

PROPOSED MINUTES  
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

November 28, 2018

**Rescheduled Regular Meeting**  
7:00 P.M. at Township Hall

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michelle Sall called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Sall, Jim Johnson, Karen Simmons, Tom Shuff  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ARTICLE III. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Simmons seconded by Johnson to approve the September 18, 2018 minutes as written. Sall called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

The bills to be paid as of September and October 2018 were reviewed. Maintenance: Veldhof – \$480.00 (Sept), \$480.00 (Oct), Heavener - \$1,058.00 (Sept), \$7,256.00 (Oct), Republic Svcs - \$689.59 (Sept), \$274.50 (Oct), Graafschap Hardware - \$31.49 (Sept), \$40.36 (Oct), Greenmark Equipment - \$122.44 (Sept) Jason Schrottenboer - \$1,000.00 (Oct) Capital One Commercial - \$178.36; Contracted Services: John Kunkel - \$155.00 (Sept), \$150.00 (Oct), Consumers Energy - \$50.00 (Sept), City of Holland - \$2,000.00 (Sept); Supplies: Amazon - \$363.90 (Sept), Jim Johnson - \$472.80 (Sept), Michelle Sall - \$24.30 (Sept), Family Fare - \$35.00 (Sept), Robert Jerow - \$10.00 (Sept); Electricity - \$51.23 (Sept), \$51.06 (Oct); Salaries: Robert Jerow - \$175.00; Taxes: \$80.33 (Oct).

Following discussion, a **motion was made by Sall and seconded by Simmons to approve the Treasurer's Reports as submitted for the months of September and October. Sall called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE V. ARTICLE VI. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS – Sall

- a. Sall reported the at their last meeting the township board approved a contract extension for the township manager and approved a resolution to seek funding for non-motorized path along Blue Star Highway.

ARTICLE VI. STAFF REPORTS – Meshkin

- a. Meshkin will reported under new business items.

ARTICLE VII. HUYSER CARETAKER REPORT – Circo

No report, Sherrie Circo was not present.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT UPDATE

Meshkin reported that appraisals have been completed and approved by the MDNR. The property values came in lower than estimated in the grant applications. Total market value came in at \$416,850. Meshkin has forwarded the appraisals to the property owners. The next step will be to meet with the owner to negotiate the purchases.

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES PERSON

Meshkin reported Sarah Bushee has been hired as the new facilities person for the township. Sarah will bring a variety of skills to the position. She is also a lieutenant on the Graafschap Fire Department.

B. BLUE STAR NON-MOTORIZED

Meshkin reported the township board has approved a resolution to seek funding for the construction of non-motorized path along Blue Star Highway from 60<sup>th</sup> Street to 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Funding would come from a variety of sources. Construction would occur in 2022 or 2023.

C. 62<sup>ND</sup> STREET BIKE PATH REPAIR

Meshkin report the bike path on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street north of 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue is in need of significant repair. It appears there is an old storm drain system under the path that has failed causing sinkholes in the path. This has been an ongoing repair issue. This may require a reconstruction of this segment of path in 2019 or 2020. Also, the entire asphalt path will likely be resurfaced in 2021.

D. HUYSER GREEN HOUSE & OLD TOWN HALL

Meshkin requested permission to demo the house on the corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Street and 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the Huyser Farm. It is now vacant and of little value. It would be used as a training exercise for the fire department. **A motion was made by Shuff and supported by Simmons to approve the demolition of the house on the Huyser Farm located at the south west corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Street and 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

Meshkin would like to revisit the idea of moving the old township hall to this location. The old township hall property would then be used as a new cemetery location for the township. The cemetery fund would help finance the township hall move. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Sall and supported by Shuff to approve moving the old township hall to the south west corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Street and 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and to begin developing plans and cost estimates for the move. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED.** After plans are developed and approved by the Parks Commission they will be forwarded to the West Michigan Land Conservancy for review.

E. HUYSER HOMESTEAD

Meshkin requested the Parks Commission give the Laketown Township Building Authority control of the Huyser Farm homestead. This would be for the purpose of restoring the house to a usable condition for a yet undetermined use. This would only be for the grounds immediately surrounding the house. This item will be discussed more in the future.

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN COMMENTS - none

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Sall adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.**