

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:00 P.M.
Solon Township Hall
9191 S. Kasson St., Cedar, MI 49621

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Jim Lautner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor Jim Lautner, Clerk Shirley Mikowski, Treasurer Joan Gauthier, Trustee Ron Novak and Trustee Steve Yoder

Guests present: Ray Pleva, Kelly Claar, Brett McDowell, Mary O'Neill, Charlie Smith, Karen Smith, Judy Janosik, Warren Fuller and Dan Leach.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ron Novak and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the agenda with additions under New Business: B: Planning Commission and C. Environmental Remediation. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve the June 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Senior Millage

Chet Janik/Leelanau County Administrator explained the millage proposed on the August 4, 2020 Primary Ballot for Senior Services and all of the benefits the millage provides for seniors 60 and older in this county. Ron Novak asked what amount is being proposed. Mr. Janik stated the millage proposed is for .320 per \$1,000.00 of Taxable Value for a period of four years. In the past the millage was proposed for two years. The Senior Services does help many seniors remain in their homes. Joan Gauthier asked if they still have gatherings once a month, and Mr. Janik said due to the virus, the once a month euchre has been put on hold.

6. Public Comment

Mary O'Neill asked if Jim Lautner received the email she sent stating her interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission. Jim Lautner said he had not checked his emails, but will when he gets home, and that appointment will be made at the August meeting

Judy Janosik thanked the board for having masks available.

7. Correspondence

- Ron Novak asked Jim Lautner if he had received a letter from the Cedar Chamber of Commerce that was addressed to him. Ron shared the content of the letter that the Chamber is very concerned of vehicles not stopping at the four way stop, and asked if the township would consider putting in crosswalks. Jim Lautner said that would be up to the Leelanau County Road Commission to add the crosswalks, and will be in contact with them to see what the township would have to do.

8. Treasurer's Report/Authorization for Payment of Vouchers:

Joan Gauthier reported the township received \$18,951.00 in State Revenue Sharing. Shirley Mikowski told the board she is waiting to hear from Williams and Bay before she issues a check because the invoice amounts were not

accurate. Chemical Bank Checking \$21,310.03, Chemical Bank General Savings \$110,747.45, Total Funds Available: \$132,057.48, Chemical Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,343.42, Chemical Bank Fire Fund (Northwestern Bank) CD \$6,675.94, (Chemical Bank) Savings \$161.73, Total Fire Sinking \$6,837.67, Chemical Bank Sidewalk Fund \$10,192.50, Chemical Bank Cedar River Marina Project \$21,544.05, total other Township Funds Available: \$43,917.64 - Total Current Assets: \$175,975.12. Voucher #'s 13620-13655 were submitted for payment. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Committee Reports:

Steve Yoder reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Six board members and ten guests were present.

- Tim Cypher/ZA asked when the cell tower proposal comes through if it will remain with the township board or go through the Planning Commission. Jim Lautner said we have to wait and see when we get the proposal.
- Chair Steve Morgan read the letter of resignation from Edie Glynn (see attached).
- Edie Glynn was also on the Parks and Recreation Committee so a new member will have to be chosen on that committee as well.
- Worked on the Master Plan/M-72 Corridor

Kelly Claar reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 that was held at the Solon Beach Park.

- All the boulders are in place to protect the well head.
- Kelly Claar will be planting native plants from her yard at the beach park around the rocks.
- The committee is requesting that the porta jon get moved back to where it was closer to the fence line.
- Kelly shared an incident that happened at the time they were meeting. A car was blocking the driveway and was asked very politely to move their vehicle, and their response was very negative with yelling. Their license plate number was given to the Sheriff's Department. Also while they were meeting, a lady asked politely if she could bring her dog into the park, and was told they are not allowed in the park.
- Requested to post an additional sign about no parking so vehicles do not leave their vehicles in the turn-around. Joan Gauthier said the sign has already been put in place.
- There are some maintenance items that need to be addressed at the park that Kelly will email to the board.
- The playground is not exempt from getting a permit. Kelly will get the permit ready to be signed and there is a \$140.00 fee for the permit.
- The township did receive the non-matching Oleson Grant for \$10,000.00 that Mary Taylor applied for.
- Putting a flyer together for the pop can fund raiser
- Vlack's Park has one unstable dock that is wobbly. An Eagle Permit will be needed to remove the dock.
- Google maps shows that the Leelanau Conservancy owns the Cedar Community Park. Kelly is asking for permission to contact them to get that changed.
- Anytime they see trash at the recycling site, they are posting it on their Facebook page.
- Kelly will forward a Parks Committee report to the Planning Commission.
- The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Joan Gauthier received a complaint from Becky Kabat about vehicles that are parking in the circle drive at Solon Beach. Joan likes the additional sign.

Ron Novak ordered a sign reading "NO VEHICLES BEYOND THIS POINT" that has already been placed. Ron also had two signs made that reads on both sides "PUBLIC RESTROOM" and will meet with Tim Cypher/ZA to make sure the sign is put in the right spot. Ron ordered these signs, and paid for them. It was agreed that Ron should be reimbursed for the signs. Ron found three boulders in the old township dump, so Ron had Brian Weber move the boulders to the beach park. The cost was \$250.00 to move the boulders.

Ron Novak shared that Jackie Budd had weed kill put on diamonds one, two and three. He also reported that Seal Right touched up and sealed the cracks on the tennis courts with no cost to the township.

Ron Novak said that Ray is willing to pick up and haul some gravel to the corner of Sandbar Drive at Solon Beach Park and has someone that is willing to spread the gravel. He only asks that the township pay for the gravel.

Ron Novak contacted the person that wanted to purchase the docks at Vlack's Park last year and he no longer wants them, but will see if he knows of anyone else that might want them. Joan Gauthier asked what shape the docks are in and what someone would pay for them. Kelly Claar said one dock is in good shape, but the other one is wobbly and there is also a platform. Jim Lautner said someone would just have to remove them.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

10. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

There was nothing to report.

1. Cherry Capital/Wi-Fi

There was no update.

B. Parks

1. Recycling Site

Joan Gauthier said she contacted Trudy Galla last Friday and told her how filthy the recycling site was. Joan said she was there today, and there was all kinds of broken glass there. It is just becoming a place where people just dump their trash. Joan will call Trudy again and ask to have the glass raked up.

C. Fire Department

Township Board Representative Dan Leach gave the following report:

- Three part time employees have recently been hired
- There have been a total of thirty three cases of COVID-19 reported in Leelanau County
- The new engine is scheduled to be delivered by mid-August, which is ahead of schedule.
- The budget is in good shape
- Dan Leach shared that Fire Chief Comeaux has been really taken it on the chin. He lost both parents within the last year with his Dad recently passing unexpectedly. He has also lost several friends.

D. Cedar River Project

Ray Pleva told the board they did not receive the Grand Traverse Band 2% Grant for \$29,000.00 they applied for.

a. Bridge

Ray Pleva went over the cost to move and have the snowmobile bridge painted with total cost being \$12,150.00. The Cedar Chamber of Commerce has donated \$5,000.00 towards the project, and the township is being asked to donate \$5,000.00 as well. There was \$5,000.00 budgeted for the Cedar River Project. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Steve Yoder to approve paying \$5,000.00 from the Budget line item Parks towards the removal and painting of the snowmobile bridge. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Public Hearing

Ray Pleva said Larry Fleis, the engineer working on the project, suggested a Public Hearing for the Cedar River Marina Project be done by a Zoom meeting, and Mr. Fleis will set it up. Shirley Mikowski will need all of the information before it can be published. Mr. Pleva will ask Mr. Fleis to send the information to Shirley.

E. Millage Rate

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

F. Sidewalk

Ron Novak said Novak Masonry plans to complete the job this summer.

G. Flynn v Solon Township

Steve Yoder said that Mike Sheffer and Judith Flynn are working together to resolve their differences. Mike Sheffer put up more fencing and is planning to plant trees along his property to block the view of the equipment from her property.

11. New Business

A. Cemetery

Shirley Mikowski was at the cemetery with Rich Nachazel, and they both agreed to ask if one of the roads in the cemetery could be turned into additional cemetery plots. There are three roads. Jim Lautner suggested Shirley talk to Zach Baker on how to proceed in changing the one road into plots.

B. Planning Commission

Steve Morgan/Chair of the Planning Commission received a letter of resignation from Edie Glynn. The township board needs to formally accept her resignation. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Steve Yoder to accept the letter of resignation from Edie Glynn as a member of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Environmental Remediation

Ron Novak explained there is a company checking for environmental damage behind the ice cream store. Tim Cypher/ZA is well aware of them being there. The property is now an Art Gallery, but it was a gas station. The land owner has paid nothing for this. EPA has paid for everything, and we are getting the ground cleaned up. They have a compressor that pushes air through the pipes and flushes out the contaminants.

12. Public Comment

Karen Smith suggested making the public more aware of the snowmobile bridge so that it might generate more interest in the parks and bring in more donations.

Warren Fuller suggested contacting the media for coverage of moving the bridge.

Ray Pleva said the project began in 1983.

Kelly Claar thanked the board for making a tough decision in a tough budget year; the bridge is iconic.

Joan Gauthier commented on how much the river is being used and how many kayaks are out on the river.

Brett McDowell commented on the four car pileup on the corner of M-72 and 651, and suggested to put in a roundabout to slow traffic down there. Jim Lautner said that is up to M-Dot to decide. They already have the recommendation, and Jim said he contacts M-DOT every two weeks about when they may be installing a light.

Brett McDowell said there are surveillance solutions for the recycling site to catch people dropping off non-recyclable items. Jim Lautner suggested he contact Trudy Galla at the Planning Department to find out what can be done legally to survey and enforce people dropping off non-recyclable items.

Brett McDowell asked about Edie Glynn's position on the Parks Committee through the Planning Commission and how he could apply. Jim Lautner explained that it is the Planning Commission that appoints one of its members to the Parks Committee, and they will do that once a new member is appointed. If Brett wants to be on the Parks Committee, he just needs to be appointed by the supervisor with the support of the board.

Mary O'Neill asked if the county has total jurisdiction over the recycling site, and if so, why the township would install cameras there. Jim Lautner said the township gives the Solid Waste permission to put the recycling site on their property. Jim also explained that the county does not want to install a camera; that is why the township has been working to get Wi-Fi there to install cameras.

Warren Fuller said that Sam's Club has trail cams that are cell phone driven for \$110.00, which is a lot cheaper to the township than spending \$10,000.00 on internet. Mr. Fuller also mentioned that there are two wide lanes at M-72 and Goodrick Road, and people do not know what to do with it.

Kelly Claar noted to contact solonparks@gmail.com with any lost and found items.

13. Announcements

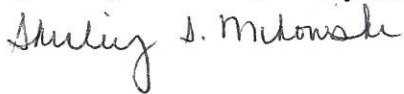
There was none.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley I. Mikowski/Solon Township Clerk



SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: JUNE 2020

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
6/7/2020	LUP 20-04	LARACEY	LAND USE	202004	1058 \$ 90.00
010-011-026-00	9300 S. PARKER ROAD	COVERED PORCH ROOF EXTENSION STEP		381 S.F.	
6/11/2020	LUP 20-05	GREENSKY CO.	LAND USE	202005	4516 \$ 50.00
010-400-006 & 005-00	9044 KASSON STREET	FENCING AROUND DEQ CLEANUP AREA		384 S.F.	
6/11/2020	LUP 20-06	RUDY	LAND USE	202006	1040 \$40.00
010-032-004-00	13460 S. CEDAR ROAD	NEW DECK		280 S.F.	
6/30/2020	LUP 20-07	MOMBER	LAND USE	202007	1779 \$165.00
010-004-013-10	8895 S. LAKE SHORE DR.	NEW DWELLING LOFT GARAGE DECKSTEP		4,814 S.F.	
6/30/2020	LUP 20-08	LEONARDI	LAND USE	202008	629 \$250.00
010-035-006-80	6336 E. HARRYS ROAD	STUDIO APPROVED DWELLING VIOLATION		768 S.F.	

TOTAL \$ 595.00

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE:

7/5/2020

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6-11-20

EDITH GLYNN
5722 E. LINCOLN ROAD
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STEVE MORGAN, CHAIRMAN
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DEAR STEVE,

THIS IS TO SAY THAT DUE TO COVID 19 A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS VIRUS, I AM SUBMITTING MY RESIGNATION TO THE SOLON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALSO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AS OF THIS DATE. THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVE SPOKE OUT ALREADY ABOUT NOT MASKING AT THE MEETINGS. WE ARE ORDERED TO FOLLOW THE MTA ORDERS WHICH ARE EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-115 PUT IN PLACE BY GOVERNOR WHITMER, UNLESS YOU HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT PROHIBITS YOU FROM WEARING A MASK. ALSO THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED AT THESE MEETINGS THAT SOME WILL NOT FOLLOW. THEREFORE I DO NOT WANT TO SIT THROUGH A MEETING WITH POSSIBLY BEING EXPOSED TO THIS VIRUS. REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THIS VIRUS OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE OTHER PERSON YOU SHOULD WEAR A MASK.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO READ THIS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SINCERELY,

EDITH GLYNN



CC JIM LAUTNER
CC KELLY CLARR