

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 2016

**Present** – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Tom Rush and Larry Handshoe. Supervisor Brad Schumacher arrived at 7:06 p.m. Supervisor Jeff Holm absent.

**Call to Order** – The September 19, 2016 regular meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom Rush at 7:02 p.m.

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

### **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

- Add "Bridget Chard Letter Concerning Frontier Trails" to New Business.
- Add "Discuss Batting Cages from PYSBA Members" after Treasurer's Report.
- Add "Sod Donation from Bryan Lawrence" to Old Business.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda With/Without Additions/Corrections-** Handshoe/Swanson unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**September 2016 Preliminary Treasurer's Report** – The clerk reported receipts of \$3,988.11 and disbursements of \$27,763.59, check numbers 20470 through 20515 and 6 EFT payments leaving an unaudited balance of \$828,979.22.

**Discuss Batting Cages from PYSBA Members** – Jeremy Linden and Nate House were present as PYSBA representatives to discuss the batting cages. Rush asked if they planned on donating to the township or own it and have their own insurance umbrella. There was discussion on the placement of the cages. The cages are single arm batting cages 2 feet wide by 6 feet long. Swanson stated that he was not sure if the township insurance would cover them if we did not own them. Would they be open to the public? Mr. Linden stated that they tried to get them installed at Mark Park but it was too much of long range plan for the PYSBA. They want to get them up and running. They purchased 3 machines and 4 cages. The bottom 6 feet is chain link. The original plan at Mark Park was to block out certain times for our teams to use it. Rush stated that they would be installing a concrete slab and bolting it down. Schumacher stated that it will take power. Mr. Linden stated that it was all single phase. Discussion on how electricity would be paid for. The machine is approximately \$6,500 new. It is not the intention of the PYSBA to be there supervising the cages. Handshoe asked why the city did not want it. Mr. House stated that they were led to believe it would happen but the group spoke out of turn. The park board was going to put a roof over them. Rush stated that if we accept the donation it is covered by our insurance. Basically the cages will not be used this year. We have 6-7 months down the line to tidy this up. It would be a win for the township and a great opportunity for the field and community. Mr. House stated that it is the intentions of our board to offer it in 2 donations. First the cages and then the machines. Get them up and in place. The

cages for the ground part would be field lime. For the machines they would then add concrete and anchor them down. They would make it so it is maintenance free. It would be rolled turf or Ag lime. Rush stated that the earliest would be April. Mr. Linden stated that it would involve planning with the sprinkler system. Rush stated that the ideal spot would be between the swings and the rain garden.

Rush motioned to accept the donation of the cage part as the first phase to get it in (2 cages). Swanson asked if would install it with Rush pointing to the 2 representatives from the PYSBA.

**Close Regular Meeting** – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to close the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Open Public Hearing on Unpaid Sewer Charges, Frontier Trails** – Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to open the public hearing to discuss the Frontier Trails unpaid sewer charges at 7:30 p.m.

No written comments were received and there was no one in attendance that wanted to speak.

**Close Public Hearing** – Swanson/Rush unanimous to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

**Reopen Regular Meeting** – Rush/Handshoe unanimous to reopen the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Approve/Disapprove Resolution 16-14; Resolution Certifying Delinquent Community Sewer Treatment Fees and Related Interest** – Rush motion to approve anything over \$124.62 as shown on Exhibit A. Handshoe seconded the motion. Discussion on the resolution limiting the ability of residents to pay late months. Schumacher stated that the only way of collecting money is to assess to taxes. Swanson stated that he does not mind certifying to taxes if residents paid up before October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The clerk stated that, in the past, if a resident paid before December she has let the county know then it does not go on property taxes. Rush made a friendly amendment if not received by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Handshoe accepted the friendly amendment. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

**Batting Cages (continued)** – Swanson stated that he believes a better spot for the cages would be over by the baseball field. Swanson seconded Rush's motion. Handshoe stated more research needs to be done. Mr. Linden stated that if the cages do not work the township can always give them back. Mr. House stated that they are looking at spring. The urgency is to know that there is a place to put them. Upon voice vote the motion carried with Handshoe opposed.

**Road Report** – No report.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** – Swanson/Rush unanimous to approve the Town Board special meeting minutes of September 7, 2016.

**CONDITIONAL & INTERIM USE PERMITS:** None.

**PLATS:** None.

**VARIANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**County Planning & Zoning Report** – Bryan Lawrence commended the board on the Funfest. Schumacher stated the thanks needs to go to the BVC. Mr. Lawrence stated that it was a short meeting but solar farms keep coming up and it keeps being tabled. There is a meeting today with the county, Big Lake Township and a solar corporation. There is a new T Mobile tower going up in Big Lake Township. A zoning change in Haven Township from industrial to commercial came in and the same property owners came in for an IUP.

**Sod Donation from Bryan Lawrence** – Lawrence stated that they cut until it freezes and the benefit to getting it down this fall is that you will be able to use it sooner in the spring. Discussion on installing it in the spring. Lawrence stated that Rocket Turf will donate 1,000 yards to the township. Swanson/Rush unanimous to approve up to 6,000 yards at a \$1.85/yard and an in kind donation of a 1,000 yards from Rocket Turf. Lawrence stated that they will hold the numbers until spring.

**Park Committee Report** – Rush reported that 590 ton of lime has been put down. The survey crew is out there today to stake the fence lines. The fence will be installed tomorrow or Wednesday. He needs to meet with Able Well and will work with Dale Hansen on the electric. Swanson questioned if the township was going to go with Dale Hansen with Schumacher stated that technically his number is tentative. Rush stated that Dale Hansen had 3 questions: 1. He needs to talk to Able Well; 2. Do we want the cement slab for the light post; and 3. Do we have lights for the 3 posts. Schumacher stated that we do not have the wire that goes inside the poles. Rush reported that the Park Committee discussed the remaining board sections and they have no intention of building a scenic overlook. They recommend taking the brackets off. Swanson suggested talking to Nisswa to see if they will take them back. At one time Marv's was willing to take back extra wood. Swanson will work with Marv's. Rush asked if the town board wanted to keep some for future repairs and the remaining board members said 'no'. The committee is off for the rest of the year.

**Baldwin Volunteer Corps Update** – Jay Swanson attended the meeting for Tom Rush. There are 6 runners signed up for the Funfest. We need to address parking. In the future what Terry cut either make it back ballfields or make it parking. Swanson wants to thank Krisie Galligher and she took the run/walk by herself and it was a big endeavor. The BVC is getting burned out and are trying to look for people to help. Terry Carlile felt

he was kept in the dark about all of this and suggested having Terry be a part of the BVC when it gets closer to next year's Funfest. In addition to the Funfest would be a car show for next year. Are we going to allow parking on the outfield or ballfield? Rush stated that there would be an issue for the sprinkler heads and sod. Swanson stated no to a car show then. Rush stated it could be separate from the Funfest. Swanson suggested approaching the county to see if we can get another inlet. Swanson asked where we are at with the title search for Goose Lake Park. The clerk stated that it is still on her desk as she needs the title company contact information. Discussion on the easements for the park trail and the possibility of not needing easements (313<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

**OSHA Update** – No update.

**Water Tender Update** – No update.

#### **TABLED ITEMS:**

**Approve/Disapprove Electrical Quotes for Young Park** – Discussion on what is needed for the park. Swanson suggested putting a list together and the clerk can send out to electricians. The list will consist of: 50 amps single phase out to the well and a wire control box; 20 amp or 2 – 20 amp circuits for the 3 lights with a dusk to dawn photo eye; the electrician will wire and stand them up. Swanson will review before the clerk sends out. Swanson/Rush unanimous that the quotes will be opened at 7:30 p.m. on October 3, 2016.

Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to table until the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Changes to Township Insurance** – After noting the differences, Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve no changes with the township insurance policies.

**Bridget Chard Letter Concerning Frontier Trails** – Swanson made changes to what Bridget Chard had sent out. Swanson/Handshoe unanimous to approve sending out with suggested changes. Schumacher stated that we have tried to allow numerous contacts and has failed and that this is our last resort.

#### **Announcements:**

- MS4 Meeting, Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m., East Bethel City Hall – The Clerk will post the MS4 meeting in the event that Schumacher, Swanson and Handshoe intend on attending.

**Any Other Business** – None.

**Motion to Approve Bills for Payment** - Rush/Handshoe unanimous to approve for payment check numbers 20510 through 20515 and 1 EFT payment totaling \$6,017.27.

**Adjourn** – Swanson/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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

  
Approved By: (s/) Brad Schumacher  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

10-3-16  
Date

Attendees: Lester W. Kriesel, Bryan Lawrence, Jeremy Linden, Nate House