

Park Township Board of Trustees

February 22, 2021

Special Meeting

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Jim Gerard called to order a special meeting of the Park Township Board of Trustees, via ZOOM at 6:30pm on Monday, February 22, 2021. Present were: Supervisor Jim Gerard, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda and Trustees Terry DeHaan, Jeff Hoekstra, Loran Serne and Steve Spoelhof. Also present were Township Manager Howard Fink and Legal Counsel Dan Martin.

2. Invocation – Spoelhof

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Clerk Keeter and seconded by Treasurer Steggerda to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. February 11, 2021 Budget Meeting Minutes
- b. February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Clerk Keeter and seconded by Trustee Serne to approve the consent agenda with edits as approved to the February 11, 2021 Budget Meeting minutes. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Public Comment

Gerard opened the public comment period at 6:38pm
3 people spoke at the public comment period
Gerard closed the public comment period at 6:50pm

7. Action Items

a. Evaluating Consultants for Former Airport Property Visioning Process

Gerard opened the conversation regarding the two proposals.

The Board discussed both the RJM Design and McKenna proposals. The Board requested to have a conversation between the Board and the Consultant they choose at an open meeting to structure a contract.

Motion made by Clerk Keeter and seconded by Trustee Serne to proceed with developing a relationship which will result in a contract with McKenna and Associates. Motion passed 7-0.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hoekstra, DeHaan, Spoelhof, Steggerda, Serne, Keeter, Gerard

No: none

b. Reviewing Supervisor's Draft Letter to EGLE for The Reserve on Lake Macatawa

The Board wanted to clarify the position of the application and if any changes have been made.

The Board agreed to insert additional language specifying navigation and safety concerns within Pine Creek Bay and to clarify to EGLE the applicant has notified the Township they have withdrawn their request for transient slips in their application to EGLE. Also, change the wording from extensive structural request to only structural request.

Gerard stated the distance of the slips into the bay is related to sediment on the bottom of the bay. The area cannot be dredged and to allow boats to safely be in the water, the

Fink stated the applicant has removed the cleats on the end of the dock in their proposal. The actual formation of the dock is the same as it was on the original application.

Motion made by Trustee Spoelhof and seconded by Treasurer Steggerda to proceed with the letter to Joshua Crane at EGLE as written by the Supervisor with the changes listed regarding inserting additional language specifying navigation and safety concerns within Pine Creek Bay and to clarify to EGLE the applicant has notified the Township they have withdrawn their request for transient slips in their application to EGLE and change the wording in the 3rd paragraph from "extensive structural request" to structural request. Motion passed 7-0.

Roll Call:

Yes: Hoekstra, DeHaan, Spoelhof, Steggerda, Serne, Keeter, Gerard

No: none

c. HOBBS Summer Camp Proposal

Gerard stated the original request was for \$8500 (\$2500 for summer camps, \$6000 for 2 interactive displays for the HOBBS museum)

Motion made by Clerk Keeter and seconded by Treasurer Steggerda to approve the request for \$8500 for summer camps and 2 interactive displays. Motion defeated 2-5.

Roll Call:

Yes: DeHaan, Keeter

No: Hoekstra, Serne, Spoelhof, Steggerda, Gerard

Motion made by Trustee Spoelhof and seconded by Trustee DeHaan to approve the request for \$2500 for summer camps as presented by HOBBS. Motion defeated 0-7.

Roll Call:

Yes: none

No: DeHaan, Hoekstra, Serne, Spoelhof, Steggerda, Keeter, Gerard

8. Manager's Report

The Manager stated the parks team will meet tomorrow and will have timing regarding grant issues and timing relative to the fairground grant.

The Manager fielded questions from the Board regarding day to day operations and the budget.

9. Public Comment

Supervisor Gerard opened the floor for public comment at 7:39pm.

1 person spoke.

Supervisor Gerard closed public comment at 7:45pm.

10. Board Comments/Agency Reports

Board members had no comments.

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Clerk Keeter and seconded by Treasurer Steggerda to adjourn at 7:46pm. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Skip Keeter
Recording Secretary Daniele Dykens