

...March 29, 2019...

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet and a public hearing was held at the Township office on March 29, 2019.

Attending were: Supervisor Paul Lehto, Treasurer Fay Johnson, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees, Jeffrey West, Robert Zander and Timothy Gasperich.

Absent: David Yeo

Guests: Pat Toczydlowski, Cynthia MacDonald, Craig Hughes and Barbara Flanagan representing the Swedetown Ski Club. Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commissioner, Joseph Snow; Calumet Village Administrator and John Sullivan, Grant Writer.

The Public Hearing opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss a proposed resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The Grant is for the purchase of two parcels of land for the Swedetown Recreation Area.

John Sullivan gave a presentation to the Board. He stated that he was applying for a \$66,000 Grant with the MNRTF to acquire 30 acres of land at the Swedetown Recreation Area. 10 acres are in Osceola Township and 20 acres in Calumet Township. The total cost of the purchase will be \$89,400 with a \$23,400 local share match, which will be paid by the Swedetown Trails Club. Osceola Township sent and endorsement letter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Hughes, Swedetown Trails Club President thanked John Sullivan and the Calumet Township Board for all their help in acquiring the property. He stated that he is very excited about the project.

The hearing closed at 1:05.

Supervisor Lehto opened the regular monthly meeting at 1:05.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to approve the February 22, 2019 minutes.

Carried 6 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee West to pass a resolution supporting the application submittal to the MNRTF for the acquisition of land at the Swedetown Recreation Area.

Voice Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried.

The resolution is attached.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by trustee West to apply for the following Grants:

\$15000 from the Portage Health Foundation for a floor in the Drill Shop.

\$6000 from the National Park Advisory Board for renovations to the Depot and

\$4000 for improvements at Osceola #13.

Carried 6 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Michigan Townships Association sent a letter asking for a resolution to make Michigan township Offices Nonpartisan.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Trustee Zander to pass a resolution to allow The Township Board the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.

Voice Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried

The resolution is attached.

Fire Department report:
None.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer West to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 7 0.

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Tom Tikkanen; Houghton County Commission, asked to Board for names of interested people to serve on a Jail Committee.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Salmela to approve submitting Guy St. Germain's name to the Houghton County Board of Commissioners for the Jail Committee and Jeffrey West as an alternate.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that The Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home is looking for a piece of property for a new home.

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that the Colosseum is in the final four in the Kraft Hockeyville Competition.

Voting will begin on Saturday and the winner will be announced on Sunday.

Trustee Gasperich asked the Board to look into getting prices for a new pick-up truck for the Public Works Dept.

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Johnson to adjourn at 1:32.
Carried 6 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk

Certified by Beth Salmela, Charter Township of Calumet Clerk on March 29, 2019.
