

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
May 2012***

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:00 on May 14, 2012 at the township hall. Lindholm opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

Supervisor Ron Jones, Clerk Sheila Meiste, Treasurer, Misti Lindholm, Trustee Hilda Boerman, Trustee Dick Schipper.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

5. New business

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to amend the 2011/2012 budget, as needed. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) The Girl Scout troop was present regarding clean-up of the cemetery. Ron has had discussions with the township lawyer on operation and maintenance of cemeteries. The board is supportive of outside organizations volunteering but we do have rules and ordinances people need to follow. The whole procedure needs to be supervised and approved of by our sexton along with the names of people doing the volunteer work.

Michelle Timmer presented pictures and commented on what the community has told her needs to be fixed. Girl Scout Shelby Timmer presented the projects they would like to do in order to receive a Gold Reward. There are headstones broken which they feel need to be replaced. They are also seeking permission to add two cement benches. Sheila mentioned they would need to work with board to replace or fix broken headstones, since these belong to the families. The township has received very few complaints on our cemeteries and have had residents tell them they feel the older headstones add character.

The Girls Scouts would like to see an explanation of what a Potter's Field is and wondered if there is a way to keep people from sitting in this area at the Memorial Day service. Phil explained the Potter's Field and the board agreed a sign would be a good idea. The Pottawatomie Indians will be meeting with the Girl Scouts to see about coming up with wording for a sign. Sheila mentioned a small wrought iron fence could be placed around this area as well.

Sexton Phil Genzink mentioned when he and his wife were contacted they thought this was a great idea, but feels it got carried away. Phil realizes he should have contacted the

board sooner and he would like to regroup and try work together with the Girl Scouts to get the project done. He has come up with a project list for them. They have set a work date for Saturday, May 19 from 9-3.

The township will check into replacing the wood posts at the end of the drive with vinyl posts.

c) Misti received a call from Hamilton CRC in regards to placing a well on the Riverside Cemetery property. Our lawyer and the Health Dept. are looking into this and will be getting back to us.

d) Misti presented a report on the Allegan County Chapter Meeting on April 30, 2012.

e) The annual budget hearing will be held next month.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to work on the townships Master Plan.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman to pay township bills.

b) Motion by Lindholm supported by Schipper to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 8:15.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste, approved by Supervisor Ron Jones.