

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: Andersen. Also present: Township Attorney James Scales and Township Engineer Chad Sosnowski, as well as 20 spectators.
2. Public Comment: Dan Soules (Tefft Ave.) questioned the type of septic systems being put in now, and was concerned about possible contamination of neighboring wells.
3. Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to approve the agenda. CARRIED.
4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Krygier, Davis supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.
Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2007 Regular Board meeting.
Treasurer's Report /Approval of bills for payment – General Fund, Sewer, and Fire Department.
5. Supervisor's Report/Building Permits/Correspondence: Building permits were issued in February for one new residence @ \$175,000, bringing the 2007 total to four homes. Last year ten permits had been issued at this time. NKSA: A special meeting is scheduled for March 8th @ 2:00 PM at the City of Rockford to discuss requirements for plant operators and joint ownership of the various components, and to review flow amounts. Brown reported that the Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation committee still needs a second representative from Courtland Township. Porter reported that the GVMC discussed possible state budget cuts at the March meeting.
Appointment of Deputy Supervisor/Zoning Enforcement Officer: McIntyre recommended hiring John O'Rourke at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Davis questioned the large difference in rate of pay between Deputy Supervisor and the other deputies. Motion by Krygier, Porter supported, to appoint J. O'Rourke as Zoning Enforcement Officer only. CARRIED.
6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis stated there were 25 runs for February. The indoor handicap ramps have been installed at station #2, and the well driller is waiting for the weather to break to start drilling. The representative from West Shore estimated the cost for the warning siren at about \$20,000, and recommended locating it near 11 Mile Rd. and Hessler Dr. in order to give better coverage for all the lakes area. The Fire Board is working on the 2007-08 budget, and is also looking into the cost of a generator for station #2. The annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for March 31st from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Moeggenberg reported that there was no meeting in February; no requests were received for March.
8. Planning Commission Report: The date for the March Planning Commission meeting has been changed to March 27. A public hearing will be held on the rezoning request for Courtland Crossings.
Hidden Shores Estates: Township Attorney James Scales summarized the application by Water Ski Lake LLC for Hidden Shores Estates PUD cluster development and Special Land Use approvals for creation of two lakes and removal and processing of soils from the site at 8715 Whittall Ave. The request for special use for removal of soil was later withdrawn by the applicant. The Planning Commission recommended denial of approval of the PUD application and the special land use for creation of the lakes, and presented its findings and basis of recommendation in writing to the Township Board.
Doug Huyser, representing WSL, LLC, gave a chronological history of the project. As part of his rebuttal of the "findings" he distributed several photographs and diagrams to the Board, which were not part of the original information included in the application to the Planning Commission. Prior to the meeting a packet of information from WSL was also given to the Board. In response to findings #4, #5 and #6, he stated that they had removed the special use for soil removal from their request, and that Phase I doesn't need removal of excess dirt. He acknowledged that when Phase II is developed it would be necessary to move the amount of soil stated in finding #4, and they will apply for the Special Use at that time if necessary. He argued that for the open space requirement (finding #8), the lakes and wetlands should be included in the calculation, and that the wetlands would be preserved. In answer to finding #9, he stated that they would be creating a significant natural feature by digging the lakes. He stated that the Hidden Shores development would fit in with the rural residential character of the area (item #10), and would be recreational like the other lakes in the township. Responding to finding #12, he stated that the Kent County Health Department's requirements for septic systems were met in Phase I, and that a community septic system would be used in Phase II. Mr. Huyser referred to the additional information they had obtained from their hydrogeologic study concerning the impact on the water and surrounding environment. The Department of Environmental Quality has not yet reviewed this, because WSL, LLC has not yet applied to the DEQ. He indicated they will submit their application after they receive sketch plan approval.
Trustee Chuck Porter read a statement on why he decided to sell his property to the developers of Hidden Shores Estates. He stated he feels this would be a unique, low density development that would be compatible with the township. Porter questioned why the project couldn't be approved for Phase I only.

Township engineer Chad Sosnowski had commented in writing (letter dated March 5, 2007) on the revised hydrogeologic report, and expressed his concerns regarding the effects of a rise or drop in the water table on the wetlands and the Beaver Dam Creek.

Attorney Scales stated that the Planning Commission decided it should not approve the entire project without considering the mineral (soil) removal issue for the second lake. Finding #7 addresses the phase question, stating that approval of a "Phase I" only is "a significant enough change that it would require re-submittal and additional public hearing on a revised plan".

Brown questioned whether any mining would be required for Phase I. McIntyre stated he felt questions on ski competitions and sewer system needs had not been adequately addressed.

Motion by Crosby, Davis supported, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the application for PUD approval and special land use for creation of the lakes for the reasons set forth in the recommendation. CARRIED – Crosby, McIntyre, Davis, and Brown voted yes; Krygier voted no; Porter abstained; Andersen absent.

9. Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Discussion: McIntyre presented a preliminary budget for next fiscal year. The budget hearing will take place at the April 4, 2007 Township Board meeting.

10. Salary Resolutions 2007-03 thru 2007-06. Resolution 2007-03: Motion by Davis, Krygier supported, to establish the Clerk's salary for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at \$28,500. AYES: Krygier, Crosby, McIntyre, Davis, Brown. NAYS: Porter. ABSENT: Andersen. Resolution 2007-04: Motion by Crosby, Krygier supported, to establish the Treasurer's salary for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at \$28,500. AYES: McIntyre, Davis, Brown, Krygier, Crosby. NAYS: Porter. ABSENT: Andersen. Resolution 2007-05: Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to establish the Supervisor's salary for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at \$24,000. AYES: Brown, Krygier, Crosby, McIntyre, Davis, Porter. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Andersen. Resolution 2007-06: Motion by Davis, to establish the Trustees' salary for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at \$5,500. Motion died for lack of support. Motion by McIntyre, Porter supported, to establish the Trustees' salary for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at \$4,000. AYES: Krygier, Crosby, McIntyre, Brown, Porter. NAYS: Davis. ABSENT: Andersen.

11. Community Development Funds: Motion by McIntyre, Krygier supported, to donate \$25,000 of our Community Development Block Grant Funds to Nelson Township for their new library construction project. POLLED VOTE: YES – ALL.

12. Appointment of Board of Review Alternate Member: Motion by McIntyre, Brown supported, to appoint Doug Haskell as BOR Alternate. CARRIED.

13. KCRC Authorization for Road Construction - Tefft Ave. Motion by Crosby, Davis supported, to authorize construction on Tefft Ave. between 12 and 13 Mile Roads. CARRIED. The township's share is budgeted at \$329,317.

14. Board Member Comments: None.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Submitted by,

APPROVED April 4, 2007

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk