



PARK TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2016

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jerry Hunsburger called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on May 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office, 52-152nd Ave., Holland, MI 49424.

Present were Supervisor Jerry Hunsburger, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda, Trustees Nicki Arendshorst, Jeff Hoekstra and Mike Toscano and Manager Jerry Felix and Attorney Dan Martin.

Absent with notice: Jim Chiodo

ART 2. INVOCATION - Hunsburger

ART 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ART 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions to or Deletions from Agenda)

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Arendshorst and supported by Keeter to approve the agenda. (6-0)

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2016
- b) Financial Report
- c) Building / Zoning / Code Compliance Report
- d) Payment of Bills

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Hoekstra to approve the consent agenda. (6-0)

ART 6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

- a) Fire Department – Chief Gamby gave an update on the activities of the Fire Department for the month of April.

- b) Sheriff's Office- Sargent Converse gave an update on the activities of the Sheriff's office for the month of April.

ART 7. PUBLIC COMMENT
Hunsburger opened the public comment period.

2 people spoke at the public comment period.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Toscano and supported by Keeter to approve the use of the Community Building stage for all activities regarding the Cushman Club of America on Sunday, June 5, 2016. (6-0)

Hunsburger closed the public comment period.

ART 8. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Surplus Property Resolution
Felix explained the resolution allowing the Township to purchase surplus property from the State of Michigan.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Toscano and supported by Keeter to approve the resolution as presented. (6-0)

ART. 9 MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on Greenly Bike Path
Bids came in under budget for Greenly Street path.
- b) Update on 152nd Bike Path
Felix explained issues regarding the bike path on 152nd Ave. between Riley and James.

Hunsburger stated the Township should notify the area residents prior to any changes in current plowing schedules for the 1000ft stretch of bike path. The Board agreed.

ART 10. PUBLIC COMMENT
Hunsburger opened the floor for public comment

2 people spoke at the public comment period.

Hunsburger closed the public comment period.

ART 11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE/AGENCY REPORTS

- a) Transit Subcommittee Update
Hunsburger updated the Board on the Transit subcommittee meeting.

Jack Kooiman – Holland Deacon's Conference (My Brother's House II)- shared data on transit needs for the disabled community in Park

Township. He also shared the public transportation costs currently associated with transit to jobs and around the community.

Elissa Lappinga – Benjamin’s Hope - explained Federal mandates require organizations like Benjamin’s Hope to become more integrated with the community. They are also looking to expand their day programs. Public Transportation would help in both of these areas.

Lucas – a resident of Benjamin’s Hope-explained the dial-a-ride program and the costs associated with getting to work. Currently he uses family as his mode of transportation because the alternatives are too expensive and unreliable.

Hunsburger stated the key portion of this is the data that is needed to estimate ridership and areas of service.

Steve Bulthuis – Executive Director of MACC –informed the Board the MACC applied for a grant from the State of Michigan. This grant would allow The MACC to analyze the currently served Max bus area and then phase two would be the propensity of unserved areas and ridership demand. Phase two would include Park Township. MACC will know if they receive the grant within approximately a month.

The Township at this point would be required to pay between \$6.50 and \$8.50 per trip, the concern for the Board is the impact on the budget. All Board members indicated they are eager to find an equitable solution. The Board understands the need within the township and agreed to move forward with data collection.

Arendshorst and Chiodo submitted paper reports to the Board.

Keeter stated the election last week had 11% turnout. He thanked the maintenance department for their help setting up the precincts.

Toscano stated the WMRA is moving forward with construction on the property and the grand opening is scheduled for August.

Steggerda requested a representative of the Township welcome the Cushman Club to town and asked if a history book could be donated for a door prize.

Hunsburger reminded the Board of the No-Wake Zone hearing and of Green Week next week.

ART 12.

CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Arendshorst to go into closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase of real property. (6-0)

Roll Call:

Yes: Arendshorst, Steggerda, Hoekstra, Toscano, Keeter and Hunsburger

No: none

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Steggerda to return into open session. (6-0)

ART 13. ADJOURN

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Arendshorst to adjourn at 8:33. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Skip Keeter

Daniele Dykens
Recording Secretary