

The May regular board meeting minutes were approved on June 14th, 2017.

**MARCELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Diane Coppens

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present-

Diane Coppens, Dennis Korte, Sandy Lyytinen, Dale Fuhrman, Tracy Chase, Tim Hagen, Bill Trebs, David Gulsvig, Gretchen Gulsvig, Patty Alt, Nathan Erickson, Mike Nystrom, and Janet Nystrom

Public Input-

There were several people in attendance to request the use of the tennis courts for Pickleball. Mike Nystrom gave an overview and after discussion, the board decided to allow Pickleball to be on the tennis courts. Dale Fuhrman made a motion to “give Pickleball a chance if the individuals participating will bring the necessary nets and do their own taping. The tennis courts will be reserved for Pickleball on Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and will begin on Thursday, May 18th.” Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU. Tracy will make a sign for the tennis courts to reflect the reservation. At the June meeting, the group will report back on how well it is going.

April 12, 2017, Regular Board Minutes-

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to approve the April 12, 2017, minutes with the change to “Dale Fuhrman attended the US Chippewa National Forest meeting” instead of the “Minnesota Chippewa National Forest meeting”. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer’s Report-

Dennis gave a breakdown of the treasurer’s report. The April 30th reconciled balance was \$685,353.16. As of May 1st, there was \$179,686.61 in outstanding loan debt.

Road Report-

There were two rounds of regular grading for the month. Also, T & T Excavating removed the old test wells located at Mary Alley.

Discussion took place regarding the road report and what needs to be done. Dale had a handout that discussed the needed projects and the prioritization of the projects.

Jack the Horse road needs to have a guy wire moved, as it is a safety concern. Dale contacted Darrell Peterson, with the North Itasca Electric Coop, Inc., and Darrell said it would cost \$700.00 and it needed to be paid up front. Dale Fuhrman made a motion to “pay NIECI so we can move forward and approve Dennis Korte to write a check tonight for \$700.00 to get the ball rolling.” Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Dale will contact someone regarding the township road signs that need to put up. He will find out what the rules are for placement.

Dale Fuhrman made a motion to “accept the road report”. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU.

Park Report-

The park review was discussed. There are several items on the list that need to be taken care of. Diane will give Jeff a list of what needs to be done.

Dale will keep on Hawkinson regarding the trail repair. Because Hawkinson may be in the area working on local highways, the cost of the portion of what Hawkinson would do may be reduced. There is a need to have another quote. Dale Fuhrman moved to “accept the park report.” Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

Old Business-

New Business-

Road Maintenance Estimates- The cost estimate for road work was moved to the June meeting.

Mowing- Nathan Erickson was present to discuss lawn mowing of the park, hall, boulevards, and cemetery. After feedback of what Nathan would do and because his contract was up, it was decided to renew his contract for the 2017-2018 mowing season. Sandy Lyytinen made the motion to” hire Nathan Erickson for another year”. Dale Fuhrman seconded the motion. MCU.

Conflict of Interest- A discussion took place on conflict of interest and who was effected.

Summer Short Course- Dale, Sandy, Diane, and Tracy will attend the Summer Short Course workshops held in Walker. Tracy will register everyone. Tracy will sign Sandy up for the Board of Equalization course.

Committee Reports-

Dale Fuhrman attended the NIJPB meeting. Several topics were discussed including Bigfork plans to build a skating rink and a frisbee golf course.

Sandy Lyytinen attended the Highway 38 Leadership meeting. Changes to the By-Laws were ratified. Sandy is elected to a three-year term. Diane is an “at large” member.

Diane Coppens attended a few meetings including the Business Loan Committee meeting, the Township Association meeting, and the Township Short Course Meeting. The Business Loan Committee is looking at making some minor changes to the application, the Township Association meeting included information regarding the Highway 38 project and the Blandin case, and the Short Course discussed contracts.

Bill Trebs and Dale Fuhrman met with an engineer to discuss the shape of Highway 38 and the work that needs to be done.

Approved and paid bills: Claims- \$ 5,419.27

Payroll- \$ 1,659.01

Dale Fuhrman made the motion to accept the checks numbered 7742 to 7756. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU.

A motion was made by Sandy Lyytinen to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date
