

The July Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on August 8, 2018, with corrections noted below.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present - Diane Coppens, Sandy Lyytinen, Bonnie Korte, Clif Block, Tracy Chase, Jeff Huju, Tim Hagen, Ronette Shearen, and Domanick David

June 13, 2018, Regular Board Minutes - Motion to accept the June 13, 2018, minutes was made by Clif Block and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report – June 30, 2018, reconciled bank balance was \$616,898.05. There are three outstanding checks. Due to water damage, blank checks numbered 8010 to 8035 were destroyed. CD #4175 was discussed.

Road Report – Clif Block gave the road report. In addition to the regular grading, Big Island Lake Road received additional work as well as road clean-up from several storms that passed through the area.

Park Report – The Park was discussed. Jeff Huju gave an update regarding the park and Domanick David gave a report regarding the mowing.

Old Business –

DNR Grant- A decision was made by the board to move forward with repairing the tennis/pickleball courts and not reapplying for the grant. Tracy will let Tim Johnson know of the decision. Depending on when the tennis repair company can begin the project, other grants may be looked at to offset the cost of the repair. However, more discussion is necessary to figure out what is causing the cracking issue.

Investment Policy & Bigfork Bank Update- Jeff Fisher, First State Bank of Bigfork, will look to see what accounts we have and what options we have. Before the next board meeting, Supervisors will review the Rockford Township Investment Policy and will discuss at the August meeting.

T- Bills- Due to the Business Loan fund receiving a minimal interest rate, the possibility of transferring the money into treasury bills was discussed. Conversations have taken place with the township attorney and Jack Hillstrom. If the township decides to invest in T-Bills, a more local presence is preferred. Diane will give a packet of the information to John Nathe. Clif will contact John regarding the packet. More discussion will take place at the August meeting.

Insurance Recommendation- Motion to approve the increased deductible from \$250.00 to \$2,500.00 for the building and personal property of the building was made by Clif Block and seconded by Diane Coppens. MCU.

Park Projects List- Jeff was given a list of park projects. Jeff mentioned there has been a lot of household garbage being dumped in the trash cans. Tracy will make a sign to post stating "No Household Garbage Allowed. Park Garbage Only." Jeff will let the Supervisors know if the outdoor restrooms need to be

pumped. The signs on the walking trail need to be repaired. The fence along the ends of the tennis/pickle ball courts have been removed. One birch and two basswood trees were removed. T & T will dig out the stumps and fill them in. Input was requested regarding Jeff's opinion on the skating rink. Ryan Hubbard gave his opinion regarding the lighting- 2 LED lights on the ends should be sufficient. Diane will contact Thistledeew to see if they can do labor work on the rink next summer, after Jeff and Clif meet to discuss what is needed. The memorial benches in the park are in good shape; however, the benches in the playground area can be painted. The picnic table, by the pavilion, needs to have the leg repaired. The Garden Club will discuss how to prune/fix the bushes etc.

Delegation of Duties- Projects that already have supervisors assigned will continue as such. Going forward with new projects, Sandy Lyytinen will oversee the Hall and Diane Coppens will oversee the Park and Cemetery.

Township Properties- Diane will ask Guy Lund, DNR Parks and Trails, to come to the August meeting to discuss the Little Turtle Access property. The property behind the VFW hall will have more discussion at the August meeting.

Kiosk- The kiosk will be left for the time being. No improvements will be made.

Cemetery- Flag Pole & Light- Motion to approve purchasing a light flag pole for the cemetery and using the restricted funds for said purchase was made by Diane Coppens. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Cemetery Update- Diane and Ronette gave an update on the cemetery. Ronette will be responsible for mowing the front portion of the cemetery and Domanick will be responsible for mowing the back portion. Ronette has been edging along the grave stone markers. The cemetery is looking very nice. Diane and Sandy will look at and see if there are projects that need to be completed with the cemetery. Ronette has done considerable work with getting the books up-to-date. She has also created a spreadsheet with the information that will be easy to update.

Kitchen- Hubbard Electric & Purchasing Items- Clif will give Diane the measurements for the kitchen appliances. Ryan Hubbard can possibly retrofit the light fixtures to be compatible with LED's. Ryan will supply the labor for no cost. The township is responsible for paying for the materials. The work will not happen until fall.

New Business -

Larger Garbage Cans- If only park garbage is thrown, larger cans are not needed.

Rentals- Tracy will include in the rental agreement that if a party cancels, there will not be a refund of the monies. Also, clarification of who pays for the rentals and who can receive the rental for free was discussed.

Horse Shoe Pits- Jeff will get washed sand from T & T to put in the horse shoe pits.

Park Signs & Bag Dispensers- Jeff will put out the animal waste dispensers.

Election Judges- Motion to approve election judge resolution 07-11-2018 was made by Diane Coppens. Clif Block seconded the motion. MCU.

Fall Elections- Offices that are up for re-election are: 4-year terms- Supervisor A & Supervisor B, 2-year term- Supervisor C, and 4-year term- Treasurer.

Township Website/ Facebook -Tracy updated the board on information that Tim Johnson provided regarding a Township Website and Facebook page. The township does have a website that is shared by several entities and updated by NIJPB. Tracy will find out if a FAQ page can be added to the website.

Committee Reports – Sandy attended a Noxious Weed meeting. Sarah Thompson, Forest Rec Specialist, gave everyone information on who to contact if there are issues with noxious weeds. Diane and Clif attended the Summer Short Course workshop held at Breezy Point. Both attended the Tax and Equalization training, as well as learning about roads and gravel. Diane attended the Township Association meeting. Renee Bymark from Elder Circle gave information regarding dementia and the senior population. Several other topics were discussed including Grand Rapids sales tax, City of Grand Rapids' health insurance costs, census count, and the Sunday Liquor law.

Motion to approve and pay the claims and payroll with check numbers #8036 to #8053 was made by Sandy Lyytinen. Clif Block seconded the motion. MCU.

Claims- \$20,301.69

Payroll- \$2,920.31

Motion to adjourn at 9:37 PM was made by Diane Coppens. Clif Block seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson _____ Date

Clerk _____ Date