

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

REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2017

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, Wendy Van Huis, Linda Howell,
Ed Stielstra, Gary Dewey
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Terry Hofmeyer led the pledge of allegiance and Gary Dewey offered prayer.

ARTICLE III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting. **A motion was made by Howell 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 September 2017. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis 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 – WHITEFORD -not present

B. COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KAPENGA

Commissioner Kapenga discussed the following Allegan County items:

1. New 911 radio system;
2. Emergency Management conference;
3. Prosecuting Attorney report;
4. 2018 budget;
5. Moving probation court;
6. Larry Brown retirement;
7. Law enforcement meetings.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION – HOWELL

Howell reported that the Planning Commission met on October 4, 2017 and the following items were discussed: Property Rezoning approved for recommendation for approval to the Township Board; Lampen special use for accessory building was approved; directed the township attorney to prepare a resolution and report for the Busscher P.U.D. Request; Smits Resource Removal Special Use Request to expand an existing pond was tabled.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – ED STIELSTRA

Stielstra reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in September.

E. PARKS COMMISSION – MICHELLE SALL

Sall reported the Commissioners met on September 20 and a public hearing was held for comment on the proposed 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan. Other items discussed were: update on condition of parks, pickle ball courts; presentation by representatives of the City of Holland Parks and Recreation regarding the Lakeview School property; dog park; United Way Day of Caring accomplishments.

F. FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE BOARD – CHIEF DEN BLEYKER

Den Bleyker reported the response calls for the month of September were as follows: 53 calls total, 35 calls from Laketown, consisting of 26 medical/rescue and 8 fire, 1 smoke alarm install; 12 calls from Fillmore, consisting of 7 medical/rescue calls and 5 fire calls. There were 6 assists, 4 fire assists to Holland, 1 fire assist to Saugatuck, 1 medical assist to Saugatuck.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS ON OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Dick Becker thanked Chief Den Bleyker for his response to wind damage on Saturday night.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. GFD CADET PROGRAM RESOLUTION 2017-17

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Resolution 2017- GFD Cadet Program. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

B. COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION 2017-18

Hofmeyer explained the resolution was recommended by the Parks Commission to approve the 5-Year Community Recreation Plan. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Stielstra to approve Resolution 2017- Community Recreation Plan. Hofmeyer called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

C. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #184

Hofmeyer explained the amendment is to rezone the property located at 4612 66th Street. Howell noted the property owner is opposed to the rezoning. Hofmeyer invited Robert Lamar, the property owner to comment.

Robert Lamar, 643 Appletree Drive, stated this whole thing could have been avoided if the township would have allowed Jan Mulder to construct a castle on the property several years ago.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Howell to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance #184. Hofmeyer called for a roll call vote on the motion. Stielstra, yes; Van Huis, yes; Dewey, yes; Howell, yes; Hofmeyer, yes. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

Prior to beginning discussion Stielstra recused himself from the next two amendments due to a conflict of interest and sat in the audience.

D. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #185

Hofmeyer explained the amendment is to rezone the property located at 4608 66th Street.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Howell and seconded by Van Huis to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance #185. Hofmeyer called for a roll call vote on the motion. Van Huis, yes; Dewey, yes; Howell, yes; Hofmeyer, yes. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

E. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #186

Hofmeyer explained the amendment is to rezone the property located at 6590 146th Avenue.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Van Huis and seconded by Howell to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance #186. Hofmeyer called for a roll call vote on the motion. Van Huis, yes; Dewey, yes; Howell, yes; Hofmeyer, yes. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

Wade Eldean, 2305 South Shore Drive stated there is a need for commercial zoning in northern Laketown. He is requesting a parcel rezoning and welcomed board members to discuss the matter with him.

Robert Lamar stated that page seven of the master plan say there will be a need for expanded services and you just cut them out.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Van Huis to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTON APPROVED

Wendy Van Huis, Township Clerk

Diane Ybarra, Recording Secretary