

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 2, 2012 (unapproved)

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2012. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, and Simons. Spiegel and Psarouthakis were conference phoned in. There were (17) twenty public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Simons, supported by Frey to approve the 6/28/12 minutes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments and/or questions.

Motion by Aiuto, supported by Simons to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for June. Motion made by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Simons reported that he had closed the Comerica, UBT and Flagstar Tax accounts.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for July: issued one zoning permit, there were no new complaints, no land splits, no new signs and no new addresses. Wilson reported that Wackers had complained about political signs being put in their front yard with no authorization. Both Aiuto and Kappler stated that they had received permission from both Lois and Tim Wacker. The trees that M-DOT had planted in front of Farmers Sand and Gravel were discussed. Wilson reported that M-DOT stated that there were no guarantees on the planted trees.

Trustee Spiegel gave a written report to the Board stating Commissioner Murray had resigned, and information on the updated site plan from Grass Lake Sanctuary and the recommended conditions for approval for the final site plan for phase 1.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in July.

Andrew Deleeuw, secretary of the Mineral Licensing Board reported that they had their annual meeting on July 17, which he had been elected the secretary for a one-year term and Jim Hopkins was elected Chairman for a one-year term. They also reviewed and discussed reclamation costs. The MLB voted unanimously to set the reclamation cost estimate for Farmer Sand & Gravel at \$237,750.00 and \$83,550.00 for Fifty-two Minerals LLC. They also voted unanimously to set the fiscal year for the annual permits

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to run from July 1st to June 30th and recomed that the Board of Trustees defer renewal of the annual operating permits from Farmer Sand & Gravel and Fifty-Two Minerals, LLC for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, pending the documentation of full compliance by the permittee with the township's mineral extraction ordinance, which must include the documentation of valid irrevocable letters of credit or other financial guarantees as set forth in the Sharon Township mineral extraction ordinance in the amounts set by the MLB.

There was no Chelsea Area Construction Authority report.

Psarouthakis reported there was no SWWCOG meeting last month but that there was one scheduled for next Wednesday.

Old Business

Spiegel reported that she had contracted with BS & A software to have them host a site with Sharon Township's tax and assessment information. This should be done by the end of August.

Board discussed removing the bats from the township hall attic. Motion by Spiegel, supported by Simons to allocate up to \$250.00 to have a pest control company come out to inspect the bats. Motion carried.

The Township hall air conditioning was discussed. Motion by Simons, supported by Spiegel to approve Stein Electric's proposal of \$650.00 to run 220 electrical service for the A/C unit. Motion carried.

New Business

Aiuto distributed to the Board a proposal from Keusch, Flintoft and Conlin, P.C. for Township attorney services. Motion by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to appoint Ed Plato from Farmington Hills for the Township attorney. Yeas: Psarouthakis, Spiegel, Frey and Simons. Opposed: Aiuto. Motion carried.

Grass Lake Sanctuary's final site plan was discussed. Motion by Simons, supported by Psarouthakis to table the review until a decision is made from the DEQ regarding the wetlands. Motion carried.

Frey announced that Joe Murray resigned from the Planning Commission due to his change in his primary residence. Motion by Frey, supported by Simons to appoint Kevin Dobis to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

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Board discussed opening Township accounts at Lowes and Office Max. Motion by Aiuto, supported by Psarouthakis to table the issue. Motion carried.

Gary Bush inquired "why were the trees planted in front of Farmers Sand & Gravel in the middle of the summer?" Wilson reply was that M-DOT waited until June.

Kathy Parrish stated that the Township could just complete a tax exemption form and not worry about paying sales tax when items are purchased.

John Savage commented about a purchase order form.

Kim Yordanich inquired about the money being spent. She stated that for six years of her term as Treasurer that there were always bats, that it has always been hot in the Township hall and no one has questioned the percentage and/or money collected on fire runs. Why did the Board choose to look at these things in a different way? She proposed all these questions to Psarouthakis.

John Savage commented that maybe an attorney's opinion is needed to see if a special use permit is limited to special groups.

Spiegel stated that the Board can add conditions to the special use.

Joan Coutrell inquired to why the Township was going through the expense of the tax and assessment website when individuals can go on e-washtenaw.org.

Chelsea Mikel restated Rocky Ward's concerns from the previous meeting.

Bill Stolberg inquired about the Grass Lake Sanctuary's septic system.

Bob Thodeson wanted to hear the analysis of the two attorneys interviewed.

Simon's replied that he has worked with him and was satisfied with his performance and that he had talked to a couple of his clients and they had felt the same. Plus is was less expensive than William Fahey.

Simon also stated that William Fahey has a huge amount of clients (87 townships) with only 8 attorneys.

Reno Feldkamp inquired about "why wasn't someone local contacted?" He also stated that he was very dissatisfied with the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

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Frey stated that he met with the Washtenaw County Road Commission and with the local gravel pits and that it would cost an estimate of \$18,000.00/mile and that it would take seven years to complete all the roads.

B.J. Thornton asked “what kind of restrictions are there if the Grass Lake Sanctuary closes down?”

Motion was made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve R & L Tree Service to remove the tree in the Sharon Hollow/Sharon Valley cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion by Aiuto, supported by Spiegel to furnish the election workers with dinner. Motion carried.

After review of the bills, motion by Simons, supported by Aiuto to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk