

Milton Township
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

Members present: Bargy, Atkinson, Cole, Pharo and Ball

Also present: Attorneys Derman and Turkelson, Stilson, Howard, Weinzapfel and 15 audience members.

Bargy called the meeting to order at 7 pm and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda approved without corrections

Public Comment:

Paulette Termaat discussed the tabled Phragmites Ordinance and the survey that went out to the public. Bargy discussed the survey that was undertaken.

A gentleman asked regarding the security of Township funds located in one bank. Liz Atkinson confirmed that Alden Bank has a special coverage that covers the amount.

A street sign needs to be added at Powell and Campbell Roads.

Sutter Road is nearly impassible. There has been no maintenance. Bargy said he's getting in touch with the road commission. Bargy stated that Western was scheduled for paving this year.

Jerry Mensing asked regarding the price for paving Western. Bargy stated that the bid came in around \$600 to \$700 over what was set a side in the budget. The bid was accepted and this will complete Western.

Approval of Minutes dated May 11, 2009:

Change incase to in case

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Pharo. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2009.

Change Wess to Wes

Change Dermam to Derman

Motion to approve as corrected by Atkinson, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Andy Knott of the Watershed Center discussed the proposed Milton Township Phragmites Ordinance. Audience members asked questions to Knot and board members.

Keith Termaat, Scott Finch and Hal Jackson spoke against the proposed ordinance. Various audience members asked informational questions. Some audience members spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Bargy said that this proposed ordinance if passed would make it easier to get the grant money

because it shows the township is committed to the process. Cole said it doesn't seem that we have any other good options other than passing this ordinance. If we can get the funding, then hopefully, in the years following, the costs will be much less. Cole said it seems unlikely that we could get 100% compliance by going door to door.

Costs would be roughly \$.25 per linear foot. Spraying would only be where there is Phragmites.

Pharo said as a point of order, questions should be addressed to the chairman of the board.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 09-01 by Cole Second by Atkinson.

Motion passed 4-1 with Pharo being the dissenting vote.

Wind Energy Amendment:

Planning Commission addressed this for a couple years. The only concern was dealing with the newer technology turbines. According to a wind energy survey, there aren't many good places for personal or commercial wind energy systems. The county has recommended approval of the amendment. The attorney also reviewed it.

Pharo said the commercial systems shouldn't be limited to the two sectors of the township. Cole addressed this concern. The subcommittee looked for areas with low population and high wind speed. Or, the areas having the least impact on the township residents and township character. Weinzapfel said those areas could be revisited by the Planning Commission if necessary.

Motion to approve the Wind Energy Ordinance 2009-01 by Atkinson. Seconded by Cole.

Roll Call:

Atkinson Yea

Pharo Yea

Cole Yea

Ball Yea

Bargy Yea

Motion carried 5-0

Watershed Center of Grand Traverse Bay Greenbelt Buffer Maintenance Agreement

Motion to accept the greenbelt buffer maintenance agreement by Ball, seconded by Atkinson.

Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Report

As presented by Undersheriff Dean Pratt

Update on sub station test. Update on the Sandbar task force. 118 calls for the month of May.

Fire Department Report

As presented by Howard

13 runs for May. Jim Treweiler has gotten funds for a grant to build a helicopter landing pad, which will be placed in July after the ball season ends. Update on ATV for wild land firefighting. Update on firefighter training.

Ambulance Report
As given by Weinzapfel
23 runs for May.

Zoning Report
As given by Weinapfel
Update on Citizen Planner certification. Weinzapfel congratulated the participants who completed the course. ZBA meeting for Thursday may be canceled.

Planning Commission Report
As given by Stilson
Update on Wind Energy Approval, new cell tower application, non-conforming lots, signs, ordinance review, and shoreline protection. The next meeting will cover a public hearing on home business, a public hearing on Lakeland Tower Leasing, Cottage Cove PUD, and subcommittee reports.

Attorney's Report
As given by Derman
Update on Charter bankruptcy, update on Metro Funds, Update on resolution from Antrim County Road commission relinquishing the jurisdiction of road ends. Update on Cottage Cove regarding amending the PUD. Update regarding cell tower lease on township property.

Supervisor's Report
As given by Bargy
Update on the little league field and the walking path. Recycling is going strong.

Public Comment
Jerry Mensing asked regarding countywide recycling. Bargy said this is something they are working on. Some suggestions were made at the last board meeting.

Elizabeth of the Waters Edge Market requested that Township consider some sort of fence to keep the trash from blowing from the recycling property on to theirs. The board discussed various options. Elizabeth said there is also a lot of dust coming in as well and requested some gravel. Bargy said he has spoken with Jim Lundy regarding putting dust control down as well. She also asked for a sign that says their dumpster is private property.

Motion to approve the bills as presented by Pharo. Seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the July 13th 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Ball, Clerk

