

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 14, 2011 MINUTES

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

Present:	Jeff Bither, Supervisor	Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
	Monica Markillie, Clerk	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Owen Murray, Trustee	

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the agenda as amended (moving item (A) from Old Business to (C) under New Business, and added under New Business (B) Allow Kalamazoo County's Planning Department to obtain Ross Township's zoning data on the county's website. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the consent agenda which contains the Treasurer's Report for May, the bills paid and payable for June and the minutes from May 11, 2011. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept:

No report.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Enforcement Report dated 6/4/11. See attached report.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Report on calls in Ross Township for May. Bither reported the General Non-Criminal calls consist of anything from collecting money from the park to checking doors for residents. Genung stated the officers are doing an excellent job providing coverage at the park.

Planning Commission:

Scott discussed the draft copy of the Ross Township Recreation Plan. He stated the draft was released in hopes the Planning Commission would receive feedback before a final copy is completed.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Tree removal at Day Cemetery:

Bither reported two trees were taken down at Day Cemetery as a result of a wind storm. He stated the trees were removed by Woodland Tree Services. Bither mentioned the township received money from the insurance company to cover the expense of the fence repair at Yorkville Cemetery.

New Business:

Workers Compensation Quotes:

Motion by Genung to join the MTA Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Allow Kalamazoo County to obtain zoning and map data:

Motion by Murray to make the township's maps from Prein & Newhof available to the Planning & Community Development Department for Kalamazoo County's website subject to the inquiry of reciprocity the Township would receive. **The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.**

Gull Lake Ministries request ownership of the abandoned road: from 1912 Midlake Drive to Harger, and Harger to Makin:

Daniel Wallace and Jim Dekruyter from Gull Lake Ministries were present to discuss abandonment of 1912 Midlake Drive to Harger, & Harger to Makin and request ownership of the road. Daniel Wallace submitted documentation to support their proposal. Bither stated the township has received a request to purchase the road from a second party.

Motion by Durham to enter into a closed session at 7:47 P.M. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and carried. Motion by Durham to exit the closed session at 8:15 P.M. The motion was seconded by Scott and carried.

Motion by Scott to table item (C) under New Business until the August meeting. Included in the motion was the decision to reschedule the August 9th Township Board Meeting to August 2nd to accommodate the Township Attorney. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk