

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
October 12, 2015**

APPROVED MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Pleasanton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Members present: Supervisor Carol Merrill; Clerk Amy Cross, Treasurer Judy Girven, Trustees Brenda Monk and Rochelle Rollenhagen.

Guest: Charles Wolverton presented the Board with a Proposal to Establish a Township Park on the Buell Property at Lakeside Avenue and Butwell Road. He has talked with area neighbors who favor the idea, addressed parking needs (North of corner), presented general development concepts, and reviewed MNRTF requirements. The site plan he created would suffice per DNR. Mr. Wolverton has been in contact with Jacque Erdman in regards to the County Parks and Recreation Plan Initiative. If interested, the Township could possibly acquire the property as a land trust for approximately 25% of the appraised value. Alpena meeting slated for November. Also for sale is a fifty (50) foot lot to the north. Tim Ervin, Alliance for Economic Success, has reported that grant money could be obtained for the “acquisition” and “development” stages. Mr. Wolverton will report further at the November meeting.

Public comment opened; closed.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to amend the agenda: to Correspondence Dept. of Treasury 10/7/15 letter for Assessor’s successful audit completion; Road Commission 10/09/15 letter for 2016 projects; to New Business b. Michigan Invasive Species/Oak Wilt request for letter of support; Unfinished Business a. Parramore update; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Monk, supported by Rollenhagen, to approve the Board minutes from September 14, 2015; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Monk, supported by Merrill, for Treasurer's Report to Supervisor; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to pay the monthly bills; AIF; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEQ permit – Dean Knutson et. al., Mary Murnik; Phillip Bednarek; Robert Bond;

Bear Lake Beach Monitoring Project 2015 – Report by DHD #10

Library Board – draft minutes 5/19/15; approved 12/16/14

BLFD run report thru 9/2015

Correspondence, continued:

County Soil Conservation District

County Board of Commissioners / Portage Lake Channel Repair Resolution

Corps of Engineers letter re: portage lake channel

Dept. of Treasury 10/07/15 Assessor's audit completion

Road Commission's 2016 projects / cost share

NEW BUSINESS: Rollenhagen reported on big loads coming through the Transfer Station. Merrill has told the attendants "no exceptions". The dates for 2016 were finalized and passes will be ordered. Recycling bins need rotated to avoid "dip" in that area.

The Board discussed and agreed to send a letter of support regarding oak wilt. Manistee Soil Conservation District is seeking a grant to inform the public to slow down this problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Richard Figura, Attorney, does not foresee the Michigan Supreme Court will hear Parramore's counter-claim against the Michigan Court of Appeals decision for Parramore's second story to be removed. Once case is back in the Circuit Court, a time-frame will be set by the Judge.

OTHER BUSINESS: The amount for hall rental and deposit were discussed along with cleaning, cancellations, and rental form. Cross will draft policy to be reviewed next month.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Report given by Jerry Stick.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report given by Brenda Monk.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Ken Hilliard absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk