

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday October 13th, 2015**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Kelly Coltas, and Trustees Ned Huwatschek and Trustee Art Davis. Treasurer Karen Karl was absent

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor 4-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 09/08/15 and work session of 10/08/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, and motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

A Hearing is being held tonight for the renewal of the Grant Township Rec Plan. A number of people were present to offer suggestion.

Jake Anderson from Eagle Harbor

Alex Protzel for Copper Harbor

Bob Meyers from Lac La Belle

Bill Eddy for Eagle Harbor

Henry Nurmi from Lac La Belle

Barb Foley from Copper Harbor

Bill Degowski from Copper Harbor

Marty Faassen from Copper Harbor

Tom Boost from Copper Harbor

Roger Welsh from Copper Harbor

Brian Stein from Copper Harbor

Vern Barber from Lac La Belle

Sam Raymond from Copper Harbor

Shelby Laubhan from Copper Harbor

The present Rec Plan will expire on 12/31/15. It is important to keep it up to date to be eligible for DNR Grants. Bill Olsen helped write the original Rec Plan and he is here tonight to start the process and write the next one.

As stated before the reason to have a Recreation Plan in place is for Grants.

Hunter's Point was partially purchased with DNR trust fund money.

What the DNR wants in a Rec plan is good goals and a good list of ideas from the public. Trust Fund supplies money up to 75% with a 25% local match. Under \$100,000.00 is automatic for acquisitions for land.

Barb Foley asked if the 25% could be "in Kind". Bill Olsen replied it had to be cash.

Trails are a big thing with the Trust Fund Money.

Recreation Passport Grant- Money goes for projects in the community of less than \$45,000.00 with the 25% match. The project should be in the Rec plan. Splash Pads are hot right now, they are an area with assorted sprinkler that can be activated by push on buttons or pads for children to play on in the summer, and they qualify for the Passport Grants.

Bob Meyers asked if there is a way to compensate land owners to keep trails and roads open to vehicles for berry pickers. Older people are not able to walk or bike some of the trails that have be block off to vehicles.

Bill Olsen said if it is an ATV or pedestrian traffic path it would be eligible.

The road to high rock, also known as the Mandan Loop, these are owned by the land company and the DNR and are not eligible for the grants.

ATV passes generate money and is now going to fund permanent easements for ATV trails.

Even if it is not now eligible, it is a good idea to put it into the rec plan for possible future use.

Jake Anderson feels it would be nice to have fishing piers of the end of all road way ends in Copper Harbor, and also fishing piers on the South side of Fanny Hooe Lake, which is owned by the State.

Another location for a fishing pier would be on the End of 1st street in Lac La Belle.

Roger Welsh felt that it would be a good idea to partner with all the nonprofits that have the same of similar projects to help accumulate points.

Also that the Harbor was in need of more senior developments, or senior accessible trails. Universal Access will score more points, it is important that all members of a community to be able to participate.

Sam Raymond remarked that there is a specific need with the existing mountain bike trails to be or have trails that are universal. He also felt that and AD Kayak launching dock would be an excellent improvement. Bill Olsen felt that a project like that would have a good chance at one of the \$100,000.00 grants.

Bell Degowski would like to see areas that are easy to access for bird watching. Two areas in particular would be good. One just past the first lookout on Brockway Mountain, and then one just around the turn off to Horseshoe Harbor facing south as it has a lovely overlook of the Vulcan Creek valley.

Barb Foley thought that beach access to Fanny Hooe at the south end would also be nice as well as improved facilities at Lake Manganese, such as changing rooms.

Shelby was wondering about better access to the trails for 1st Responders.

Alex Protzel asked if any of this qualifies as streetscape, Bill Olsen replied it did not.

Pedestrian improvements and trail walkways in Copper Harbor and Lac La Belle. Marty Faassen and Shelby Laubhan felt that designated trails/bike paths along existing highways such as HWY M-26 between Copper Harbor and Eagle Harbor as well as HWY 41 to the end of the road. Perhaps even a path from Copper Harbor to Lac La Belle.

Bill Olsen explained that generally they won't widen the road but building a path way along the right of way could produce a shared use pathway, pedestrian and bikes in the summer and snowmobiles and skiers in the winter.

Roger Welsh suggested that some dedicated campsites could be built along the bike paths and along a kayak trail around the point. Sites should consist of pit toilets, picnic tables, tent pads and perhaps fire rings. Signage would be needed and maintenance schedule as well.

Bill Olsen explained that that was all eligible.

Shelby was wondering about equestrian trails separate from ATV and bikes, out to High Rock.

Bill Olsen then explained the time line.

First Adds must be run and start the 30 day public comment period. That will start on November 26th, 2015.

People will be able to download a draft at

www.upea.com/granttownship

The same draft will be available on the Township website.

People can make comments to Bill at

Billo@upea.com

Then on December 8th, 2015 will be an advertised public hearing along with the December meeting.

Both ads will be posted at once. At the hearing please feel free to come with "new" ideas.

On January 12th at the regular Grant Township meeting the Board will be asked to adopt the new Recreation Plan. It will then be sent to the DNR for approval.

The next round of Grants will be available on April 1st and we should be ready to submit grants request at that time.

Treasurers Report

- No report.

Utility Board

Sludge removal: The equipment has arrived for the removal of Sludge from the Big Lagoon. After that one is complete the small Lagoon will be done. We were unable to be able to do a land application of the sludge. Various DEQ requirements made it unfeasible. The Sludge will be shipped to the KW landfill. We were able to negotiate a \$4.00 per ton reduction in cost.

DDA

No quorum.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed. October 7th, 2015 with 1 member present. Due to the lack of members, Tom finished up paper work from the yearly D.O.T. inspections and service on Trucks #1 and #2. At the mid-month meeting on September 16th 2015, with 7 members present exercised trucks #1 and #2, using foam units on both. Transfer pump for skid unit was set up and operated. The fire dept. had a cancelation page for a fire alarm at the Keweenaw Mt. Lodge. Truck #2 and 2 members were needed to clean baffles

that were pulled from the sewer lagoons on October 8th. The medical unit has had numerous page outs for the month.

LLB Fire

Report for September 2015

Fire calls: 1. 09/09/2015 at 1:15pm. Tree on wire arcing, Apache Lane, near Bete Grise- Stand by Assist UPPCO with removal.

Service Calls: 1. 09/16/2015 10:01 am Bracco Funeral detail- Requested by Calumet Township Fire and Rescue. Sent one Truck and one member to detail.

EMS Runs (FD Assist): 1. 09/07/2015 3:33 pm Broken ankle at second falls on Montreal River past Smith Fisheries. Assist with removal of injured man.

Assisted by Copper Harbor Fire and Rescue, Ahmeek Fire and Rescue, Keweenaw County Sheriff's Office, US Coast Guard and 5 MTU students who were at the mouth area.

Monthly meeting: 09/24/2015 6:00pm.

Trucks serviced by Red Power Diesel-report back from them. Truck one failed pump test- discussion with Pomasl Fire- Dan says technical failure-it takes 1900 RPM to produce 1250 gal per minute and it should do it at 1500 RPM. Must monitor it and if it gets worse pump will have to be rebuilt.

Discussion about clean up at Pam Thomas residence, see below.

Fish Boil discussion final bills are in and will have a report at next meeting.

Portable pump on tanker taken to wards in Dollar Bay for service, was not running right, \$124.00 bill sent to Township.

Monthly training: 09/10/2015 6:00 pm

Ran trucks and pump on one- ok

Ran portables at marina-tanker portable not working right- took for servicing
Floating portable ran ok

Brush truck pump ran well.

Other: Community service-assist Pam Thomas with removal of items to transfer station and Menco. Pam is selling her place. She has helped the FD out numerous times with functions over her years in Lac La Belle and she will be missed.

EMS runs 1st Responders: 09/03/2015 dispatched on run, unable to respond.

09/16/2015 5:31 PM Apache Lane party not able to stand- Mercy transport

Old Business

Recycling: We will be tweaking the way we handle the cardboard that is transported to Eagle Harbor. Bill Eddy and Jeff Coltas have been studying the problems that have arisen and they will assist in designing and building of suitable wagons/trolley to work in the existing trailer to make moving and containing the cardboard easier. They will study the problem a little longer to make sure the ideas are feasible.

Road Millage: The supervisor attended the Road Commission meeting today and there will be 5 roads in Lac La Belle and 5 in Copper Harbor done next year.

They will tear up the old pavement and then re black top the said roads.

The Roads that will be done in Lac La Belle will be Montgomery Point Rd., Docs Drive, 3rd Street, Superior Street, and Sand Point Rd. In Copper Harbor the roads will be Bernard, Brockway Ave., 5th Street, 6th Street, and 8th Street.

The Road Commission will also be paving the Gay Lac La Belle road and out at Betsy.

C.O.R.S.: MDOT wants to put in a GPS system out at the sewer plant and we had out attorney look over the contract and he felt that the wording on holding Grant Township harmless were not strong enough. MDOT now has the contract back for rewording.

New Business

FOIA request: The Township has received a FOIA request from a group in Florida requesting employee and wages for 2013 and 2014. They have also requested that the Township waive the fees for this request.

- Motion put forth not to waive fees for this FOIA request as it would set a president. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

The clerk noted that it took 45 minutes to complete the task and that the fee would be \$9.00. It is ready and waiting for their response.

Sam Raymond has requested \$900.00 to help with cost associated with attending Canoecopia, in which he will represent Grant Township as part of his presentation.

- Motion to support Sam Raymond's request for \$900.00 to go to Canoecopia to support Grant Township at this event. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

Bill Eddy wanted to comment that the Treasurer was again not present and supplied no Treasurers report for the third time in as many months.

- Motion to pay audited bills for October in the amount of \$\$28,732.50

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk