

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
March 2014***

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 March 10, 2014 at the township hall. Harvey 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

Bob Genetski, State Representative

- Schools will see an increase of \$111 per person
- Road funding - \$9.7 million for snow removal and pothole. Government is not in favor of gas tax or registration fee increase. Public Act 51 needs to be changed.
- Year round school. School districts are free to change their school calendar.

5. New business

a) Mrs. Kooiker is representing her daughter Kate who is finishing up a project to earn her Girl Scout "Gold Award." She is submitting wordage for the Potters Field sign in Riverside Cemetery. Discussion was held on changing the wording, paying for the sign and having the township mount it on the fence. Motion to approve by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved.

b) Gravel Program for 2014. 127th from M-40 east to 36th & 38th from 126th to 128th. Estimated cost of \$30,000 for three miles. Motion to approve by Boerman supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved.

c) Approved hiring Lisa Freeman as Bob's deputy assessor at a cost of \$17.50/hr. or \$7,280/year. She has graduated from the State Assessors program and is a licensed assessor. She is currently working for Overisel Township and would spend approximately two hours or more a week in the office and six or more hours in the township doing site visits. Motion to approve by Lindholm supported by Boerman and unanimously approved

d) Adopt a resolution to authorize submission of a grant to the Michigan DNR for the Trestle Park Waterfront. The board commits to contributing \$156,000 or 50% of the total cost of \$312,000. Motion to approve by Boerman supported by Harvey. Roll call vote: Lindholm-yes, Boerman-yes, Harvey-yes, Jones-yes, Meiste-yes. Resolution adopted.

e) Approved two year Recreation Agreement with Hamilton Community Schools commencing April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2016. Motion to approve by Meiste supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

f) The Planning Commission approved Great Lakes Walls request to rezone from C-1 to I-1. In April they will be coming the Planning Commission for a special use permit. Discussion was held and the township board is strongly encouraging the Planning Commission to have Great Lakes Place a berm along M-40 where their trailers are parked. Motion to approve by Harvey supported by Boerman and unanimously approved to grant rezoning.

g) Ron presented four options in regards to the Lions Club request from last fall.

- Storage building attached to the barbeque pit for \$9,500. The cost and ownership of the building would be the townships responsibility.
- Build a roof with a ceiling over attached slab for \$6,000.
- Pour a concrete slab west of the barbeque pit.
- Do nothing.

The board discussed and reviewed the ideas and at this time prefers to do nothing.

h) Approved bid from Chef for clean-up days in April and September. Motion to approve by Lindholm supported by Boerman and unanimously approved.

i) The board discussed whether or not to charge a fee for use of the township park. It was decided people may use it on a first come first serve basis at no cost

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission and ZBA members will be meeting on Thursday March 20, 2014 at 6:00 for a training session with Mark Sissons.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion to approve by Lindholm supported by Boerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste.