

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 24th, 2017 7:00pm

- 1. The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Irwin and Yarhouse. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Assistant Fire Chief Mark Fouchey; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; Deputy Shawn Gerbe, and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Township Parks Committee.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the July 24th, 2017. Motion to approve the agenda made by Irwin. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26th, 2017 regular meeting with the typos corrected was made by Irwin. Supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried
- 4. Clerk's report:** To approve 2 resolutions, one on Principles of Governance, The other on the new elections equipment grant.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, Supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** Reported on roads repair projects completed. Partridge Rd from North Rd to US-10 has been chip & sealed with widened sand/gravel shoulders. Still difficult for golf carts and bikes to use the shoulder as the shoulder is very soft. This shoulder will pack down in time. Still have a few more road repairs to go.
- 7. Trustee Roland:** None.
- 8. Assistant Fire Chief Mark Fouchey:** reported 23 runs for July, 19 were medical, 1 downed power line and 2 mutual aids and 1 golf cart fire. Total for the year is 159 runs. He reminded the group about the open house on August 5th for the Fire Dept. from noon till 4:00pm.
- 9. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. He also commented on the how beautiful the new Cemetery fence was looking. A work in progress. (A) There will be a Haz/Mat disposal on September 13th from 10AM till 2Pm on Larch St Northern Oaks in Harrison, by Michigan Auto Parts Business. (B) The Property Foreclosure Auction will be at the Doherty Hotel on August 21st from noon till done. (C) The Medical Examiner's Office will start charging a \$50.00 per permit fee for cremations because currently about 65% of all deaths are being cremated. The department has had to add addition staff to handle the paper work. The funeral directors will be adding that cost to arrangements. (D) He thanked Kevin Tubbs for the assisting in a PI roll-over accident, when Kevin just happened to be in the area.
- 10. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks**—Michigan Senate Bill #76 was signed by Governor Synder releasing grant funds on July 13th. On July 14- we received the Project Agreement from the MDNR Trust Fund July 17th-lighting needs were discussed with Consumers Energy. July 24th- We staked property for the caboos relocation. July 25 thru 31-Rick McNeilly will try to have new caboos area prepared, could use volunteers with a sledge hammer or a John Henry, and cordless drills to make starter holes for driving spikes. Pictures will be taken for the newspaper. Great photo op. This will be done by August 1st. Greg Butcher will be the Straw boss. Bids are ready for the project itself. Most contractors subscribe to a service that notifies them projects are coming up. We are seeking to notify our local contractors to see if they would like to place a bid. If you know a local contractor, please let them know. So Jeanie asks the board to approve the Resolution to accept MDNR Trust Grant .
- 11. Sheriff Deputy-Shawn Grebe:** Reminded all to lock their vehicles. Parked vehicle doors are being tested, and if they aren't locked, items are being removed. Lock your doors!

12. Supervisor Notes: a) Byl reported there is a Cold Springs volunteer clean-up scheduled 8-5-17 from 10:00am till whenever. This was done last year. Sand has been brought in and extra bricks from the Depot will be used to stop water from coming through. Popularity there has mushroomed. (A neighbor has complained about ski jets being launched, alcohol, sex, dogs not being clean-up after) Need cameras in area. There are steps at the County Road in to the lake area off Hillcrest Rd. Property to the East is for sale. This would be good for the township to own. Margaret Geyer mentioned the Krabill property. Perhaps a deal or trade could be worked out. A Board discussion ensued regarding the situation.

b) Partridge has had a gravel bike path added on the shoulder because of the amount of bikes and golf carts along the busy roadway. This was the idea of the Road Commission and well needed. A complaint that the gravel is too soft, but it should weather in more solidly. It's better than before.

13. Public Comment Pt Lake. :

- Sandy Jeffrey – Good job paving Partridge. Would help to also black top the shoulder. The speed limit there is 55MPH. Someone could be killed.
- Joe Stragea—On blight list again. We will work together on the problem. There is also a neighbors tree leaning over his property and if it falls it will take out his residence. Check Ordinance 22 item #8. We can meet on this problem.
- Steve LaLonde. Is cleaning up blight. Supervisor was to call me. Lies. Never called. Just acquired property from daughter. The daughter did leg work (in Clare city) and the judge threw the case out. Others here are getting away with blight problems. I am cleaning up. Taking things out bringing- other things in. Will sit down with Byl. Take Supervisor's card. Will get together. (A lady in attendance offered to help clean-up)
- Margaret Geyer-The property at the end of Beech. Talk to the County to see if we could use their property to clean up Cold Springs. There is another property off Hillcrest but w/o the amenities.

14. Old Business: None

15. New Business:

- a. Resolution to accept the MDNR Trust Grant was read by Jeanie Stewart. Motion to accept the Resolution made by Farwell. Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote. Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Irwin- yes, Roland-yes, and Byl-yes. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to amend the current budget 2017-2018 to add the Total MDNR Trust Grant and the matching funds to the current budget expense account 101-806-975.000. Motion made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote. Irwin- yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, and Byl-yes and Farwell-yes. Motion carried.. Motion carried.
- c. Voting Equipment Resolution tabled for an exact amount of maintenance costs for years 6-10.
- d. Resolution for Principles of Governance adopted per signatures.

16. Approval of Bills: Irwin made a motion to approve the payment of bills with the addition of Greenscape for \$1,375.00, Supported by Yarhouse All ayes. Motion carried.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk