

HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD of TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
March 5, 2015

The Public Hearing of the Hayes Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ethel Knepp at 7:00 p.m. at the Hayes Township Hall, 09195 Old US 31 N. The purpose of this hearing was to take public comments regarding the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to develop a boat launch at Camp Sea-Gull, Hayes Township Park.

Board members present were Marlene Golovich, Ethel Knepp, Douglas Kuebler and Robbin Kraft. Rich Burnett was absent. Audience members were Jim McMahon, Diane McMahon, Jim Rudolph, JoEllen Rudolph, Jeff Holm, Robert Jess, Leslie Cunningham, Warren Nugent, Cristin Cunningham, John Campbell, Chuck Stein, Bill Stewart, Anne Kantola, and Mary Frame.

Supervisor Knepp explained the purpose of this meeting is to consider a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for a development grant for road infrastructure and boat launch at the Hayes Township Park, Camp Sea-Gull located on Lake Charlevoix. Ethel explained that the Township applied for this grant in 2014 and was not selected for funding. Because the Township is in line for grant funding in 2016 from the DNR Waterways for this project it is important to make application again to the MNRTF.

Chuck Stein, an engineer from Performance Engineering, presented a concept plan of the boat launch project (see attachment 1) and gave a project cost overview of the plan (see attachment 2). The total projected cost as presented on the plan will be \$1,176,771.00. The grant request being discussed for the MNRTF totals \$300,000.00. The DNR Waterways has recommended 2016 grant funding of this project at \$483,400.00. The remaining amount, \$393,371.00 will be paid by the Township with donations and general fund money.

The Township will ~~see~~**seek** separate funding avenues for the fishing pier shown on the plan.

The Township has completed topo surveys, lake bottom soundings for depth, soil borings and riparian surveys to help determine the best location for the road, parking and boat launch as well as arriving at costs that reflect the project costs.

The parking areas shown on the plan will be unimproved areas. The boat launch area and attached parking will be paved as well as the road leading to the launch and upper parking area. A rain garden system will be utilized for filtering runoff.

JoEllen Rudolph asked if there would be a boat washing station to help prevent invasive species transfers. A washing station is not part of this grant application but will be considered for future development.

Anne Kantola asked why the circular drive at the boat launch was eliminated. Cost was the driving factor.

Jim McMahon asked what type of material would be used for the retaining walls. A manufactured self-fitting rock wall will be utilized. The product being considered is manufactured in Charlevoix.

Jim Rudolph asked why the costs for the project are larger than what was projected for the 2014 grant application. Chuck stated that we have more accurate information to base the costs on.

Doug Kuebler asked if a plan has been formulated for the removal of the buildings. He asked if selling or giving the buildings away is being considered instead of just tearing them down. At this time all options are being considered.

Leslie Cunningham asked if the presented plan was in stone or could alterations be made to keep some of the buildings slated to be removed. While there is wiggle room good data would have to be presented for keeping the large cafeteria building be removed for day use parking area.

Warren Nugent stated that the proposed road will be surveyed and staked this spring so everyone can get a better visual of the road location and the buildings that will have to be removed.

Jim asked how many parking spaces we will gain by the removal of the cafeteria building. Chuck Stein stated he would calculate that and get a number to us.

Bob Jess stated that **he is is** not a fan of the proposed road locations and prefers the road run parallel with the Boyne City Road from the east entrance to the west side of the park and then run down to the boat launch.

Paul Zardus sent an email with comments and it was read into the minutes (see attachment 3). In response to Paul's comments on the Township budget practice Ethel responded that the Township uses an accepted budget format for Townships and we have never been questioned about that practice in any of our audits. She also stated that she and Clerk Golovich will work on preparing additional reports in the future.

Robbin stated she liked the simplified plan.

The following resolution was made by Ethel Knepp and seconded by Robbin Kraft-wit:

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: Doug Kuebler, Ethel Knepp, Robbin Kraft, Marlene Golovich

NO:

ABSENT: Rich Burnett

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Public comments unrelated to agenda items. There were no comments.

Without objection this meeting was adjourned at 7:50. p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marlene Golovich
Hayes Township Clerk

Minutes approved as corrected March 9, 2015