

MINUTES
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING – TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING
MARCH 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Bahle, Supervisor, called the Suttons Bay Township Annual Budget Hearing – Truth In Taxation Hearing to order at 5:15 p.m., March 11, 2020, at the Suttons Bay Township Offices, #95 E. Fourth St., Suttons Bay, Michigan.

ROLL CALL – Quorum Present

Present: Rich Bahle, Sandy VanHuystee, Tom Nixon, Cathy Hartesvelt, Debbie Slocombe

Absent: None

Staff Present: None

As required by the Truth in Budgeting Act: the property tax Millage rate of 1.0 mill proposed to be levied to support the budget will be the subject of this hearing.

Rich Bahle opened the floor to public comment –

- Debbie Slocombe said the Oleson Foundation donated \$10,000.00 to Herman Park.
- Leonard Mankowski – Understand no plan to spend the \$10,000.00 at this time.
- Gary Hoenscheid - Sits on the Rec Board, his family is offering \$15,000 to the Herman Park soccer fields. Hope the Township Board would consider developing the soccer fields.
- Bill Drozdalski – Friends of Herman Park gave the Township \$13,000 for the soccer fields.
- Leonard Mankowski – Raised \$5,000 for the soccer fields. Sanford family pledge \$5,000.
- Rich Bahle - Any outside donations should go thru Friends of Herman Park. The Township has a five year recreation plan. Trying to adhere to the list of priorities. Timeline not firmly established for the soccer fields. Leland Township is getting a lot of pressure for soccer fields.
- Debbie Slocombe - There is \$40,800 in the budget for soccer fields, request to move \$10,000 into the soccer field budget line.
- Brandy Albarado - is soccer coach, would be nice to have a soccer field between here and Leland.

- Leonard Mankowski, is soccer coach, over 600 kids enrolled in the soccer program, play at the condos at the Village. A soccer field at Herman Park would serve this community and surrounding areas.

Rich Bahle/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported to adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing, Truth In Taxation Hearing at 5:30 p.m., PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING

DNR Recreation Passport Grant Application for the purpose of continuing the development of Herman Park and specifically to discuss the need for a permanent restroom facility.

Rich Bahle opened the public hearing on the DNR Recreation Grant Application.

- Bill Drozdalski, said the grant application is due April 1st, 2020. The DNR takes nine months to make a decision. The Application is a request of \$105,000.00 from the DNR, and \$35,000.00 from the Township, for a total of \$140,000.00. The grant monies will be used to purchase two (2) single unisex and ADA compliant bathrooms for Herman Park.

Rich Bahle/moved, Tom Nixon/supported, to close the public hearing, PASSED.

MARGE JOHNSON, Recording Secretary
SANDY VANHUUSTEE, Clerk

Minutes approved as-presented on April 8, 2020.