



Solon Township Hall
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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Solon Township Board of Trustees
July 10, 2018 @ 7:30p.m.**

Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Ellick at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Robert Ellick, Mark Hoskins, Mary Lou Poulsen, Fred Gunnell, Arthur Gerhardt

Members Absent: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Agenda Items – John Bitely asked why his request to remove the moratorium was not on tonight’s agenda as he requested at the Tuesday, July 3rd meeting. Supervisor responded that we would add it to the discussion area of the agenda.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Gunnell to approve agenda with addition of moratorium under discussion, seconded by Hoskins. The motion carried 5-0.

Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Poulsen to approve consent agenda, seconded by Gerhardt. The motion carried 5-0.

- a. Approve minutes from June 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve minutes from July 3, 2018 staff meeting
- c. Approve Bill List
- d. Clerk’s Rev/Exp Report & Balance Sheets
- e. Treasurer’s Report
- f. Building Inspector’s Report
- g. Fire Chief’s Statistics Report

Committee Reports

- * Cedar Springs Public Library - none
- * Cedar Springs Area Parks and Rec. – Amanda shared good info at July 3 meeting
- * Solon Park Planning Committee – Hal Babcock – received offer for \$25,000 matching Grant for construction of restroom at park so need to do fundraising before offer expires October 31, 2018.
- * Fire Committee – none

Old Business

- **none**

New Business

- **Proposal to control mole activity in cemetery - \$500**

A motion was made by Gunnell to accept proposal from Jackson Huffstutler, seconded by Hoskins. Motion carried 5-0.

- **FD hose & ladder inspection bid - \$2600**

A motion was made by Hoskins to authorize up to \$2600 for hose and ladder inspection as presented, seconded by Gunnell. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Septic systems pumped – Hall, Park, FD**

A motion was made by Poulsen to approve up to \$1450 for pumping Hall, Park & FD systems and also repair riser on Park system, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Park rules submitted by Supervisor**

A motion was made by Hoskins to approve rules with changes discussed and start process by posting at Middle Lake/Echo Park, seconded by Gerhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Ellick to authorize up to \$150 for sign to be posted, seconded by Poulsen. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion

John Bitely – regarding the moratorium in place on applications for building permits, land divisions and certain zoning reviews with respect to certain uses in the AR – agricultural residential district within the township: Mr. Bitely had asked that his request for the board to remove the moratorium be on tonight’s agenda. He feels the moratorium is invalid and should be removed. Asked to have minutes read aloud from July 3rd meeting – [copies were provided to all board members and Mr. Bitely]. Mr. Bitely cited MCL 125.3402(3) and stated “you guys are not following the law”.

Supervisor stated the board is “acting on our lawyer’s opinion”.

Mr. Bitely restated his opinion that board is not following the law and asked if the board was comfortable that the attorney’s opinion was legal.

Supervisor: I am “telling you what our attorney stated”.

Mr. Bitely: “my request to remove the moratorium has been denied then?”

Supervisor: the resolution “will remain as passed”.

Mr. Bitely: “so it has been denied?”

Supervisor: “I haven’t heard anything from the board to remove the moratorium.”

Trustee Gunnell: “Is this a request that’s been denied or are we just not responding?”

Supervisor: “not responding.”

Correspondence

Trustee Gunnell: hasn't heard anything about a Fire Committee meeting.

Trustee Hoskins: Pavement on 17 Mile at Algoma coming from West is messed up from all the additional truck traffic. Would like us to request MDOT take care of that when construction schedule clears.

Treasurer: nothing

Clerk: nothing

Supervisor: nothing

Additional public comments:

Hal Babcock – would like to start GoFundMe or similar for matching funds for Park restroom construction and playground equipment. Discussion of costs and options. Board advised park committee to collect information on process including costs. Trustee Hoskins to look into options other than GoFundMe.

Carroll Matulis – Michigan requires MH communities have 2 exit/entrances except if it has a boulevard. Cedarfield's boulevard doesn't go all the way to the road. With Meijer using it, is it still in compliance? Was there a deal made between Meijer and Cedarfield? Was that breaking the law or circumventing it? Discussion of when law was enacted and Cedarfield built.

A motion was made by Hoskins to adjourn, support by Gunnell, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2018