

Wheatland Township Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022
Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

ROLL CALL:

Tom VanSyckle x Amy Snyder x Mary Karcher x Ethan McNeal x Lee Carte x

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor VanSyckle reported that he met with Buzz Fate and Guy Stickler, Chippewa Hills Board Members, to discuss the Lease at the Park. It was decided to have a 3-year Lease from the north side of the pull track straight back. Their lawyers will be working on the lease paperwork. Right now, there are 3 amendments with the lease. Supervisor VanSyckle also reported that the park was vandalized as eggs were thrown and smashed against the building which was picked up on the cameras. Also caught on camera were young people kicking the ball against the side of the building. This will be turned over to the county's sheriff's office.

MINUTES: Lee Carte made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the February 21, 2022 board meeting, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
Board Minutes-February 21, 2022

TREASURER REPORT: Mary Karcher made a motion to accept the treasurer report as submitted, Ethan McNeal supported the motion, all in favor motion carried.
Treasurer Report-February 2022

LEPRINO REPORT: Kevin Thiel reported that the discharge this month has not happened due to frozen ponds. It's possible that they will start discharging this week. No major issues.

FIRE REPORT: Fire Chief Thiel reported there have been 66 calls year to date. Chief Thiel also reported that 2 students were attending MFR class and 1 had to drop out due to family circumstances. 2 people from the fire department are going to instructor's class. Mecosta County requires students to pay for classes whereas Isabella County offers the classes for free.

LIBRARY REPORT: Barb Diehm did not have a report. Amy Snyder reported that the Library Debt will be paid off on April 1st and that the library would have some monies left over from the millage although they must spend the remaining money on building and maintenance. The Library Debt is being paid off 8 years early.

DDA REPORT: Dee Powell reported that the Welcome signs coming into Remus from the east and the west was fading and could use a fresh coat of paint. The board will look into this project. The DDA also is having a sign made for the Walking Path and they will be advertising the Remus area in different local newspapers in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NA

CORRESPONDENCE: NA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Marijuana Ordinance:** Mary Karcher, Clerk, reported that she spoke to Paula Priebe who works for the City of Big Rapids, and manages all of their Marijuana Stores. She mentioned that Zoning was going to be our toughest hurdle since we do not have our own local zoning. She will come and speak at a meeting if the board agrees to it. After a discussion it was agreed on to ask Paula if the 5th or 6th of April would work for her. Mary will report back to the group on the date.
2. **SCHOOL LEASE PROPERTY:** This was discussed up in Supervisor comments.
3. **PROJECTED ROAD PROJECTS:** Tom VanSyckle and Lee Carte led a discussion with the thought of the board getting a municipality loan to make up the difference to pay for 5 miles of roads in the township getting repaved. The board spent time putting together all the monies that the township has to put towards road projects, and came up with the township having \$500,000 of the \$630,000 that is needed to complete the project. The board will work on getting a loan for \$130,000 so that the project can get completed this year. Taking out a Bond Loan was discussed, checking with the USDA, checking with our local banks, as well as the MEDC if necessary. Mary Karcher & Kim Thiel will look into these different loans in the morning.
4. **Estimated Quote for Camera Upgrade in Park:** After a brief discussion, Lee Carte made a motion to accept this quote from Statewide Security for \$3806 to replace the old system that is obsolete, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Handicap Picnic Tables for Township Park:** A brief discussion was had and Kevin Thiel will be asking at Leprino's about this project (as they have a fund that helps out the community) or the firefighters would take a Saturday and have a work bee and build a couple handicap picnic tables.

New Business:

1. **Memorial Scattered Garden for Wambold Cemetery:** After discussing the quote the Board would like a better breakdown between the materials and labor. The Board would like to look at using HUD monies for the project. It was also discussed that this project would come out of 2022-2023 Fiscal year budget.

2. **Mecosta Conservation District Annual Contribution for Hazardous Removal (\$300) (Our Date 2022):** After a brief discussion, Mary Karcher made a motion to continue to support MOLCD with a \$300 check, Lee Carte supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. **Review Leprino WWTP Contract:** After a discussion about the meeting, Supervisor VanSyckle, had at Leprino's it was agreed to have Leprino's rewrite the contract agreement between Wheatland Township and Leprino and add the 5 bullets points discussed in the meeting. The Board will review the contract when it's complete.
4. **Backyard Kids 4-H Group Fund Raiser:** After a brief discussion it was agreed on to allow the 4-H group to rent the hall for 2 days for free, to do their pie making fund raiser. The Board would love to try their Peanut Butter and Blueberry Pie.
5. **2022 Weed Control Quotes (Park Wambold & West Wheatland Morgan):** After a brief discussion the board agreed not to pursue this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dee Powell representing Remus Heritage Day's Committee asked about the fence around the ball field. A discussion was had about possible fence put around the basketball court for a Pickle Ball Court, the softball safety net needs to come down and be replaced as well. Tom VanSyckle will look into the pricing of fencing.

ADJOURN: Lee Carte made a motion to adjourn, Amy Snyder supported the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Karcher, Wheatland Township Clerk