

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007 MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 7:00 P.M. Roll call of members showed as follows:

Present: Jeff Bither, Supervisor Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
 Martha Chambers, Clerk Diana Langshaw, Trustee
 Sid Durham, Trustee Jon Scott, Trustee

Absent: Owen Murray, Trustee

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Durham, second by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the minutes dated November 14, 2006 (on second page – last paragraph – last sentence should read Rob Blaine not Layne). The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of November, the Treasurer's Report from November and December, the bills paid for December, 2006 and the bills payable for January, 2007. The motion was seconded by Genung and was accepted.

Mochizuki Plat Approval:

David Ryan, attorney for the Mochizukis' was present to answer any questions regarding the plat by the township board members. Bither reviewed the Planning Commission minutes dated 11/29/06 and a Memorandum from Craig Rolfe dated 11/8/06 recommending that the Township Board give Tentative Preliminary Plat Approval to the Mochizuki Plat with the following stipulations (1) a waiver of the marginal street access and (2) a waiver of the 50 1/2 foot width, with the findings that it meets the township's standards for variance approval that are set forth in the subdivision control ordinance and (3) the applicant will also be required to remove the tennis court before any building permits can be issued for lot #2..

Motion by Langshaw to give Preliminary Plat Approval to the Mochizuki Plat with the stipulations mentioned above in Craig Rolfe's Memo dated 11/8/06 and the Planning Commission minutes dated 11/29/06 and as recommended by the P/C at the 11/29/06 meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott and was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Fire Department:

Genung reported that the Fire Dept. had 196 runs from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Genung explained that the reason for the increased runs is that they are now First Responders.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Enforcement Report for November and December, 2006.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Police Report dated 12/31/06 from the Sheriff's Dept. showing the police activity in Ross Township during this time frame along with a pin point map showing where the incidents occurred.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Updated Budget:

Bither handed out updated Budget packets for 2007-2008.

Motion by Durham to approve the Budget for 2007-2008 as proposed. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

LifeCare Quarterly Report:

The LifeCare Quarterly Report that covers calls from October thru December, 2006 was accepted and placed on file with the minutes.

Township Park Fee Increase:

Bither would like the annual park pass for non-residents to be increased to \$25.00, resident fees will be \$15.00, the daily pass to be increased to \$5.00 for both residents and non-residents. Motion by Durham to set the Ross Township Park entrance fees as proposed above. The motion was seconded by Genung and was unanimously accepted.

Township Park Tree Removal:

There is a tree that is ready to come down which could cause damage to the park restroom area. Bither received one bid in the amount of \$900 but there still should be more bids coming in.

Motion by Langshaw to contract with the lowest bidder, not to exceed \$900 to remove the tree in the park. The motion was seconded by Scott and was accepted.

Township Hall Roof Repair:

The hall roof needs repair from damage that was done by roots from a tree we had removed. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the quote from Division 7 Contractor in the amount of \$1,369.

Appointment of Board Members:

Motion by Genung to appoint Larry Greer, Joe Johnson and Floyd Fry to a two year terms as Board of Review Members. The motion was supported by Langshaw. And carried

Motion by Durham to appoint Jim Lauderdale and Jeff Price to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

Approval of Meeting Dates for the 2007-2008 year.

Motion by Durham to accept the proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2007-2008, second by Langshaw and the motion carried.

Resolution to accept alternate dates & protests by mail for March, 2007 Board of Review:

Motion by Scott to accept the Resolution to accept alternate dates and to accept protests by mail for the March, 2007 Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Durham. Roll call of members showed Langshaw - aye, Durham - aye, Bither - aye, Chambers - aye, Genung - aye and Scott - aye. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk

