
**HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
March 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ethel Knepp at 7:30 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N., Charlevoix

Board members present were Marlene Golovich, Rich Burnett, Robin Kraft, Doug Kuebler and Ethel Knepp. Audience members were Paul Hoadley, David Zipp, Warren Nugent, Anne Kantola, Scott Parker, Jim Malewitz, Shirlene Tripp, George Lasater, Frank Shaler, Gregg Stauffer, Ron VanZee, John Campbell and Bob Jess

Supervisor Knepp asked to be joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEWED AGENDA – Adding Budget Amendment, Planning Commission & Fire Committee Appointments, AT&T Contract and Minutes from March 6, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS – George Lasater stated that there is a small glitch in Phase 1 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix non-motorized trail. Additional property owner permission has to be obtained. Commissioner Lasater also stated he will ask the County Road Commission for a letter of support for the Camp Sea-Gull boat launch grant application.

RECYCLING – Fran Shaler stated that the County Recycling is willing to place a recycling collection bin in Hayes Township at the Township Hall. The bin is 22x8x7, is on rollers and can be set on concrete or firm ground. There will be no charge to the Township but the Township would be required to keep the area clean and notify the County when the bin was full. The Board would like to have the bin dropped off in the spring for a trial period.

CAMP SEA-GULL PARK MASTER PLAN – The Parks and Recreation committee is developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an overall Camp Sea-Gull park master plan. Robbin Kraft made a motion, supported by Ethel Knepp to authorize the P&R Committee to move forward and release a RFP for a Camp Sea-Gull Master Plan.

GRANT RESOLUTION - Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to adopt the following resolution;

WHEREAS: The adopted Hayes Township 2014 Recreation Plan specifically identifies the desire to “Pursue the site development of Camp Seagull as a Township Park, to provide enhanced recreational facilities.” And

WHEREAS: The adopted Hayes Township 2014 Recreation Plan also specifically identifies the desire to “Provide for public access on Lake Charlevoix, including a boat launch.” And

WHEREAS: The adopted Hayes Township 2014 Recreation Plan also specifically states the Townships desire to “Seek grant funding for property acquisition and recreation improvements.”
And

WHEREAS: Camp Sea-Gull property could provide both a public boat launch and public lake access to Lake Charlevoix with grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Hayes Township Board of Trustees approves the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the improvements to Camp Sea-Gull Park and commits that the local match shall be provide if the project is funded.

YES: Marlene Golovich, Robbin Kraft, Rich Burnett, Ethel Knepp, Doug Kuebler

NO:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CLERK PRESENTS

MINUTES – Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to approve the February 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to approve the February 17, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to approve the March 6, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – Robbin Kraft made a motion, supported by Ethel Knepp to amend the following budget line items 101-101-805 Township Board (Legal Services) \$6000.00 increasing the total budgeted amount to \$16,000.00, and decreasing the surplus funds by \$6000.00

Yeas: Doug Kuebler, Rich Burnett, Ethel Knepp, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

Nays:

Motion carried unanimously.

INVOICES – Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Doug Kuebler to approve invoices totaling \$61,612.46.

Yeas: Ethel Knepp, Rich Burnett, Doug Kuebler, Marlene Golovich, Robbin Kraft
Nays:

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Golovich explained that the Township received a grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund for an entrance sign at Sea-Gull and wants to encourage all residents to round up their GLE electric bill to help fund the People Fund. The most it would cost each electric meter per year would be \$11.88. The People Fund rounded-up amounts are used to award grants to food pantries, senior citizen centers, youth programs and other local charities and community groups such as Hayes Township.

CORRESPONDENCE - Any correspondence received by the Clerk was provided to the Board Members for their review and comment.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE – Warren Nugent stated that the Committee has been meeting 1-2 times per month. The Committee has been working on a RFP for a park master plan, letters of support for the MNRTF grant and other grant opportunities. He also stated that after the April 1 grant deadline the Committee will be focusing on what can and needs to be done this summer to utilize Camp Sea-Gull Park. The private sign at the entrance of the park has been removed.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION – The Planning Commission did not meet in February.

TREASURERS REPORT - Robbin Kraft presented a written report and stated she attended a Recreation Authority meeting and the Rec. Authority will be seeking a millage renewal on the August primary ballot.

SUPERVISOR REPORT - Supervisor Knepp stated that Hayes Township prevailed in the court case with the Fowlers regarding Eastern Ave. but the Fowlers have appealed that decision and it could take a year or more to finalize the appeal. The Township attorney stated that the Township could move forward with the plantings to mark the boundaries of the park but if the appeal is lost the Twp. would be responsible for removing the plantings. There are some existing patio pavers on the beach and it was suggested that they be used to temporarily mark the beach boundaries.

TRUSTEE REPORT – Doug Kuebler stated the roads are falling apart after the long cold winter we have had. It appears that it may be a few years before Tribal money will be available for the road work that needs to be done on Murray and Upper Bayshore. Old US 31 is in rough shape.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Ron VanZee presented a written report. Ron stated that he would like business cards to identify himself when he does site visits. He also stated he would like an inexpensive digital camera with a date and time stamp. Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to purchase business cards and a digital camera for the Zoning

Administrator.

Yeas: Marlene Golovich, Robbin Kraft, Ethel Knepp, Rich Burnett, Doug Kuebler

Nays:

ASSESSOR REPORT – Paul stated everything is going swell. BOR is ongoing and no factors have been added.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Marlene Golovich to appoint Marilyn Morehead for a 3 year term to the Planning Commission, term to expire 01/15/2017. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – Doug Kuebler made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to appoint the following, Gus Sonnenberg, Charles Bergmann and Lionel McClanaghan to a two year term to the Fire Committee. Their terms will expire in 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

AT&T CONTRACT – Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Robbin Kraft to authorize the Township Clerk to sign an agreement with AT&T to extend their existing METRO Act Permit, which expires June 30, 2014 until June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

DTE – A representative from DTE will make a 30 minute presentation at the Township Board meeting on April 14, 2014. The presentation will give an overview of the areas already supplied with Natural Gas in Hayes Township and how those areas might be expanded. Ethel Knepp made a motion, supported by Rich Burnett to begin the April 14, 2014 regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the additional time needed for the presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMP SEA-GULL BOAT LAUNCH – Jim Malewitz stated that Ferguson and Chamberlain identified the riparian lines for the boat launch conceptual plan. Jim also stated that his firm and Site Planning collaborated on a RFP for a park master plan that they hope will clarify what the Township is looking for in their park master plan.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Marlene Golovich
Hayes Township Clerk

Minutes approved as written April 14, 2014.