

## **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall  
6314 Superior Street  
Lac La Belle, Michigan 49950  
Minutes for Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Call to Order**

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Trustee 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 05/09/17 and work session of 06/08/17, put forth by Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

### **Supervisor's Remarks**

Copper Harbor clean up days will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Lac La Belle's clean up days will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

The August Township meeting date will be moved to Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>, due to a conflict with a Special Election for the CCISD. The Election will be on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

The Lac La Belle Fire Departments Fish Boil will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> with more details to come.

Monthly Reports

### **Financials**

- Motion to approve the financial Reports that were available, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled, Ayes- 4, Nays-0, Absent-1 Motion carried 4-0.

### **Utility Board**

Supervisor Stigers met with the DEQ on the water demand for the new motel going to be built next to the Harbor Haus. This fall we will have to do a draw down test to determine our capacity. The thought is that we are nearing capacity and that would be a determining factor in any growth potential for Copper Harbor.

### **DDA**

No motions were done just discussions on the work on going at the storage unit.

### **The Copper Harbor Parks Committee**

Copper Harbor Parks Committee Meeting, 5/28/2017  
10:30 A.M.

Present: Kelly Coltas (Chair), Rich Jamsen, Miranda Davis, Staci Gibson, Ericka Vye,

Jane Jamsen

- 1) One memorial park bench has been purchased by Greg Mead and will be installed this coming week at Hunter's Point. The committee discussed the options for placement and decided that the best spot is just east of the viewing deck next to a large rock formation but with a great view of the beach.
- 2) Tom Jones is now an official employee of the township and will maintain the township trails.
- 3) The boulders that will block off the bike wash have been ordered. We will put up a new sign that the committee agreed should read: "Bike Wash Only – No Motorized Vehicles."  
The replacement trees for the Community Park have also been ordered.
- 4) The township would like a vision for the School Park. Miranda will talk to the School Board members about this because the township can help with some projects. One consideration may be the placement of a non-permanent netting structure along the road near the volleyball area. There are safety concerns here in the busy summer season.
- 5) We do have a tree replacement policy in place. The new trees that have been ordered will be about 8 feet tall.
- 6) The rails at the 10<sup>th</sup> street dock will be removed due to a liability issue. It might be possible that a small kayak rack could be installed in that area. A small fee would be charged for its seasonal use.  
Access to public areas along the water was discussed. Some trees and shrubs will have to be removed but will be done in consultation with the property owners bordering the spaces, and with Mike Jukuri who manages the 8<sup>th</sup> street dock area. Rich will mark what he feels needs to be removed and the committee members will examine these areas before making final decisions. Some shrubs could be planted as barriers in a few places and the committee would prefer this to the use of fences. Kelly will consult with the township board about this.
- 7) The committee had considered placing a bench on Hunter's Pt. in honor of Sharon and Dick Powers but Dick has indicated that he would instead prefer something about their work for the park on the kiosk. The committee will work with him on this project.
- 8) A tree has been planted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. park by Cherri Allen, a local Lions Club member, in honor of Dale Langfoss, another Lions Club member, who has passed away.
- 9) Dick Powers has suggested that a sign be erected at the end of the "flow" trail to direct bikers and hikers to use the Hunter's Pt. trail to Copper Harbor. The committee agreed that for safety reasons and traffic on M-26, this is a good idea. Kelly will present this to the board for their consideration.
- 10) Erika noted that another 8-10 feet of boardwalk could be placed on the Hunter's Pt. trail, from the marina, right past the cedar swamp. It has remained muddy for a long time. Also, the second large boardwalk has had some water damage and will be replaced sometime in the near future.

Miranda suggested that a railing, at least on the lake side, be added here. The committee agreed that these are projects that should be done.

- 11) Our current committee budget is between \$5000 and \$6000 per year.
- 12) Dick Powers mentioned to Staci that there is a problem at the water spout used by tourists on the south side of the community building. The backsplash is causing deterioration of the siding there. The committee decided that the best option is to put stone as a backsplash to protect the siding and Kelly will communicate this suggestion to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

It has been suggested to the Parks Committee by the Park Manager that the bike racks in the Township Park be placed on a cement pad or brick to facilitate the ability to mow around them as they are very heavy. It would also be nice if the fire pit had a similar type of pad.

### **Public Safety**

#### **CH Fire Dept.**

No Report

#### **LLB Fire Dept.**

Fire Calls: 2 5/09/17 Brush fire 5812 Gay Lac La Belle Rd.

5/14/2017 smoke in building, cleared prior to arrival.

Service Calls: 0

EMS runs (FD assist): 0

Monthly meeting: 05/25/17 at 6:00pm. Three present rest excused or out of town.

- Tom working on new fish boil signs
- Sign discussion for hall
- Nomination of officers to be done in June
- DNR Grant will be applied for again
- Next meeting on 6/22/ for training from 6 to 8

Monthly training: 5/11/17 6:00 pm

Ran all trucks and pump on truck 1. Checked over equipment and function of SCBAS.

Other: N/A

### **Old Business**

The DNR will be putting a counter on the boat ramp to determine the amount of boat traffic in and out of the marina. Location of the kayak dock will be determined after the amount of traffic is accounted for.

Saw Grant Payment:

Storm and Waste management program is program to help manage our sewer and water plant and as we are considered a disadvantaged community it is 100% grant. The work has been ongoing and we will be needing to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> installment.

- Motion to authorize Supervisor Stigers to submit the paper work for the first installment of the SAW Grant of \$13,519.75. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the board was polled, Stigers-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes, Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1, Motion is carried 4-0.

### **New Business**

With the Grant proposal for the purchase of the Trail Head Property in we will need to get an appraisal. The Company that will be doing the appraisal will be Compass and to have it done within 60 days it will cost \$3900.00.

- Motion put forth by Stigers/Coltas to hire Compass to do the appraisal for the property outlined in the Grant proposal for the amount of \$3,900.00. The Board was polled, Stigers-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Davis-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Ayes 4, Nays-0, Absent-1, all were in favor motion carries 4-0.

**Recycling:**

The Supervisor has been in discussion with Waste Management for negotiating a new contract. There is a possibility of having single stream recycling added to our contract. We have been recycling cardboard in conjunction with Eagle Harbor Township and it has been quite successful. This single stream endeavor would add a new level to that except it would be done here. Single stream would encompass a larger recycling effort and include newspaper, glass, and cans, plastic. The details are not yet confirmed and would more than likely increase out cost in some ways, but it is the right thing to do.

**DNR Land Swap:**

The DNR has notified us of a swap of two 40 acre parcels that are land locked with in the state owned park on the tip of the Keweenaw for some 300 odd acres in Houghton Township. They (the DNR) are asking input from the Township, and the Supervisor will be writing a letter voicing concerns with taking property that is presently tax and swapping it out so that the property will be valued under the PILT taxes.

**Public Comment**

At this point the meeting was open to public comment and there was a robust conversation about property taxes and conservancies that don't pay taxes and such.

There was also a discussion on the possibility of a Lac La Belle Parks Committee. It will be discussed at the South Shore Association and they will get back to the Township.

- Motion to pay audited bills for June in the amount of \$16,652.67 and adjourn Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1  
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Ken Stigers  
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas  
Grant Township Clerk