

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2008 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	Owen Murray, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Diana Langshaw, Trustee	

Also in attendance was Jim Lauderdale, Chair of the Planning Commission.

Motion by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Motion by Murray to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with a correction on the minutes of June 10, 2008. The Consent Agenda includes the minutes of 6/10/08 as amended, the Treasurer's Report, the bills paid and bills payable for August, 2008. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept. Report:

Durham reported that there was no fire board meeting.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS from July and August.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept Report for June and July, 2008.

Planning Commission Report:

Langshaw reported that the P/C finalized Ordinance 180 and 181 and is recommending them to the Township Board for approval.

LifeCare Report:

Bither reviewed the quarterly report from LifeCare for April through June, 2008.

Public Comment:

Renee Hibbard was present to request that the Board grant her permission to place a boulder on her son's grave in Yorkville Cemetery that is larger than is allowed. It was the consensus of the Board to have members go and take a look at the cemetery along with our lawn people and report back in September.

Old Business:

Sherman Lake Weed Control:

Roger Sweitzer submitted two studies, one from 2007 from ASI Environmental and a 2008 study by Lakeshore Environmental, Inc. which listed a report on findings, a plan of what will be done and cost estimates on the five year project and special assessment; these reports were submitted to Township Attorney, Craig Rolfe for review.

To move forward with the special assessment, the Board verification that signed valid petitions have been submitted constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the district. The Township has verified a total of 66% of parcels in the district with signed petitions which put the residents in favor of the district well over the 50% mark. A Certificate of Sufficiency of Petitions for 2008 Sherman Lake Special Assessment District (Aquatic Vegetation Control) was signed by Clerk Chambers.

Attorney Rolfe found the Lakeshore Environmental Inc. report sufficient and drew up a Resolution of Intent to make the Improvements and designate the Special Assessment District for the Board's approval which will set a Public Hearing on the District for September 9, 2008.

Motion by Murray, supported by Scott to approve a Resolution of Intent to make the improvements and designate the Special Assessment District and set a Public Hearing for September 9, 2008 which will be held at the Kellogg Biological Station on West Gull Lake Dr. at 7:00 to accommodate a larger than usual crowd. Roll Call of members showed ayes by Bither, Chambers, Genung, Lanshaw, Scott, Murray and Durham and the motion was **unanimously accepted.**

Approval of Ordinance #180 – Zoning Ordinance Text  
Amendments/Amendments of the Zoning Map:

Jim Lauderdale, Chair of the Planning Commission was present to give an overview of Ordinance 180. The Planning Commission members voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 180 to the Township Board.

Motion by Murray to approve Ordinance 180, Section 1 through Section 38 (including the maps) with the exception of Section 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by Durham and was unanimously accepted.

Section 6 (9.2) pertaining to Signs and Outdoor Advertising Structures: Motion by Murray to approve Ordinance 180 Section 6 (Section 9.2 – pertaining to Signs and Outdoor Advertising Structures) The motion was seconded by Durham and was unanimously accepted.

Section 7 (New Section 9.3 pertaining to Outdoor Lighting). Motion by Murray to approve Ordinance 180 Section 7 (Section 9.3 pertaining to

Outdoor Lighting) The motion was seconded by Genung. The motion **carried** six to one with Durham voting nay.

Approval of Ordinance 181

The Board received a letter from Roy W. Kemppainen who resides at 260 E. Gull Lake Dr., Augusta, Mi to hold a Public Hearing under MCL 125.3401 (4) on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment of Section 7.13 B.6 of the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance.

The Public Hearing was set by the Board for September 9, 2008 beginning at 7:00 P.M to be held at the Kellogg Biological Station.

Stoney Creek Plat No. #5 Cul-De-Sac:

Motion by Chambers to approve setting the minimum cul-de-sac radius at 50 feet for Stoney Creek Plat No #5 as recommended by Fire Chief Noteboom. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

ZBA Special Meeting Decision:

Motion by Durham to not allow Special ZBA Meetings. The motion was seconded by Chambers and was **approved**.

Freedom of Information Designation:

Motion by Durham to appoint Bither as the person in charge of Freedom of Information requests for Ross Township. The motion was seconded by Murray and was unanimously **accepted**.

Parking Lot Resurfacing:

It was the consensus of the Board to wait until spring of 2009 and again get quotes for resurfacing the parking lots at the hall and township park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk