

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2018

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Hofmeyer, Ed Stielstra, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell
MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy Van Huis
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer led the pledge of allegiance and offered prayer.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve the minutes as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. FINANCIAL REPORT / REVIEW & APPROVE THE BILLS

Supervisor Terry Hofmeyer reviewed the bills for the month of January 2018. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve and pay the bills as submitted. Supervisor Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. CORRESPONDENCE - None

ARTICLE VI. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- A. STATE REPRESENTATIVE – No report.
- B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – No report.
- C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on February 7, 2018 and the following items were discussed: review of updated proposals from consultants McKenna & Associates and Fresh Coast Planning for the Master Plan Review Project with a recommendation to proceed with Fresh Coast Planning; Indian Pipe II lot combination was approved; Pastor Benson special use for dog day care was approved and Watson special use for oversized accessory building was approved.

- D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – ED STIELSTRA

Stielstra reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 24 and the following items were discussed: election of officers; Hawk variance request was approved and Popp variance request was tabled for additional information.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – JIM JOHNSON

Johnson reported that the Parks Commission met on January 17 and the following items were discussed: grants in progress including an award of a natural resources grant of \$640,000 to expand the Laketown Beach; Lakeview School Park; election of officers; ODC partnership for eight events at five parks in the township; budget and Huyser property.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – SARAH BUSHEE

Deputy Chief Sarah Bushee reported the response calls for the month of January were as follows: 51 calls total, 38 calls from Laketown, consisting of 25 medical/rescue and 13 fire calls and 4 smoke and CO alarm installs; 6 from Fillmore, consisting of 5 medical/rescue calls and 1 fire call. There were 3 fire assists to other departments, 2 to Saugatuck and 1 to Holland.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS – No comments.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

Supervisor Hofmeyer reviewed the board appointments as follows:

ZBA: David Weishaar, Chair; Carl Blauwkamp, Marcia Perry

Planning Commission: Bob Slikkers, Chair, Randy Becksvoort, Vice Chair, Jim Lorence

Parks Commission: Tom Shuff

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the above mentioned proposed board appointments. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. MASTER PLAN CONSULTANT

Hofmeyer explained that the Planning Commission had interviewed two consultants for the Master Plan project and recommends Fresh Coast Planning be awarded the contract for the project.

Meshkin noted that the Master Plan was last reviewed to this degree in 1990. Howell reported that Fresh Coast Planning is familiar with coastline municipalities and the process will include a considerable number of opportunities for public input.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Stielstra and seconded by Howell to approve the recommendation to contract with Fresh Coast Planning for the Master Plan Project.**

Stielstra asked if there is a timeline for the project. Howell responded that the estimated timeframe is to be complete by the end of 2018, however it is a critical process for the township and the board will take the appropriate time to produce a quality document. Meshkin stated the estimated cost of the project is \$15,000.

Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Diana Sandoval of Holland Charter Township is asking Laketown Township to grant facility license for Compassionate Medical Marijuana distribution. Sandoval stated she serves 150 as patients in Laketown Township, many of whom are baby boomers. Sandoval feels that it is important to educate patients on the use and proper dosage of medical marijuana. The organization includes a licensed physician from Spectrum Hospital. Sandoval also has the resource of a federal attorney available to answer any questions the township may have. Sandoval respectfully asks that the township consider granting the proper licensing for the business.

Chris Martinez spoke in support of the business stating that there are 150 Laketown residents served by Sandoval. There is a bad opioid epidemic in this country and they are trying to help these patients. Martinez said we are not trying to be the "weed shop" but are very discreet and have had no problems servicing the community. It is a \$5,000 fee to be paid to the township that would have to be paid for the licensing. Martinez said only people with proper paperwork are served and the business has been in existence for seven years.

Bob Lamar of 4612 66th Street said the board knows that Carl Blauwkamp is a known criminal and you just reappointed him to the board. Lamar also asked who decides on special use permits as he would like one for his property at 66th Street to continue to rent storage space as has been done since 1939. He feels he should have been grandfathered from the recent rezoning to residential. Meshkin responded that it is the Planning Commission that makes a decision on special use permits.

Carmen Smith of 441 College Avenue said that she is a patient of Lakeshore Alternative. She has had three back surgeries and has been taking 22 pills per day and costly injections at the pain clinic every six weeks. The medical marijuana is the only solution to address the pain issues she has. The ointment she applies provides her with 18 hours of mobility wherein she would otherwise need assistance to dress herself. They are great people and it should be a welcomed business because it is a form of medicine that has been proven to be beneficial to patients. She is just a person trying to get relief for constant chronic pain.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Stielstra to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M.
UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED**