

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

August 11, 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: Gary Dewey, Linda Howell, Jim Johnson, Michelle Sall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Delaney

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

ARTICLE II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board members reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, 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 July. **A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Sall, to approve the July 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 courthouse construction and work at the animal shelter. Mark Witte, executive director of Allegan County Community Mental Health, addressed the board and asked that Laketown Township donate part of its federal American Rescue Plan Act money to help fund the department's new building.
- b. Planning Commission: Johnson reviewed Planning Commission action from August.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals: None.
- d. Parks Commission: Chairman Tom Shuff addressed the board noting article in The Holland Sentinel on the Felt Mansion and acknowledged Patty Meyer for her work, noted the township needs to set up procedures for use of the new pickleball courts which are expected to be complete by Sept. 1.
- e. Graafschap Fire Department: Chief Doug Den Bleyker reviewed July fire/rescue calls with 90 total calls, Fillmore – 2 fire calls, 18 medical/rescue calls, Laketown – 12 fire calls, 51 medical/rescue calls, Assists – 6 fire calls (2 Holland, 1 Overisel, 3 Saugatuck), 1 medical/rescue call assist to Holland.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

Joanne Rebek, 6589 Windemere Way: Having parking issues with Saugatuck Dunes State Park users.

Nancy Keck, 6566 Windemere Way: Parking along the street will block emergency vehicles, wants more paved parking at the state park.

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS

A: NO PARKING RESOLUTION

The township board discussed the proposed resolution regarding requesting no parking designation along State Park Drive. Meshkin noted State Park Drive and Windemere Way are owned by the Allegan County Road Commission, not the township, and Saugatuck Dunes State Park is owned by the state, not the township. Howell said Windemere Way could be added to the no-parking area after more discussion with the road commission. **A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Sall, to approve Resolution 2021-08 No Parking Along State Park Drive Resolution. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE**

B: PARKS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The township board discussed two applications to replace the position on the Parks Commission open after the resignation of Kathleen Dearborn. Applications from Anne Brand and Susan Turner were discussed. **A motion was made by Sall, seconded by Dewey, to appoint Anne Brand to the Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jessie Dalman, 4056 Spring Beauty Lane: Would like money from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to go to water infrastructure.

Dick Becker, 6436 Copperleaf Court: Township needs to get broadband service to children in lower-income areas of the township.

ARTICLE IX ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Howell called for a vote on the motion. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.