

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members absent: None

16 citizens were in attendance

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to approve the minutes of the April meeting were previously published. Motion passed.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the tabling of the resolution of support for the trail and replacing it with scheduling a meeting for the Industrial Park. Motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks** – all is going well at the parks, looking at the budget for next year. **DDA** – letter of conditional commitment has been received from MDOT in the amount of \$280,000 for the pathway project. DDA is hoping to receive a similar amount from the DNR Trust Fund. **Beautification** – benches to be pulled out of storage this week, three new benches are ready to be started. Burt Lake Preservation has promised to donate additional funds for Green Docks improvements. **Planning Commission** – met with Mary Campbell regarding the Master Plan. She is starting with the basics and will meet with the Commission again in June. **Marina Park** – Boat launch project has started. The parking lot is approximately 50% complete. Estimated completion date is first of July, if the weather holds. Brian Boals addressed the concerns regarding the construction of the parking lot.

**Police Report** – Chief Wagner reported that the Department held an Eddie Eagle gun safety class at the school last month and that the DARE graduation was today. The rapid response training at the school for the teachers and staff has been completed and the Department solved five B&E's that occurred recently. The Department has also filed for a Cop's grant for a school liaison officer. The grant will fund the position fully for three years with the department picking up the cost of the fourth year. We will receive a response by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,180,113.28; the tax accounts \$12,908.15 with interest.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported to proceed with the Waubun Beach Plat Amendment when we receive a letter from the Cheboygan County Equalization Department stating that they will adjust the invoice for township services billed in 2009 to zero. The township will cover the costs for the amendment and the Equalization Department will waive the costs incurred for mailing and printing the summer and winter tax bills and the notice of assessment. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Supervisor Ridley reported on several letters received this month: a thank you from Congressman Stupak, the Easter Egg Hunt Committee, and a letter received from Ada Takacs, DNR regarding trash on public land in Cheboygan County. Tuscarora Township has ten sites and Clerk Fisher would like the board to volunteer their efforts to clean up a couple of those sites. Ada Takacs has informed Fisher that she could have a dumpster at the DNR field office for the trash.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported allowing the Cheboygan County Recycling to construct a wooden privacy fence and make parking area improvements at the recycling center located on Martha Street contingent on an amendment to the existing lease. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

A work meeting of the Township Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss pricing on the lots in the Industrial Park.

Sallie Snyder provided an overview of the meeting between the DNR and Marina Park for the proposed trailhead to be located in Marina Park. The township has received a memorandum of understanding from the DNR to assist with the planning to incorporate the trail through the Marina Park development. Gourdie Fraser has already begun work on the study.

Trustee McGinnis reported that a public hearing has been scheduled for ORV usage on Cheboygan County roads on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Some of the Commissioners have voiced concerns on the safety issues for those 16 and under.

Clerk Fisher reported that Sgt. Bavarskas, DNR, was in Indian River researching the issue of towing occupied tubes on the Indian River. Sgt. Bavarskas informed Fisher that he would be scheduling a public hearing the first part of July. The hearing will be for information gathering only and no decision will be made at that meeting.

Waldron moved and McGinnis supported Gourdie Fraser finalizing the design with the Cheboygan County Road Commission for the turn around required on River Street. This is a requirement for the closing of River Street at the culvert. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Supervisor Ridley has received windshield (rough) estimates from the Cheboygan County Road Commission for resurfacing E. Fisher Woods Road and Apple Blossom Lane if the property owners on those streets would like to form a special assessment district to have the work performed.

Supervisor Ridley recommended LeeAnne Malenfant to replace Bob Laviolette on the Board of Review. Fisher moved and Waldron supported the appointment of Malenfant to the Board of Review. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens comments: Request to replace the Burt Lake public access sign on East/West Resort Rd. Compliments to the new Park Supervisor and his crew on their work done so far this spring.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk  
Michael Ridley, Supervisor