portion of land the Township is purchasing. Stormont needs to research the payment of the land and what budget amendments will have to be done.

Neighbor fence dispute - the board wished not to get involved. This is a neighbor dispute and the County Sheriff should be contacted.

Agriculture Buildings – Need to get the document from the State that states no building permit is required on ag buildings. The board needs to decide how to handle this so that new ag building information gets to our Zoning Administrator and Assessor.

Flood Insurance - No cost to Township. Board took no action at this time. Stormont will follow-up with the homeowners that would be in the area and schedule a meeting with them to hear their thoughts and let them know that insurance would be required by them if the Township signs up.

Cemetery Signs – Bob Dunham quote would be too much. Classic Imaging sending in quote. Lesinski reworking his company design and price.

Abandoned Residential Property - after much discussion, it was suggested to possibly downsize the document and then table.

Whistlestop – Chamber of Commerce will lease the building and will start with a one year contract.

DDA – Lesinski reported that the Planning Commission would like training if they are to become the DDA Board and have more questions they would like answered.

Building Usage Form – Phone for contact person needs to be added to the form.

Michigan Equine Park Facility – Jackson County looks like a good possibility. Blackman, Grass Lake and Columbia Township are possible sites.

Assessor – The 14 point review will not be until after July 4. 4 parcels were discussed in regard to how she should handle the PRE's/Ag Exemption Denials. It was agreed that any sensitive AG exemptions should be brought to the Board before any changes are made on them.

Cemetery issues – the State of Michigan work crew is in need of a new trailer for transporting the lawn mowers. We would need a 7' x 16' open trailer with ramp. Also we need to start clearing the section in the East cemetery for more grave plots. We have budgeted \$10,000. Loveland will work on getting a bid sheet together.

Storage Shed – on the Township ground is in desperate need of painting. State of Michigan work crew would be able to paint it for us. Loveland will look into getting the price of paint for the job and what would be the best kind.

Work session closed at 11:25 a.m.

James Stormont, Supervisor
Catherine Zenz, Deputy Clerk