

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
November 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 November 12, 2012 at the township hall. Boerman opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey newly elected County Commissioner.

- Retirement at the county for Dan Hoffman who is going to work for Fennville
- Wellness program for county employees to help reduce health insurance costs.
- Moved alternate operational emergency system to Plainwell, financed by Palisade Nuclear Plant.
- Construction in 2014 to improve safety on M-40 by 196 ramp, costing \$1.5million

5. New business

a) Lawn Maintenance Bids. Received quotes from Straight Line, Excel Lawn and Choice Landscape. Board reviewed each company per line item specs. Motion by Boerman and supported by Lindholm to approve a 3-year contract from April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2016 to Straight Line. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Thanks from the board to Dick Schipper for his 24 years of service and welcome to the new trustee, Bill Harvey.

c) Ron recommends the board appoint Bill Harvey to the ZBA through December 2015. Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm. All ayes. Motion carried. Hilda will contact the chairperson to have the ZBA meet in January to appoint new officers.

d) M.C. Smith Associates met with Ron and Hilda to start the process for a Parks and Recreation Plan. The first step is to obtain land surveys, maps from Allegan County and a copy of the draft of the township's Master Plan. The township board needs a Park and Recreation Plan before applying for grants. We hope to start this process by the beginning of 2014.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commission will not be meeting in November. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00. A relocation of a feed mill into Hamilton will be on the agenda and they will be working on the Master Plan.
- b) At the October meeting the Planning Commission approved rezoning of 8.6 acres at 4778 135th Ave., from AG to R-1. A motion was made by Schipper, supported by Meiste to approve this rezoning. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Bills

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to pay township bills.
- b) Motion by Schipper supported by Boerman to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Meiste supported by Schipper to adjourn the meeting at 7:36.

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