

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

August 16, 2011

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Larry Handshoe, Kim Good, Randy Atwood and Tom Rush.

Call to Order – The August 16, 2011 Baldwin Township special meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 8:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meet with Bob Bunger & Katrina Pierson, HBH Consultants, Regarding Grant Writing – Swanson explained that the township is looking for grants to finance projects and that Bob Bunger came highly recommended by Don Hickman. Both Bunger and Pierson proceeded to highlight their successes regarding writing grants. They explained the process, and what could possibly be expected. Priority projects will be identified in which Bunger and Pierson will have a sense of the funding sources, and be able to come back with options. Their fees are based by the project, but it was indicated that a complimentary project could be prepared for the township. A special meeting will be held on August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for approval/disapproval for Bunger and Pierson to prepare a grant for the August 23, deadline. The complimentary grant will revolve around park grants. The clerk will send a list of priorities of park and dollar figures to Bunger.

Clarification of August 1st Motion Regarding Elk Lake Beach – Good stated that she wanted clarification of the motion made regarding the Elk Lake beach. On the agenda it was listed as “Approve/Disapprove Rescinding Previous Motion on Removing Boat Launch at Elk Lake” and her motion was to not rescind it. Swanson replied that the decision made at an earlier time was to remove the launch and the August 1, 2011 motion ensured that the previous motion stands.

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Alternate Boat Launch at 285th Avenue – Jon Bogart, Township Engineer, presented several different revised plans in regards to the rain garden at the Elk Lake Beach. The township owns another beach on the north side. There is almost 50 feet for turning around, and room for parking. The Township could put a ramp in there with some off street parking since it does have promise. There would be a need to have Bill Bronder identify where the wetland lies. If feasible, it is another option for the board to review. A ramp could go into the beach on the north side; then keep the rain garden the same size at the Elk Lake Beach. Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table until the August 22, 2011 meeting in order for Bogart to determine what to do and which action to take.

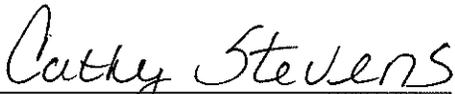
Discuss Elk Lake Beach Issue – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to table.

Review/Approve/Disapprove Township Engineer's Elk Lake Access Plan –
Atwood/Handshoe unanimous to table.

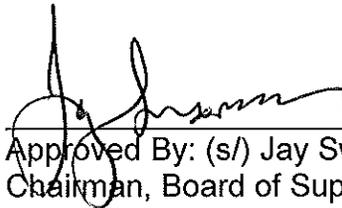
Approve/Disapprove Resolution Requiring a Bond or Other Security on a Cartway Proceeding – Good/Handshoe unanimous to approve the Resolution Requiring a Bond or Other Security on a Cartway Proceeding with a \$15,000 security.

Appoint Town Board Member as HCP Liaison – Rush/Handshoe motion to appoint Kim Good as HCP liaison. Motion died due to lack of a vote. Discussion followed on whether the board members could take turns and/or rotate or if there should be two board members at each HCP meeting. Rush commented that he thought it should be a quarterly rotation with the board member giving a briefing to the board. Swanson said he would start with the first quarter. To be put on the October agenda is which supervisor for sure will transition into the next quarter. The board member liaison to the HCP committee will be part of the task force as a liaison between the board and the task force with no voting, only advisory, capacity. It was said that it would be a much more sanctioned meeting if a board member was present.

Adjourn – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Cathy Stevens
Clerk/Treasurer
Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Bob Bunger, Katrina Pierson, Tech Huntington, Blane Ding, Shelley Larson, Ron Hurkman, Cathy Hurkman, Dawn Othoudt, Dave Looney, Tristin Hicks, Christi Miller, Carol Swanson, Dean McDevitt, Chuck Nagle, Elaine Philippi, Jon Bogart, Gene Nitz