

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor McIntyre. Members present: Andersen, Brown, Crosby, Davis, Krygier, McIntyre and Porter. Members absent: None. Also present: 19 spectators.

Public Hearing: Courtland Township 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan. McIntyre opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM. Resident Carol Shaw offered her continuing support of the township's park plan and stated her belief that it will be well used by our residents. She also stated that she did not like the idea of combining a township park with the county park at Myers Lake as had been previously talked about. Other residents questioned where funding is coming from. McIntyre answered that the township has funds budgeted and that we would be applying for state grant money. Andersen commented that the picnic areas and ball fields might be used for family reunions and parties much like the township hall is rented for such occasions. She stated that the walking trail in the Algoma Township Park is popular, and felt ours would be also. Resident Henry Greeb stated he felt the township should have more land dedicated to parks and plan to purchase more. Crosby stated that purchasing more land for parks is part of the 5-year plan. As there were no further comments, McIntyre closed the public hearing at 7:20 PM. There were no comments during the 30 days that the plan was available for public review. Motion by Crosby, supported by Andersen, to adopt Resolution 2006-15, Courtland Township 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution of Re-adoption. POLLED VOTE: YES – ALL. Resolution declared adopted.

2. Public Comment: Rev. Keith Hemmila (Brookestone Dr.) commented on how well his church had been treated while meeting at Courtland Crossings, and stated he hoped their plan for redeveloping would be well received by the township. Jerry Rardin (Kingsley Dr.) offered chicken barbeque tickets for sale by the Courtland Oakfield Methodist Church.

3. Motion by Porter, Krygier supported, to approve the agenda. CARRIED.

4. Consent Agenda: Motion by Krygier, Davis supported, to approve the Consent Agenda. CARRIED.

A. Approval of Minutes – August 2, 2006 Regular Board meeting.

B. 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 August for 4 new residences @ \$481,000.00, bringing the 2006 total to 36 homes, down from 62 at this time in 2005. Upcoming meetings: Breakfast with Rep. Tom Pearce at Plainfield Township on September 15; KCRC lunch at the North Complex on September 19. There are openings on Kent County Boards and Commissions, applications available at township hall. Cannon Township has agreed to share the cost of odor and corrosion treatment at pump station #1 on the sewer line, and the DPW has not finished the study of the other pump stations. Porter reported that GVMC is opposing the ballot proposal mandating school funding and the Stop Overspending ballot proposal, and is discussing where funds will come from to replace the Single Business Tax. Krygier stated that the NKSA is looking into having the Kent County DPW do maintenance on the new sewer plant, and also commented that so far costs have come in below budget. Next meeting is Thursday, September 7 @ 2:00 PM. Brown stated that the Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation Committee has hired a new director.

6. Fire Board Report: Chief Mickey Davis reported 24 runs in August. The Fire Department picnic will be September 10 @ 2:00 PM at Myers Lake Park. The department's First Responder license has been renewed. The Fire Board is checking into the cost of a new well for filling trucks at station #2, and whether local farmers would allow trucks to fill up at their irrigation wells. Chuck Porter spoke of the difficulties of doing this, such as water pressure and piping of irrigation wells. The wells are also drained for winter. Chief Davis stated that there were very few good locations in the township for dry hydrants.

Chief Davis presented firefighter applications from Jamie Dowd and Michael Yancey. Dowd is EMT licensed, Yancey is the son of firefighter Harold Yancey, and both are available days. The Fire Board has recommended hiring both of them. Motion by Porter, Brown supported, to hire Jamie Dowd and Michael Yancey as firefighters. CARRIED.

Also, the fire millage was approved by a large majority at the August Primary Election. Marty Patterson reported a compliment he received from a resident regarding our department's quick response times.

7. Zoning Board of Appeals Report: Andersen reported that the DeYoung (Je Ne Be Dr.) setback variance was approved. One request was received for September.

8. Planning Commission Report: Jerry Davis reported that there was no regular Planning Commission meeting in August, but a Master Plan workshop was held on August 29. He recommended that the Board read the draft of the new Master Plan if they haven't already done so.

9. Presentation by Carolyn Riegler of Landon Holdings. Carolyn Riegler and Jason Wagner were present from Landon Holdings, owners of the Courtland Crossings MHC, to outline their plan for re-development of the site. The plan combines mobile homes, condominiums, and stick built single-family homes, for a total of 550 homes, down from the 690 mobile homes in the original plan. Board members questioned how the current MHC zoning, issued by consent judgment, could be changed to accommodate stick built homes and/or condos, and whether the fifty mobile homes called for in the new plan would insulate the township from another similar lawsuit in the future. Courtland Crossings resident Jerry Rardin urged the Board to consider the new plan. Bev Stout, also a park resident, questioned what size lots would be in the proposed new MHC section. Jerry Davis asked that the Planning Commission be included in any re-development plans, with Landon Holdings making application to the Commission for development plan approval. We will need to consult our attorney regarding re-zoning and terms of the consent judgment.

10. Appointment of ZBA Alternate: McIntyre presented an application from Brent Boncher, and stated he is interested in becoming ZBA alternate. Motion by Andersen, Porter supported, to appoint Brent Boncher as alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. CARRIED.

11. Request for Bubbler Ordinance – Big Brower Lake: Gale Satterlee, president of the Big Brower Lake Association, presented petitions signed by lake residents requesting the township to pass an ordinance restricting the use of bubblers in the lake. He cited concerns over open water on the lake during the winter caused by a lake resident running a bubbler year round. McIntyre stated that we will look over the petitions and consult the township attorney.

12. KCRC – Road Projects for 2007: McIntyre has been informed by the Road Commission that Berrigan Ave. will probably not be paved this year, but will be done in 2007. With the Board's approval, KCRC will begin engineering studies on Tefft Ave. between 12 and 13 Mile Roads as our next road-paving project. Motion by Porter, Krygier supported, to authorize engineering work on Tefft. Ave. CARRIED.

13. Resolution 2006-16: POW-MIA Recognition Day: Motion by Davis, Brown supported, to adopt Resolution 2006-16 declaring September 15, 2006 as POW-MIA Recognition Day. CARRIED.

14. Board Member Comments: Jerry Davis stated that the check for our donation to the Cedar Springs Park & Recreation Committee has not been cashed. Brown asked him to issue another check since the original seems to be lost.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Submitted by,

Marilynn Crosby, Clerk