

Casco Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes of, March 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
@Casco Township, 7104 107th Ave. South Haven, Mi

accepted

Present:Overhiser,Graff,Winfrey,Brenner,Jessup; Ben Williams, Health Dept, Pam Blough,consultant for Parks and Rec and 16 people.

Allan Overhiser called the meeting to order @ 7:05 pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allan opened the Public Hearing on DNR Grant Request (Parking lot at Nature Preserve)

Pam Blough explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment concerning the Township's consideration to submit for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant on April 1, 2013 for funding to construct additional parking and a connecting walkway in the north section of the Casco Township Nature Preserve, 776 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, Mi to provide parking for beach access to Lake Michigan.

One resident asked if parking was going to be allowed on Blue Star if the park was full? Pam stated that wasn't going to be allowed. There was no more public comment.

Lu Winfrey made motion to approve the plan for additional parking and connecting walkway and approve the submittal of a grant application to the DNR Trust Fund. Cheryl Brenner supported and a Roll Call Vote Motion was approved: Jessup,Brenner,Overhiser,Winfrey, and Graff in favor and non voting against.

Winfrey moved to close the Public Hearing seconded by Jessup. Public Hearing Closed.

Ben Williams Allegan County Recycling Coordinator did a slide presentation on the updates of recycling thru the county.

Allan Overhiser asked the public what would interest them the most and the response was household hazards.

Overhiser asked if there was any public comment on any issues that isn't on the Agenda.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Underwood from Glenn Haven Shores Subdivision asked what the zoning is for the sub-division. Allan answered it is residential. She mentioned there is a house in Glenn Haven Shores that is being rented out like a resort. Home is located on Blue Star Hwy and Lake Forest. It is a concern to the other residents because of fireworks, problems on the beach, etc. Allan suggested that she should contact Alfred Ellingsen over this issue.

Minutes:

Other board members didn't receive the 2/18/13 minutes. These will be at the next regular meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Lu Winfrey reported that the

General Fund	Balance	\$451,068.36
Parks Fund	Balance	\$ 15,151.42
Senior Services Fund	Balance	\$ 1,955.76
Fire Dept. Fund	Balance	\$350,893.73
Road Fund	Balance	\$ 26,538.22
Cemetery Fund	Balance	\$133,189.51
Collected Tax Acct	Balance	\$995,877.15

Lu made the motion to approve the following General Fund

General Fund	Orders #21949-21985	In the Amount of	\$ 28,404.25
Collected Tax	Orders #21812-2830	In the Amount of	\$912,970.89
Fire Fund	Orders #3906-3907	In the Amount of	\$ 89,497.69
Parks Fund	Orders #344-351	In the Amount of	\$ 2,828.91
Seniors Fund	Orders #358-360	In the Amount of	\$ 3,537.23

Cheryl Brenner seconded motion. Motion carried.

Seniors Report:

Rachel Brenner reported on the activities going on. There will be a pizza party March 21, 2013 at the township hall for all seniors. Also, on April 4, 2013 Wings of Hope, from Allegan, will be at the township hall and Phoenix Street Cafe will be furnishing the food.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Bruce Brandon and Pam Blough updated us on the stairway project and will be presented to the Planning Commission at their meeting in April.

Interpreted sign bids were presented. The bid from Genesis was the lowest bid @ \$2,092.15 and Pam recommended their bid she has worked with them before and they also are a Michigan based company.

Judy Graff made motion to accept the bid from Genesis at the amount of \$2,092.15 for the signs. Lu Winfrey seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Bruce Brandon mentioned that the committee is moving ahead with Friends of the Nature Preserve, there will be a meeting on May 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm before their regular meeting at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Graff to accept the grant application for the project amount for the additional parking is \$124,850.44 the match required by the township is \$31,250.00. We agreed to apply for the trust fund grant for 75% of the total cost leaving 25% or \$31,250.00 to be matched by the township coming out of the general fund as a loan to ultimately be paid back by the Park fund at a rate of \$10,500.00 per yr for 3 years. Payment would begin the year following the completion of paying back the current loan. Josiah Jessup supported motion. Roll Call Vote-Judy Graff, Lu Winfrey, Allan Overhiser, Cheryl Brenner, Josiah Jessup all voting yes.

Bruce Brandon, whom is a Coast Guard Auxiliary, presented a proclamation format to announce Casco's participation in this year's National Safe Boating Week which will be May 18 - 24, 2013.

Judy Graff made motion to accept the Safe Boating Week of May 18-24, 2013. Cheryl Brenner seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Hospital Report:

Judy Graff reported again that there will be an Urgent Care again and should open sometime in May this year.

Al-Van Report:

Lu reported that the Rescued Treasures has moved to 315 Center St.

ZBA Report:

Josiah Jessup reported that Tom and Laurel Henkel requested a variance to build a small vacation home on Lot 112 Sunset Shores. A 10' variance was granted to them.

County Report:

Tom Jessup was not able to attend meeting. A report from Tom was handed out.

SHAES:

Shaes had a table at the Health Fair at the Casco Church. They are applying for a grant for cardio equipment.

Old Business:

Wind ordinance- A letter was read from Patrick Hudson expressing his belief that no other revisions to the wind ordinance are in order until the planning commission reaches a consensus on the basic dimensional components of the ordinance. Graff agreed that Hudson's participation was not needed until the planning commission had reached a consensus about the dimensional criteria. In addition Judy Graff expressed her desire to create an ordinance that would prevent the township from participating financially and complaints about wind generators and the administration of the ordinance. The board agreed that the planning commission needs to reach a consensus before Hudson participates.

Drain text approval- Overhiser handed out the Site Plan Review, chapter 7. He also suggested that we table this for next month meeting so all the board members have time to read over this review.

Road Budget- Overhiser read a letter from Craig Atwood, County Highway Engineer, that the Board of Allegan County passed a resolution supporting an increase of revenues in the State for maintenance and improvements to our road and bridge system. Judy Graff made motion to support the resolution and Josiah Jessup seconded. Motion carried.

The road budget was presented by Allan and Glenn Shores will be resealed plus a fog coat at a cost of \$30,000.00 and resurfacing 107th from blue star to 70th st.

Lu Winfrey made motion to accept motion to go with the paving on 107th from Blue Star to 70th with the difference of a loan to come out of the general fund. Brenner seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Miami Park John Johnson, Allegan County Health Department, sent letter explaining that high nitrates has been found in the Miami Park subdivision. There office has put a restriction on the development of the vacant lots that require on-site water well to be drilled and sampled for nitrates prior to issuance of a building permit. The lots are on Lakeview Ave. Several property owners signed a petition agreeing for the construction of a municipal water system and the special assessment of property costs of extending municipal water on their property in/along Lakeview.

Lu Winfrey made motion for Allan Overhiser to work with the attorney to set up a special assessment district on Lakeview Ave in Miami Park. Seconded by Brenner. Motion carried.

Other Business

There will be a joint meeting on Water and Sewer March 27th at 7:00pm at the Casco Township Hall.

A motion was made by Overhiser to accept John Stroud's resignation from the planning commission. Seconded by Lu Winfrey.

Allan thanked him for his years of service to the township.

Allan Overhiser made motion to appoint Lewis Adamson to replace John Stroud's position. Lewis is also on the water/sewer committee and having a liaison between planning commission and water/sewer would be helpful. Lu Winfrey seconded motion. Motion carried.

Attachments- Resolution supporting additional Road Funding
Boating Proclamation
Resolution 031813-1

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Brenner, Clerk