

Solon Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2021 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 Steve Yoder and Trustee Pat Deering.

Guests present: Judy Janosik, Karen Smith, Charlie Smith, Ray Pleva, Michael J. Miller, Corey Flaska, Mary Taylor, Doug Fierberg, Tony Ansonge, Kelly Claar, Brett Rossi and Lisa Rossi.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the June 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Public Comment

Doug Fierberg agreed that the recycling site should get moved. It would be a fabulous place to develop the river and the pavilions and extend the Polka Fest season. Mr. Fierberg said that he knows most of the residents do not want the farms gone and does not like when Mr. Lautner keeps saying the farms will all be gone. He also stated that the Master Plan has not been discussed and should be constructively talked about every month. Mr. Fierberg does not know why the referendum has not been on the agenda and hopes it will be on the agenda. There has been no accountability for the Special Election that was held in May. Shirley Mikowski said the breakdown and cost for the May Election was sent via email to Mr. Fierberg, and the total cost was \$2,957.49.

Tony Ansonge was surprised that it was not on the agenda that he filed a Freedom of Information Act request and has recently filed an appeal. The response he received for his FOIA requests were woefully inadequate, and the township has ten days from today to respond to his appeal.

6. Correspondence

A FOIA was received from True North Law that is being addressed.
L-4029's have been received from Leelanau County and TCAPS.

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

Joan Gauthier said half of the \$900.00 paid to Leelanau Excavating for gravel will come from the Cedar River Waterway Project. The TCF Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment has not been closed and funds transferred to pay for the recent purchase of playground equipment, but will be closed. TCF Checking \$33,706.84, TCF Bank General Savings \$152,761.92, Total Funds Available: \$186,468.76, TCF Bank Road Improvement Fund \$5,344.06, TCF Fire Fund CD \$42,679.30, TCF Fire Fund Savings \$503.13, Total Fire Sinking \$43,182.43, TCF Sidewalk Fund \$8,870.55, TCF Oleson Foundation Grant/Playground Equipment \$10,100.81, TCF Cedar River Marina Project \$29,185.80, Total other Township Funds Available: \$96,683.65 - Total Current Assets: \$283,152.41. Parks and Recreation \$5,234.30. Voucher #'s 14099-14138 were submitted for payment. Motion by Steve Yoder and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to accept the Treasurer's report and pay vouchers as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Committee Reports:

Steve Yoder reported the Planning Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Six board members and eight guests were present. Lisa Rossi was not present.

- Upon a roll call vote it was unanimously passed to recommend approval of the Cedar Cove Estates Master Deed and Bylaws to the township board
- More discussion was held on the Landscape draft Ordinance.
- There will be a final review of the Zoning Ordinance beginning with Article 13 at the August meeting.

Kelly Claar reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Solon Township Hall. All members and one guest were present.

- Cedar Youth League schedule will be put on the parks Facebook page and a hard copy will be given to the clerk
- The address number assignments for the parks were received by Leelanau County and would like to put up address signs at the parks. Jim Lautner said to contact Trudy Galla at the Planning Department to find out how to obtain the green address signs.
- There was a Schoolhouse meeting with a non-profit group, and now the township has to figure out what they're going to do with the schoolhouse. We have a 50-50 chance to have historical significance, and are hoping to have it as part of the Fleis & Vandenbrink project. We are still in the fact finding process.
- Pop cans keep coming almost faster than can be taken care of and have raised over \$5,000.00. Joan said she knows that people are stealing the pop cans and would be happy to laminate signs. Jim Lautner okayed Kelly to put a letter to the editor in the Leelanau Enterprise on behalf of the township.
- Working on having a booth at the Polka Fest.
- Rick Stout from Fleis & Vandenbrink told Kelly they were still waiting on the signed proposal changes, Shirley Mikowski said it had already been sent.
- Kelly asked the board to consider purchasing the two boat wash stations. The \$7,000.00 Grant money from the Grand Traverse Band is to be used towards the purchase of a boat wash station. Kelly is checking with the Grand Traverse Band to see if the grant money can be used to purchase two stations. She would like the two boat wash stations purchased to get something on the ground right away. It will not cost the township any money. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the purchase of two CD3 Boat Wash Stations provided the Grand Traverse Band approves the second purchase for the Solon Beach Park. Motion carried 5-0.
- Kelly will get a proposal to the clerk to send in for the Leelanau County's money they are receiving from the American Rescue Plan.
- Kelly thanked everyone for all the support and effort in getting the playground done.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Playground.

Zoning Administrator Written Report is attached.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Township Hall/Repairs

1. Sign

The sign has been completely refurbished and repainted by Patrick Ivory and is back on the township hall.

B. Parks

1. Recycling Site

Shirley Mikowski received the following update from Ron Novak prior to the meeting: Trudy Galla told Ron that the Solid Waste Council is currently looking into a surveillance system with EPS (Engineered Protection Systems, Inc). that may cost \$500.00 per month per site. Pat Deering, who is also on the Solid Waste Council, let the council know that they need to get some cameras at the site temporarily and should be looking into an alternative sight.

Joan Gauthier said they are not just dropping off recycling; they are dumping garbage into the recycle bins. Joan did email Trudy Galla. Joan also noted that Ray Pleva left his mattress spring up against the fence that he was using to spread the chip stone and someone picked it up. Kelly Claar said she took the mattress spring to get rid of it because she thought it was junk left there. The township's recycling contract with the county ends in December, 2021.

2. Solon Beach Park

a. Tree Removal

Pat Deering will check into the trees that need to be taken care of at the Solon Beach Park, and will get a cost to the clerk.

Joan Gauthier said that Dale Gauthier was mowing the lawn at the beach park and found someone sleeping in a hammock. We may need to put a bigger sign in the park. Patrick Ivory is going to give prices on all of the park signs.

b. Pavilions Roofs

Corey Flaska gave a price of \$1,100.00 per roof for the pavilions at the Solon Beach Park. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to accept the price from Leelanau Construction of \$1,100.00 per roof for the two pavilions at the Solon Beach Park with a total cost of \$2,200.00. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Playground

Mary Taylor shared that she received a letter from a mom who has a child with cerebral palsy and was in tears when she saw the playground was ADA accessible, and had a swing that is designed to accommodate a wheelchair. Mary thanked the board for having faith in her to take the lead in this project. She handed out a sheet listing the cost of the project and all of those who selflessly donated their time, talents, and money to complete the playground project (see attached). The entire project cost approximately \$35,000.00 with Solon Township and the Cedar Chamber of Commerce working together in covering a major part of the cost of the project. Shirley Mikowski thanked Mary for all of her time and energy in heading up this project and thanked Kelly Claar and the Parks Committee for all of their time and effort in this project as well. Shirley and Joan Gauthier talked about this and would like a list of donors and those that worked on the project so thank you notes could be sent. Jim Lautner suggested putting a thank you in the newspaper. The list will also be included in the minutes. Jim Lautner said you can find volunteers, but it's hard to find a person to be in charge. Steve Yoder said he spent time helping out and said it was phenomenal how Mary figured out how everything needed to be placed. Steve also noted that we need to figure out on how to maintain it. The township board thanked Mary for her time and the great job done.

C. Fire Department

Chris Comeaux/Fire Board Representative was unable to attend because the fire board meeting was also scheduled for this evening. Chris sent the following report via email: *There is not much to report with the fire department other than we will be voting on a new full time member this evening at our monthly fire board meeting. He is a Paramedic and will suit the department well. That will fill all vacant positions will full time staff. Dana sent out the fire report and budget. The department is right on budget currently. I (Chris) will give the township a more detailed report in August.*

D. Cedar River Project

Ray Pleva gave the following report:

- Grant funding requests to the State of Michigan are still pending
- A grant request was made for the river project to Leelanau County for money they are receiving from the American Rescue Plan
- Ray worked with Dave Couturier from Lake Leelanau Excavating spreading and raking chip stone. The township paid for one load and the second load is being paid for by the River Project Fund.
- A boat vacuum system will be installed at the Bingham township boat launch. The cost was approximately \$35,000.00 and paid for by the 2% Grant from the Grand Traverse Band.
- There is only about a 30% of a river pathway/channel for boaters, and Brian Price from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association and the DNR recommend that Solon Township get buoys to make the open pathway/ channel.
- Adam Begley and Mark Polinko are working on a family fun day.
- Bruce Lehman is going to check out the rice grass issue in the mouth of the river.

E. Cedar Cove Estates/Master Deed

Jim Lautner explained the Master Deed is for the Cedar Cove Estates across the street. The Master Deed and the Bylaws have been reviewed by the township attorney and has been given his approval. The Planning Commission have also reviewed and approved it unanimously. Owner Corey Flaska has the septic system approved, and all other permits except for the land use permit. Steve Yoder said he found that everything has been clearly written for the

homeowners. Motion by Shirley Mikowski and seconded by Joan Gauthier to approve the Master Deed, made this 15th day of July, 2021, by Cedar Cove Estates Development. LLC of P.O. Box 293, Cedar, Michigan 49621 (hereinafter referred to as the "Developer"). Upon a roll call vote; Deering-yea, Yoder -yea, Lautner-yea, Gauthier-yea, Mikowski-yea; 5 "yeas", 0 "nays". Supervisor Lautner said it was approved 5-0.

10. New Business

A. Cedar Chamber of Commerce/Polka Fest/Road Closure

Lisa Rossi told the board that Mike Miller is heading up the Run 4 the Kielbasa which will be a four mile run. Lisa noted that some of the roads are in Kasson Township that will be used for the race, and asked if they will need permission from them for the race as well. They will have to ask Kasson Township for permission. Permits still need to be submitted to the Leelanau County Road Commission along with copies of liability insurance from the Cedar Chamber of Commerce and Solon Township. Tony Ansorge said that the Leelanau County Road Commission is now requiring a resolution when requesting a road closure. The board agreed to go ahead with a motion, and if need be, do a resolution at next month's meeting. Motion by Joan Gauthier and seconded by Shirley Mikowski to close Railroad Avenue on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 7:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. for a Car Show, and on Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. for a Craft Fair. Close Kasson St. on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 12:45 P.M.-1:30 P.M. for the Polka Fest Parade, and stop traffic on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. beginning at Bellinger Rd. for the Run 4 the Kielbasa. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Public Comment

Lisa Rossi said the tennis courts are getting a lot of use and needs a garbage can there. Brett Rossi put the newly refurbished Solon Township Hall sign back up today. Lisa also mentioned there is a dead limb in front of Hill's house on Sullivan Street and is a hazard. Pat Deering will look into it.

Steve Yoder asked about the Michigan Recovery Corona Virus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). These funds are a portion of the funding within the American Rescue Plan Act. Shirley Mikowski is working on this and received more information on how to apply for it just before the meeting.

12. Announcements

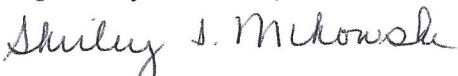
There was none.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley I. Mikowski
Solon Township Clerk

SOLON TOWNSHIP ZA'S MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

PERIOD: JUNE 2021

DATE	PERMIT #	NAME	USE	RECEIPT CK.#	AMOUNT
6/1/2021 010-021-028-00	LUP 21-15 4542 E. ALPINE ROAD	NORRIS	LAND USE	202115 13233	\$ 100.00
SETTING UP FARM OPERATION IN RES/AG 2 ZONING DISTRICT - SPR					
6/8/2021 010-003-041-00	LUP 21-16 8451 SANDBAR DRIVE	COLLINS	LAND USE	202116 1950	\$ 165.00
REMOVE/REPLACE EXISTING DWELLING GARAGE PORCH 2,000 S.F.					
6/10/2021 010-004-001-50	LUP 21-17 8060 S. ROSINSKI ROAD	BIRKMEIER	LAND USE	202117 2628	\$40.00
INSTALL ACCESS DRIVE - NOT APPROVED FOR HOUSE 9,600 S.F.					
6/13/2021 010-022-012-15	LUP 21-18 11576 S. RAMBLEWOOD	THORNBURG	LAND USE	202118 5778	\$180.00
NEW DWELLING ATTGARAGE PORCHES DECKS 3,119 S.F.					
6/28/2021 010-032-005-70	LUP 21-19 3101 E. PARTRIDGE CT.	SAMBORN	LAND USE	202119 1965	\$50.00
ACCESSORY BUILDING 1,200 S.F.					
6/15/2021 010-023-002-20 & 010-023-002-40	PLA 21-01 5722 E. LINCOLN ROAD	GLYNN	PLA	202101 9232	\$50.00
PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT					
6/23/21 010-019-007-15	LDA 21-02 S. HILL ROAD	WILLIAMS	LDA	202102 278	\$350.00
LAND DIVISION APPROVAL - 7 NEW					
6/8/2021 010-007-001-20	SPR 20-01 9162 S. KASSON STREET	THOMPSON	SITE PLAN REVIEW	1003	\$ 250.00
SITE PLAN REVIEW - NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING					
TOTAL					\$ 1,185.00

SIGNED:

Timothy A. Cypher

DATE:

7/4/2021

TIMOTHY A. CYPHER
SOLON TOWNSHIP ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
231-360-2557
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Cedar Playground Renewal 6-15-1921

ITEM	FUND SOURCE		AMOUNT
Monkey Junction	Olsen Foundation \$10,000 Solon Township \$6,865		\$ 16,865.00
Super Scoot, Whirl-with-Me, ADA swingset	Solon Township \$4,850.99, private donation \$1,400		\$ 16,250.99
Soil Erosion Permit	Solon Township		\$ 100.00
Northern Lumber	Solon Township	mt	\$ 501.08
Hammersmith (rental track loader)	C of C		\$ 1,481.00
Hammersmith (rental augers)	C of C		\$ 545.90
GSI Geoturf (landscape fabric)	C of C		\$ 784.40
GSI Geoturf (staples)	C of C		\$ 38.32
Striker Supply (sonitubes)	C of C		\$ 779.63
Diesel fuel	Solon Township	mt	\$ 50.00
Pipe clamps (20)	Solon Township	mt	\$ 13.70
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Cement	Donated from Elmers		\$ 714.00
Pumper truck			\$ 125.00
Masons	Donated From Grand Traverse Masonry		\$ 300.00
Mulch	Donated From Deering Tree Service		\$ 4,480.00
Cedar Hardware			\$ 90.00
Project Forman	Donated by Dave Bradshaw		\$ 4,900.00
Laborors	donated time by community		\$ 4,986.00
		\$597.95	
			\$ 53,038.19