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January 2023

Thank you, Charlevoix Millage Commission!



Their grant of \$10,000 helped add a beautiful rustic pavilion to Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull!

Our Parks and Recreation Committee is very excited for park visitors to have this new waterfront shelter to enjoy.



Notes from December 2022 Board of Trustee Meeting

- The BOT accepted a resignation from Bob Jess from the Zoning Board of Appeals. They appointed Janice Vedder-Whipple from alternate to member. Applications are being accepted for a new ZBA alternate member.
- Jim Rudolph, Greg Denzinger, and Jessica Perry were appointed to the Board of Review for two-year terms ending in 2024.
- A list of proposed meeting dates was presented and accepted. They will be posted at the township hall.
- The BOT hired Paul Zardus as the Cemetery Sexton
- A dog waste station will be ordered and installed at the Maple Grove road end to help keep that area clean.
- For more details on all BOT meetings, our agendas, minutes, and board packets are posted on hayestownshipmi.gov. Go to documents, Board of Trustee reports, and click on the year/month you would like to view.

Notes from December 2022 Planning Commission Meeting

- Two requests for presentations were made and scheduled for January and February.
- The initial advisory group meeting recap was presented by Derek Burnett. A resolution confirming and expanding the definition and activity of the advisory group was passed.
- The 2023 meeting dates were established and will be posted online and at the township hall.
- The annual election of officers of the PC for 2023 was held. Roy Griffiths was re-elected chair. Derek Burnett was elected vice chair/secretary. The PC endorsed and recommended to the BOT that Rex Greenslade continue as the PC representative to the ZBA.
- For more details on all our Planning Commission Meetings, agendas, minutes, and packets, go to hayestownshipmi.gov, go to documents, Planning Commission Reports, and click on year/month you would like to view.

Planning Commission Board Members

Please direct all questions/comments for Planning Commission members to: HayestownshipPC@gmail.com

Notes from First Advisory Group Meeting, November 29

- The purpose of the group is to advise the Planning Commission what direction to steer the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map discussion.
- The volunteer group is composed of 5 residents, each representing a specific area of Hayes Township and 2 Planning Commission members.
- The Advisory Group will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the hall at 6:00pm.
- The focus group has their own website: hayesmasterplan.org. All information and meeting dates, as well as ZOOM recordings, will be posted on this website.

Notes from December 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

- The Parks and Recreation Committee will ask the BOT for support in applying for the Michigan SPARKS grant for the Pickle Ball court project.
- They also discussed potential Charlevoix Millage Grant projects, including Hayes Township Bay Side park and an environmentally friendly water source for visitors at Hayes Township Camp Sea Gull Park.

All Parks and Recreation correspondence can be sent to hayestownshippr@gmail.com.

Hayes Township Calendar January 2022

Thursday, January 5th
Community Coffee, 1pm

Monday, January 2nd
Parks & Recreation, 6pm

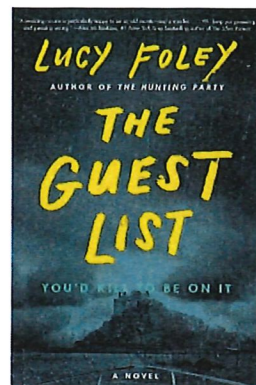
Monday, January 9th
Board of Trustee, 7pm

Wednesday, January 11th
Planning Commission Community Advisory Group, 6pm

Tuesday, January 17th
Planning Commission, 7pm

Thursday, January 19th
Hayes Township Book Club, 1pm

All events are held at the Hayes Township Hall unless otherwise noted

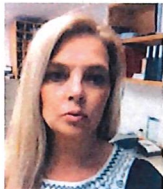


Calling all book lovers!

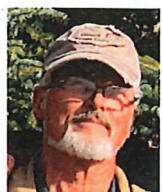
Our next book club novel is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. It should be a good mystery for cold winter days. The club will meet Thursday, February 16th, at 1pm at the Hayes Township Hall. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Baranski at 231-547-6961.

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The Hayes Township Board of Trustees would like to offer their most heartfelt condolences to the entire Cunningham Family with the recent passing of Ben Cunningham. His son Matt is a Trustee and wife Leslie serves on our Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ben will be missed dearly by our whole community. His love for his family and music and his incredibly kind nature made him a unique and special soul. Ben's memory will live on in the hearts of all who love him.



Thank you

to Scott and Debra Law and Morgan Stanley for their generous donations toward the holiday meal boxes for our community. Volunteers shopped for, assembled, and arranged pick up times. Many of the boxes were delivered to homebound individuals by other volunteer residents.

We thank you for helping shed a little light on the holiday for local families.

The Master Plan VS. Zoning Ordinance

Let us consider the difference between the roles of the township master plan and the zoning ordinance. The master plan is a forward-looking policy document that sets out guides for the physical development of the township. The current plan was worked on in 2018 and 2019, setting to address the changes in the township and set forth goals for future development. Public input was sought, a public hearing was held, and both input and review was provided by the County Planning Commission before the Board of Trustees adopted the plan at their regular meeting. The Master Plan is not an ordinance, nor does it have the authority to change any zoning designations or property uses.

The future land use plan was created as part of the regularly scheduled update cycle for plans by the township. The general areas identified in the future land use plan are intended to reflect compatible areas for potential future uses. On the map, they are not individually parcel specific but rather reflect the notion that similar uses should be grouped together. Issues arise when existing incompatible uses

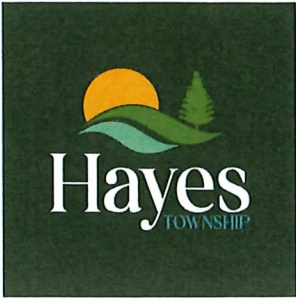
pop up next to each other, and that is when the specific tests in the zoning ordinance are used to determine the suitability of a zoning designation.

The Zoning Ordinance is the law. It regulates land uses, building criteria on properties, the sizes of parcels for different uses, and the types of uses allowed. As it is a law, it has consequences for violations of the ordinance which can include fines, criminal charges, injunctions and in extreme cases, mandate the removal of unlawful constructions. It is a statement of what the current rules are and does not venture into the future realm.

The link below can be typed into your browser and will lead to a very well written review of the difference between master Plans and Zoning Ordinances prepared by the Michigan State University Extension Planning program. Please feel free to read through as it will address and explain many concerns.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/difference_between_a_zoning_ordinance_and_a_master_plan

-Roy Griffiths, Hayes Township Planning Commission Chair



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Hungry in Hayes

Food insecurity is real. What does that mean? It means that there are economic and social conditions of households that make their access to adequate food uncertain. It's easy to overlook the fact that many families in our community face food insecurity each day. One small thing can have a dramatic impact on having enough food for a household. An illness creates a missed day of work. An unexpected auto or appliance repair. Growing kids need expensive new warm outdoor gear for school.

When we began our free food pantry a few years ago, I was unaware of the overwhelming need in our community. Talking with people who frequently visit the pantry, paying attention to the patterns of how often we need to fill the shelves, and hearing stories about neighbors in need have given us a better understanding of the issues facing struggling households.

Most days we fill the pantry shelves three times a day. We do our best to tell everyone possible that it exists, both to help those in need, and create an opportunity for people to give back. Many of our residents have taken to stopping and adding items to the pantry. This small gesture of kindness has such an enormous impact on your neighbors. We see you and we thank you.

Fully donation funded and volunteer run, the pantry is a quiet resource; if there was a sound for the need, it would be a loud continuous siren. Please note: We are confident there are families that would be absolutely justified in claiming every single item for themselves when visiting the pantry-but they do not. They take what they need and leave food for others. Everyone involved in keeping the pantry stocked takes this into consideration and every moment spent is with the humblest of hearts.

Great opportunities
to help others seldom come,
But small ones
surround us every day.

Sally Koch

Winter months find people not only struggling to stay warm, but the need for food continues. Donations usually slow down or stop after the holiday season.

If you can, please remember our free little pantry during the year. Checks can be made to Hayes Township (please indicate Pantry on the memo line). You can also donate non-perishable food, toiletries, cleaning products, and detergent. These donations can be left by the back-office door if you bring them after-hours.

If there are any questions about our pantry, please email treasurer@hayestownshipmi.gov or call (231)547-6961.

Thank you for your kindness and compassion in helping the food insecure in our community.

-Julie Collard, Treasurer

Hayes Welcomes New Cemetery Sexton

At the December BOT meeting, Paul Zardus was hired as our new Undine Cemetery Sexton. When Paul submitted his application, he had a very positive conversation with our Clerk, Kristin Baranski. She said his enthusiasm was contagious, and he was excited for the opportunity.

As the board liaison to the Sexton, Baranski has been brainstorming different ways to address the needs of the historical cemetery. Her ideas include pricing and scheduling underground sonic imaging, organizing local groups to clean the tombstones, honoring our veterans in the cemetery, and talking with local Native American groups to make sure we are properly and respectfully tending to those plots. Zardus has already been researching digital record keeping programs for the township and will be working with B&G to monitor the professional landscape maintenance in the cemetery.

The cemetery committee will keep our residents updated!

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