

Garfield Township Unapproved Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 26th, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell and Irwin. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs. A minute of silence was observed for the memory of Don Jefferys, former member of the Board of Review for Garfield Township.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for August 26th 2019 was approved after a motion from Irwin and support from Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the July 17th Special meeting was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Board meeting minutes from Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerks report. Funds Equity Report. Motion to approve by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the report was made by Farwell, supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 214 YTD. There were 41 incidents in July. Down Power Lines- 5, Mutual Aid-7, Medical-25, Downed Trees-4. He spoke of the Fire Fighters Memorial Monument in Roscommon and in a September Memorial Ceremony, he will be adding the names of Robert Randall and Wayne Saupe, former Fire Fighters. He thanked the family of Don Jeffery for memorial donations of \$2,500 from various persons to be used towards Air Packs.

Friends of Garfield Township Parks: Barb Lijewski. The Friends group is requesting to buy Picnic tables and benches for Crooked Lake and 8 Point Lake parks. Treasures in the Trunk Garage Sale will take place on September 7th, 2019. She asked if, when someone specific-ally donates a table or bench or anything, can names in memory of plaques be placed on their donation. A plague can be put on everything except on the DNR property.

Steve Scoville-Farwell School Superintendent. Presented information on the redone Bond Proposal on the November School Election. Shortened Bond length is 19 years, 3 months and 8 million less in interest. The Four areas of concern are Safety, Security, Improved Educational Spaces and to Protect Operating Funds. He detailed what would happen in these areas.

Blight Update: The Blight Officer has 16 Civil Violations to be issued on one property. He requested approval from the Board. He will be requesting formal court hearings on two other properties.

Supervisors Notes: 1) Brining costs are down for our third brine this year. 2) A portion of the DNR property has been mowed by a resident who has passed, and there has been talk about a wild flower garden somewhere along the property. It was agreed by the board that no mowing or grow-ing should be done on the DNR property. It should remain rustic. 3) It was brought up that the tractor bucket has a big valley in it that needs to be fixed. The cutting edge may need to be replaced also.

Public Comments: Gay Ann Messier: Complained about the fact that the steps at Cold Springs have been removed. The hill has been cleared. She was also concerned with the boats coming into Cold Springs at high speeds. There should be swimming buoys placed to protect the swimmers. Permit for buoys is a 5 year permit and she has one to be filled out, that she presented to the Board.

Joan Brown _Agreed with Gay Ann. Boats come in to close and also throw cans and stuff overboard. Lots of drinking and laughing. Don't put boats where children are playing.

Keith Keeler 1) Clarification on the steps. Area is private property. The township cannot interfere. No issue here. 2) The road end to Cold Springs is level, then at the hill, place steps there. He will look into some swim buoys. Boaters do misuse the area. Approve a trial for 2020 to fix the area with buoys.

Ralph Stewart. Bikes around_8 Point Lake every day. Thanked the township for Bringing.

Joe Stragea Public ROWs at the end of a road reverts back to the township to maintain and use. The road end at Cold Springs is unsafe to get down. Public alleys leading from Hillcrest to the water have been barricaded by property owners for their own use.

Tom Pirstill Clare Kiwanis. There are 26-30 members and we do projects for our youth. Last year they raised \$2,600 for scholarships. One of our fundraisers is an Auction on 103.1 Radio where we have electronic on-line bidding, or you can call the radio station. There is a listing of all items in the local paper. You pick up the items at Chemical Bank in Clare. Let's help the kids out.

Terese Bise With school opening and winter conditions, can there be a path plowed through the park at Hillcrest to get to the school bus, so kids are not climbing over snow piles?

Old Business: Need to get bids again on Hall floor, or why not carpet? The board prefers to get the floor resurfaced and wants to get bids on it again.

New Business: 1) Peterson Park-For 5 years we have placed Muck Pellets and done weed control. Would like to add an aerator. Want to place a picnic table at the NE corner. Camp fire wood would not be kept there all year, except for Winterfest. Talked to R McNeill to make the shore line more attractive. Requested \$1,000 to do the shore line work and \$115 permit cost for an erosion permit. We did this on West Point Park. South end is Muck. Rest is hard packed sand. Motion by Farwell to approve the \$1,000 and \$115 Permit cost for Peterson shore line improvement. Seconded by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, and Byl-yes. Motion carried.

2) Cold Springs. Received a visit from Gay Ann three weeks ago with her concerns. Visited the park with Rick. We are encroaching on the neighboring property. Rick placed a gate in the middle for access. Road stops at a mystery property with no township ID. Need to research entire area a for property deed, etc. Need more information before anything can be done. Recommend a survey be done which could be expensive. The buoys at West Point were put in by the residents. There are 4 beaches on Crooked Lake, so possibly residents need to get buoys.

Approval of Bills: Approval of Bills. Irwin made a motion to approve bills, supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E. Farwell, Clerk