

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 10, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by James Dubay the Supervisor at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisor-James Dubay, Clerk-Kimberly Day, Treasurer-Betty Monsion, Trustee-Brad Dubay and Trustee-James Herber were present.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was thirty-two.

Minutes from the August 13, 2012 regular meeting were presented. James Herber would like to make a clarification change to the following:

Karen Snyder informed the board that they would like to build the bandstand inside the big ball diamond and now Hymmco is involved with the project. And the wiring will be done by Roese Contracting. And the underground digging will be done by James Herber.

Motion made by James Herber/Betty Monsion to approve the minutes as printed noting the clarification. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion made by James Herber/Brad Dubay to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills presented. See attached. Motion made by James Dubay/James Herber to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Guest Speaker: Trevor Keyes (Economic Development Specialist) from Bay Future gave a very detail update of the progress of Bay Future. For more information on Bay Future their web-site is www.bayfuture.com.

Unfinished Business: Brad Dubay Garfield Park & Rec NON-PROFIT President would like to know if the township board is ready to move forward with the bandstand project. Design Engineers from Hymmco are ready for the go ahead. Hymmco will only start the drawing of the bandstand if the township board approves that it be built in the Garfield Township Park. If the bandstand is given to another township; then that township will have to have a design engineer do the drawing for the bandstand. The reason that Hymmco will be doing the drawing if the bandstand is built in Garfield Township Park is because the owner of Hymmco is the cousin to Brad Dubay (Garfield Park & Rec. NON-PROFIT President).

There was a lot of discussion on this bandstand project. Here are comments from various residents of the township. This has nothing to do with township government, why do we have to accept this bandstand. Why would the Garfield Park & Rec. NON-PROFIT not have to get a special permit for this bandstand? Playing ball at the township was brought up, because they would like to build the bandstand in the large back ball diamond. If kids are destroying the playground equipment now what do you think they will do to the bandstand. If you give these kids good structured activities then maybe they will not destroy things in the park. Who is going to do all the events, this is not the township board's job. What about lighting, security and lots of other factors. Shouldn't these things have been planned out and in writing? There are a lot of things to discuss and think about before this township should accept something like this. This is not fair to the citizens; this affects the whole community. Why does a NON-PROFIT group get to decide what we want in our park and what is good for the community?

Len Gorgel asked why there is always a reoccurring insurance issue other townships that have this same agent can't stand him and we should have an open bid on our insurance. We need a new carrier. Everyone and other township enjoy great thing why can't we.

Brad Dubay (Trustee) stated that when he checked into insurance he was new on the township board, and currently he feels that we pay too much.

Supervisor stated this is not an insurance issue.

Karen Snyder from the Garfield Park & Rec NON-PROFIT:
Why does this township have such a hard time excepting something good? She is glad that there are other people here tonight; now they can see that the people that attend these meets are not very neighborly people.

Connie Fontozzi from the Garfield Park & Rec NON-PROFIT:
She has enough Disney movies at home that could be shown at movie night. It is not that labor intense to sell popcorn and show a movie. The film fest in Saginaw has a great turn out and there is a lot of crime there. They really want to bring this to Garfield Township Park and not take it to one of the other township that wants this.

Brad Dubay and Karen Snyder from Garfield Park & Rec NON-PROFIT stated that the following City and Townships have agreed to accept the bandstand and the proposal: City of Pinconning, Williams Township, Fraser Township, and Kawkawlin Township. Bill Pelton said that Beaver Township also wants the bandstand. And the Northern Bay Community Foundation is on board with this bandstand and will be funding money until this bandstand is complete. Garfield Park & Rec. NON-PROFIT has several organizations willing to donate to the bandstand project. And if Garfield Township does not want it then they will give it to one of the other townships.

Motion made by James Dubay/James Herber to move forward with the bandstand upon approval of an architect drawing with correct stamp approved by Al Thompson (Area Code Enforcement) at no cost to the township, with the bandstand to be built in Garfield Township Park. Motion Carried. Roll call vote: Brad Dubay "yes" Betty Monsion "yes" James Herber "yes" James Dubay "yes" Kimberly Day "no".

New Business: Crump Fox Club has proposed an offer to the Township. (See Attached). This is NOT something that the township is making Crump Fox Club

do. This is coming from The State of Michigan Tax Tribunal Office. The township board can either except or refuse the current offer from the Crump Fox Club. Resolution 2012-4 (See Attached.) Motion made by James Dubay/Kimberly Day to refuse the offer set forth by the Crump Fox Club. Motion carried. All activities that are currently held at the Crump Fox Club will go with the Club and their new organization.

Planning Commission: Next meeting is October 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Chief: There were ten runs in August. Craig Winchell is interested in joining the department. Motions made by James Herber/Brad Dubay to approve Craig Winchell to the department permitting all credentials are approved by the fire chief. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Betty informed everyone that she attended the recount of the Garfield Supervisor position from the August 7, 2012 election. And the results remained the same.

Ray Manyen would like to know about gravel on Rogers Road. The first mile up to the Bay County Gun Club is fine and after the first mile it needs work. James Dubay said he will contact Todd at the Bay County Road Commission and see if they can put some maintenance gravel on Rogers Road.

Motion made by James Dubay/Brad Dubay to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk
