

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
April 2013***

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 April 8, 2013 at the township hall. Lindholm opened with prayer.

2. Roll call

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey, County Commissioner

- Consumers Energy's plan for installation of smart meters. Does the county government have any legal authority over this? There is a bill pending in Michigan House if citizens will be able to opt out.
- Rate for service charge on cell phones for 911.

5. New business

a) Proposal from Hopkins District library to join their district. Discussion followed and due to cost, lack of interest and the townships commitment to Herrick Library, the board was not interested in joining.

b) Resolution presented to the board to exercise final authority for adoption of the township master plan. Motion by Harvey support Boerman to adopt. Roll call vote: Jones-yes, Boerman-yes, Lindholm-yes, Harvey-yes, Meiste-yes.

c) Clean up days went well. There were five dumpsters used. The next clean up day is in two weeks and will include hazardous waste and electronics.

d) Approve 2013 road work. Repave 135th Ave. from M-40 east 1.2 miles at \$132,000. Repave 43rd from 130th N. ½ mile, 131st from 41st. to 42nd and 42nd from 131st to 132nd, 1.5 miles at \$165,000. Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm and unanimously passed.

e) Kirk Van Order questioned if there could be a path and parking area on 135th where kayakers/canoes could put in the river down to the dam. Also, he would like to see kayaks/canoes be able to travel down the Kalamazoo River to the New Richmond Bridge. Ron mentioned we will bring this to M.C. Smith Associates to include in our Recreation

Plan. The board has been discussing this and possibly looking into applying for a joint grant with Manlius Township.

f) Proposed preliminary cost estimate from M.C. Smith of \$284,000 for Trestle (Schutmaat) Park and \$662,000 for the Township Park. They feel the township will be able to get a grant for the Trestle Park, but not both the Township Hall and Trestle park. The park which applies for the grant will take 2+ years, whereas, the Township Park could be started as soon as this fall. The board can choose to do all of it now or have the area cleared for future use. A motion was made by Meiste supported by Boerman and passed unanimously to begin the grant process on the Trestle Park and move forward on starting the Township Park.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 for two special use permit applications.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Meiste to adjourn the meeting at 8:10.

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