

**Ross Township
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**Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Baker

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Rob Baker Michael Bekes Cindy Genung
Lynn Harmon Diana Langshaw Mike Sulka
Linda Walters
Absent: None
Also Present: Rob Thall – Township Attorney

A motion to approve the agenda was presented by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Treasurer Genung and carried unanimously.

Road Commission of Kalamazoo County Presentation by Mark Worden, Engineering and Public Relations

Most Townships have committed to using all of the available Local Road Participation (PAR) funds. The PAR fund final obligation date is by March 15, 2021. 2021 Total PAR funds available to Ross Township are \$93,273.00. Each township, in order to receive local road (PAR) funds, must match the funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The source of the township's matching money may be from its own funds, property owners' special assessment contributions, or unique private/public contributions.

Consent Agenda:

The *Supervisor Report* and *Park December 2020 Report* were pulled from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Report was changed and updated with the following information –

Local Watercraft Control Ordinance – The wake zone would go from East and West to Avery street. The DNR came up with the location of the wake zone due to some dangerous situations. Attorney Thall stated that he would prepare an ordinance for the next Board meeting. He also added that an ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption. Trustee Sulka stated that if we accept the ordinance, that we move forward in time for "watercraft" season.

A motion to approve the amended report as written was presented by Trustee Bekes, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.

Park & Recreation Committee Board Meeting minutes were changed by Trustee Harmon.

The Park Committee would like to see the Highway Department install signs at both curves before the park stating to slow down "Children are Present" and "Park Entrance." Attorney Thall stated that the committee should approach the Road Commission first and then request an ordinance for signs, if necessary.

There will be no large projects for the Park this coming season. Trustee Harmon stated that there will be, however, a landscaping project with the Eagle Scouts. The Eagle Scouts and their families are responsible for two ~~plagues~~ plaques. The township will provide one.

The Committee is also making a recommendation to hire a Park Manager. The salary would come from park revenue and half general fund. There would be more discussion during the budget process.

A motion to approve the amended report and minutes as written was presented by Trustee Harmon, supported by Supervisor Baker and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Bekes to make a correction to the December 15, 2020 minutes, supported by Trustee Langshaw and carried unanimously. Correction was as follows: Under Planning Commission (2), change McKay to Allendale, LLC.

A motion to approve the amended consent agenda and reports as written was presented by Trustee Bekes, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Phone 3760 – No comment on ZBA issue

Phone 4988 – No comment

Christina – No comment

Tim – Does not agree with the interpretation of ZBA. A tree is vegetation. In his opinion, the viewshed is the real issue.

Phone 0784 – No comment

Phone 5694 – No comment

Barbara – No comment

D. Carpenter – No comment

Jeff Christensen – No comment

Larry – I'm good

Unknown – No comment

StVLDD – No comment

Old Business:

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Fence Ruling – Attorney Thall stated the Planning Commission (PC) will take up the interpretation made by the ZBA at the next meeting. There has been no discussion with AGS or PC regarding change in the ruling; PC may do something different with the interpretation made by the ZBA.
- B. Dock Length – Supervisor Baker stated that dock lengths are hard to enforce. Attorney Thall replied that enforcement is an issue and that the Township will need to decide if they are willing to enforce the standards.

New Business:

- A. RCKC PAR Agreement – There is \$92,273 PAR funds for redistribution. A motion was made by Trustee Sulka to use all PAR funds and redistribution, supported by Trustee Bekes and carried unanimously.
- B. Water Softener and boiler maintenance Agreement – Supervisor Baker stated that he had received 5 estimates for the Water Softener. He recommended that the Township go with Gordon Water System (Kinetico Series) with a 10-year warranty. Trustee Sulka made a motion to purchase a new one, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.
- C. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center Contract – A motion was made by Trustee Harmon to allocate \$6,000 to the HHW contract; it was supported by Trustee Sulka and carried unanimously.
- D. 2021 Budget Meeting Date – The next 2021 Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 6:00. Jeff Rood, CPA/Siegfried Crandall PC, will be attending the meeting as well.
- E. Any Other Business – None

Members Time:

Supervisor Baker – It has been an honor. Leaving due to family life.

Clerk Walters – Currently looking for a deputy.

Trustee Bekes – Jim Lauderdale working with Gene’s Marine.

Treasurer Genung – No comment

Trustee Harmon – Consent Agenda – more to come

Trustee Langshaw – I am dropping from the Park Committee due to physical limitations and home life. I will still be part of the committee but not attending all of the meetings.

Trustee Sulka – Thank you for your service Rob.

Adjournment: 8:07 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walters
Township Clerk
February 03, 2021