

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4338 BEELINE ROAD
ALLEGAN COUNTY
HOLLAND, MI 49423

June 9, 2021

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Township Supervisor Linda Howell called the regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. Zoom option available for the public. All present board members and staff in-person at township hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – township manager
Jim Hayden – public information officer

Supervisor Howell stated no action is before the township board tonight regarding the Allegan County ORV ordinance. The board wanted language in the proposed ordinance to let municipalities withdraw from it. It appears the County Commission will not be including that language in the ordinance.

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE III. FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS

The board reviewed the bills from May. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve the May bills as submitted. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

- a. County Commissioner Kapenga: Talked about proposed ORV ordinance, water study workshop, emergency declaration, possible land bank and delays in trials at Allegan County Circuit Court due to COVID.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from June.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: Delaney reviewed Zoning Board of Appeals action from May.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff reviewed Parks Commission action from May.

- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed May fire/rescue calls with 85 total calls, Fillmore – 4 fire calls, 14 medical/rescue calls, Laketown – 9 fire calls, 49 medical/rescue calls, Assists – 5 fire calls (2 Hamilton, 2 Holland, 1 Saugatuck), 3 medical/rescue (3 Holland); pancake breakfast is on for July 5 from 6 to 10 a.m.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS -- None

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: DUST CONTROL WORK ORDER

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the work order for dust control as presented. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

B: GUARDIAN BREWING LICENSING RESOLUTION

The township board discussed the proposal from Guardian Brewing Company, 3657 63rd St., Saugatuck, to apply to the state Liquor Control Commission for a manufacturer license and tasting room. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to approve resolution 2021-07 for the issuance of micro brewer, small distiller and small wine maker licenses with an on-premises tasting room permit for Guardian Brewing Company, 3657 63rd St, Saugatuck. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

C: TEUSINK REZONING ORDINANCE

The township board discussed the proposal to rezone part of parcel # 0311-002-020-10 from R-1 Rural Estate District to R-2 Low Density Residential District. **A motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Johnson, to amend certain portions of the Zoning Ordinance and Map of Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, specifically by rezoning the land as presented from R-1 Rural Estate District to R-2 Low Density Residential District. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Scott Beltman, 3110 130th Ave., Hopkins: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance.

Joshua Driscoll, 3081 53rd St., Hamilton: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance.

Dustin Driscoll, 4561 66th St., Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. Wants the township to get more input from residents.

Steve Busscher, 4680 62nd St., Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. He participated in ORV fundraiser for multiple sclerosis research and there were no safety issues.

David Lamar, 6182 Standing Stone Drive, Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. Wants input into the decision.

Mary Leeuw, 6456 146th Ave., Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. She

is a grandmother who takes grandchildren for rides in her ORV to other family locations.
Tom Kehr, 4270 64th St., Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. Township should have a public hearing on the issue.
Jody Lamar, address unknown: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance.
Dustin Driscoll, 4561 66th St., Holland: Asked for show of hands from those in audience who support ORV ordinance.
Todd VanderLugt, 6424 144th Ave., Holland: Supports the proposed Allegan County ORV ordinance. Wants it on township board agenda for resident comment.

Supervisor Howell closed the public comment section and thanked the residents for their comments and for their civil delivery of those comments.

Meshkin explained the township request regarding opt-out options for the county ordinance.

Howell discussed a Macatawa Area Coordinating Council meeting noting the Outdoor Discovery Center is taking over watershed protection and noting highway funding and the TIP plan.

Delaney likes the public discourse about the ORV ordinance, explained township concerns about safety.

Johnson explained the board's concern about safety of ORVs, including horses, and concerns about damages to parks. Also noted questions about who enforces rules.

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Delaney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.