

July Minutes were approved and signed- August 10, 2016

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JULY 13, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present-

Anthony Prato, Diane Coppens, Bruce Petersen, Tracy Chase, Bonnie Korte, Tim Hagen, Nathan Erickson, Dale Fuhrman, and Rudy Rautio.

Minutes-

Minutes from the June 8, 2016, board meeting were read. A motion was made by Diane to accept the minutes as read. Anthony seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report-

Bonnie reported that as of June 30, 2016, the reconciled bank balance was \$630,771.88. The General Apportionment was deposited on July 5th for \$94,464.70; however, this will not be reflected in the bank balance until the July 31st reconciled statement.

Road Report-

There were two rounds of contract grading for the month. Three roads received extra work. The McKenzie Island Road, Big Island Road, and Eagle Point Road all received Class 5 and additional grader time. Discussion took place regarding mowing the roadsides. Because of the rains, the ditches need to dry before mowing can occur.

Park Report-

Jeff completed many park projects that were part of the Park Review. Tracy reviewed the list of completed projects. The apple trees in the park that need trimming will be handled by Nathan this fall.

Old Business-

Anthony has a call in to Hawkinson regarding the resurfacing of the walking trail. Removal of trees/roots will need to occur along the path. The tennis courts also need work. Diane will make some calls to see about prices to redo the courts.

New Business-

An estimate is being sought to find out what needs to be done to the skating rink lights. Anthony expects to receive something in a few days. A donation of dark brown wood chips from T & T will be used in the flower bed in front of the hall. Nathan will bring an extra guy and get this taken care of. The Balmy Road will be looked at regarding the issues that take place when there is a heavy rain. Chokecherry Lane will have trees/bushes trimmed back so the signage is visible. The cemetery was discussed.

Bruce will look at prices for several cemetery projects. Also, because the cemetery maintenance has not seen an increase in costs, it was decided to increase the pay for each time the cemetery is mowed. Diane Coppens moved to “raise the cemetery maintenance cost to \$175.00 per time.” Bruce Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rudy Rautio asked if it was possible to put speed signs on township roads. It isn’t possible because if signs were posted, we would need enforcement and we would have to hire people to do that. This is not feasible with our budget.

Committee Report-

Bruce attended the Northern Itasca Joint Powers Board meeting. In St Louis County, all gravel roads can have ATV’s on them. Diane attended a Township Association meeting in June and July. Kim Johnson, Toward Zero Deaths Coalition Coordinator, spoke as well as Sherriff Vic Williams. Megan Christianson, Visit Grand Rapids, was also a presenter. Diane also attended a Highway 38 Leadership meeting with Joe McKinnen, Bemidji MN DOT. The end of June, Diane took part in the Summer Short Course workshops in Walker, MN. She completed her Tax & Equalization course.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 14,830.92

Payroll- \$ 2,433.89

A motion was made by Bruce to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Anthony seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date