

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
December 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 December 9, 2013 at the township hall. Meiste 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. Mr. Beyer would like to see a correction in the November minutes to read "this is inconsistent with the Future Land Use Plan."

4. Reports

None

5. New business

a) Give approval for M.C. Smith to proceed with the grant process for the park by the Hamilton Dam. Motion by Meiste and supported by Harvey and unanimously approved. Hilda will check with them on the next meeting time.

b) Consumers Power rezoning request which was tabled from last month's meeting. Hilda obtained maps from our zoning administrator and approximately 11 of the 35 acres requested is already zoned industrial. Ron explained the process the township board, planning commission and our lawyers take in looking seriously at rezoning requests. We realize the issues people have with noise, setbacks, road traffic, fencing, etc. Consumers will not be using 130th as their main road, only as an emergency.

Bill stated if you read further into the Master Plan it is to be reviewed annually for the growth of the community. Ron explained the Future Land Use Plan is a tool. The township board and Planning Commission are legally correct in changing zoning. Consumers is essential to the majority of the community and the residents it serves. A Consumers representative stated it is beneficial to have them in your community in regards to response times. They explained the process they go through in determining where to build. They look at various townships zoning and Master Plans and try to buy land around areas already zoned Industrial. This site will be a customer service center.

Motion by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to accept the Planning Commission request to rezone the property.

6. Zoning update

- a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday January 16, 2014 at 7:00.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

- a) Motion by Harvey supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 8:00.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste