

HAYES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10TH, 2023 7:00 PM
HAYES TOWNSHIP HALL
09195 MAJOR DOUGLAS SLOAN RD
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720
ZOOM 849 2451 3210

The July 10th, 2023, meeting of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron VanZee at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were Matt Cunningham (Trustee), Julie Collard (Treasurer), Doug Kuebler (Trustee), April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary), Ron VanZee (Supervisor) and Kristin Baranski (Clerk)

Audience Members signed in: LuAnne Kozma, Betty Henne, Jerry Baranski and Paul Hoadly.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Ron VanZee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEWED & APPROVED AGENDA

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yays: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Doug Kuebler, Ron VanZee, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment opened and closed at 7:03.

Public comments included:

- Resident would like to donate a bench for Hayes Township Park in the memory of Jim Malewitz.
- Residents' comments are attached to the minutes.

Closed at 7:11

APPROVAL OF JUNE 12TH 2023 BOT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski to approve the June 12th, 2023, Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes as corrected.

Yeas: Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Matt Cunningham, Doug Kuebler, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None Motion Carried

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TREASURERS REPORT

Ms. Collard presented a written report reporting all Hayes Township account balances.

CLERKS REPORT: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Clerk, Ms. Baranski, presented the warrants in the amount of \$30,423.26.

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Ms. Collard, to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$30,423.26. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Doug Kuebler, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Ms. Baranski made a motion, supported by Mr. Kuebler to approve the installment payment for the EMS building loan in the amount of \$10,248.13, the total installment payment will be offset 100% by the LCEMSA monthly lease payment. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Doug Kuebler, and Kristin Baranski.

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Mr. Jess was not present.

PARKS AND REC. REPORT

Next meeting will be held on July 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm at Hayes Township Park.

The board came to a census for the Parks and Rec. committee to discuss and decide on a bench to honor the donation made for Hayes Township Park.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Cunningham presented the Planning Commission Report. The next Planning Commission meeting is July 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Ron VanZee presented a Zoning Administrator report.
Report available at the Hayes Township Hall.

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TRUSTEES:

Mr. Cunningham questioned if Ms. Baranski has had any luck finding a replacement for the cemetery landscaping. The board is thankful for all the volunteers helping at the cemetery in between contractors.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Ron VanZee presented a supervisor report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments opened at 7:30 pm.

Comments included:

- Resident stated they believe dates should be required on the Zoning Administrator Report. Also requested an explanation of the process when donating a bench for Hayes Township Park.
- Resident questioned if the Pickleball courts grant has been filed and when the plans for the Pickleball courts will be presented to the board.

Public comments closed at 7:37 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENT:

Ms. Collard answered the grant for the Pickle Ball courts has been submitted.

Ms. Collard answered the Parks and Rec Committee will make the final decision of where benches will be placed at the park. Also, the bench donation will be added to the agenda for the July 11th Parks and Rec's meeting.

Mr. VanZee explained the process of appealing a Zoning permit and/or Zoning administrator decision. Also does not agree there is any reason for dates to be on the Zoning Administrator reports.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kuebler made a motion, supported by Ms. Baranski, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Yeas: Matt Cunningham, Julie Collard, Ron VanZee, Doug Kuebler

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

April Hilton

Hayes Township Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

To: Hayes Board of Trustees

From: LuAnne Kozma, resident of Hayes Township
9330 Woods Road, Charlevoix MI 49720

RE: proper Site Plan Review for waterfront residences and Zoning
Administrator reports

What we witnessed at the last Planning Commission meeting was the Zoning Administrator's inadequate and non-transparent report, and his negligence in not following through with proper procedure in § 3.14(8) that requires the Planning Commission undertake a full Site Plan Review for a new residence on a waterfront lot (this time on Lake Michigan). Not the Zoning Administrator.

Even some Planning Commissioners were not convinced that they had any role in the site plan review. Further, they didn't properly put Site Plan Review of that property on their agenda, and then wanted to go ahead with it anyway. Members of the Public insisted they do it right and so did a few commissioners, and the matter was tabled and brought up at a subsequent special meeting.

I heard one commissioner say that this procedure might get changed in the new zoning ordinance.

I urge you not to.

In the meantime, the Board should no longer tolerate inadequate, incomplete and untimely Zoning Administrator reports and slipshod zoning administration.

Van Zee is supposed to follow the ordinance strictly, according to the ZBA in its recent decision this summer, and this is not being done.

I urge the Board to hire a new Zoning Administrator and in the meantime, ensure that Mr. Van Zee comply with the law. Matt Cunningham is his supervisor and also a long time Planning Commissioner, so this is up to him to oversee and make sure it's done right.

Thank you.

July 10, 2023

Good Evening,

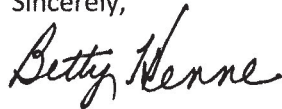
I represent a large group of Hayes Township Residents, who would like to make a donation to our Hayes Township Park, Camp Seagul.

We want to donate a sturdy, comfortable bench to the park in honor of Jim Malewitz, who was the original engineer of our beautiful park. We were and are saddened by his untimely death. I first met Jim when I attended meetings at Hayes Township Hall, and I was impressed by his integrity and his sincere desire to design a beautiful park for all of the residents of Hayes Township.

We would like the bench to be placed on the pier or on the waterfront. We love to walk the pier and observe a sunrise or sunset and view Lake Charlevoix from multiple directions, or just sit quietly and contemplate the beauty of our surroundings. One early evening, I was walking the pier and saw a former student. He told me he comes here frequently to find peace after a busy work day. Another great place for the bench is on the waterfront, where we gather about once a week in a beautiful spot and have enjoyable conversations among neighbors. We would, also, place a plaque in Jim's honor on the bench. To have a resting bench would be delightful, and a comfortable bench is needed at the park. We hope our donation, in a good friend's memory, will inspire others to contribute to the park.

I am asking you to make a motion and to vote on the acceptance of this donation tonight. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Henne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Henne

Process for donation of bench

Nearly four years ago, Jerry Simpson and I were on zoom with the rec committee. Our purpose was to offer a donation of a resting bench in honor of Jim Malewitz, who had just passed away. Julie did not know if Hayes Township had a donation policy. No decision was made.

We were on zoom with the rec. committee the following month. We discussed our research for an appropriate bench. Tom Darton made a motion to accept the donation; there was No second.

I have talked with Julie several times since about this donation. Here are her responses:

1. Beckett and Raeder will decide where benches will be located at the park. We had asked for the bench to be located on the waterfront, so small children could be watched.
2. Then I was told that the Pickle Court would have to come first before benches.
3. Next I was told that the rec. committee would order all benches to be placed at the park and place all plaques on the benches. I have not heard back from the rec. committee.
4. Since that time 4 benches have been placed at the park. They were not purchased by the Rec. Committee. To my knowledge, there was no involvement of Beckett and Raeder: the benches have been placed by Becky and Greg.

We have been patient and have acted in good faith. We have been treated with lies, a lack of transparency and irresponsibility. I recommend that this donation be placed on the next agenda of this board and placed under old business.