

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2022

Supervisor Frank Siewiorek called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m. at the Camp 5 Mastodon Township Hall. He asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present: Supervisor Frank Siewiorek, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustee Mike Bjork. Trustee Chad Skinner was absent.

Attendees: Ed Mattson, Linda Pilot, Sandra and David Grosvenor, D. Q. and Shannon Ditzenberger, Jackie Clancey, Jim Cichanofsky and Dan Kurtz.

Changes to agenda: None

July Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Dry Boat Cleaning equipment received for Buck Lake, Stager Lake, and Lake Mary. Expense was covered by a grant. *A post was put on the website looking for new members for our Recreational Committee.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks 30236-30325, and DD801-815 from the General Fund, and #1815 from the Water Fund. Mike made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: *Road Commission has completed a majority of the road projects in the area. Culverts and shoulders still need to be worked on. *The Commission has approved road bumps for the Stager Lake Road park area. They will put them in next spring.

Assessor Report: No report was received.

Fire Department Report: No report was received.

Zoning Admin. Report: No report was received.

Recreation Committee Report: Jan is putting a meeting date together to form officers and set agendas.

Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission met in August with a public meeting to approve a change to our Master Plan. Will be working on changes to our Zoning Ordinance at their future meetings beginning in September.

ICECA Report: The Monthly Report was emailed to the Board.

Maintenance Report: *Playground equipment has been received. Dan is working on the foundation for the unit. *Dan put in the cement sidewalk for the disabled to use at Stager Lake Park. An area was also cemented for a picnic table that is wheelchair accessible. Dan expressed some concerns about the level of this additional area at the park. He also thought it would be safer if we added a small wall around that picnic table area. The Board agreed that this area and the new playground area needs to be on solid ground and done properly. Dan was given the OK to proceed with doing what it takes to do the job in keeping the safety of the public in mind. *Sand was added to the beach at Buck Lake Park. *Mike asked about the backdrops to the horseshoe area. That will have to be addressed at our next budget meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Security System: We have received no reply from Ahern Company regarding our security system. Frank talked to Andy about checking into other options. Frank made a motion to cancel the alarm system phone line since it is no longer working. The motion was seconded by Stacey and all were in favor.

New Business:

Alpha Gun & Rifle Donation: Frank spoke to the Club. They indicated that the check was to help offset the townships expense toward the 4th of July fireworks.

Buck Lake Beach Sand: Dan has already added sand to the beach area.

Master Plan Change - Approval: After discussion, Jan made a motion to approve the change and the motion was seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

Other Business: The Board thanked Rick and Donna Luft for all of their contributions made to the fire department and to the township. We wish them well in their move.

Public Comments: Jim Cichanofsky expressed a concern regarding fire coverage for the Camp 5 area with the Lufts moving away. We do have mutual aid with Sagola however there is a half hour wait whether we have Sagola or Mastodon Township answer a fire call. He said he would be willing to help. Jan stated that there would be a liability to the township if he was not on the fire department and covered by our insurance. She asked him if he would be willing to rejoin the department. He will discuss with Andy.
Linda Pilot informed the board of an invasive grass issue that some of the residents are having. The grass has invaded some of the lakes in the area and is very difficult to remove.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk