

***Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
May 2016***

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 11, 2016 at the township hall. He also opened with prayer.

2. Members present

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

- a) Jim Storey, County Commissioner presented a summary of previous meetings.
 - County equalization notices up for assessed value in the township and county
 - Radio system meeting on Monday, May 23 at the Griswold Auditorium at 6:00. Task force will be coming up with a recommendation.
 - Summary of survey on marijuana legalization
 - Set a priority for capitalization expenditures
 - Members hearing a presentation on Friday from WEMET
- b) Bob Genetski presented himself as the Republican for County Clerk
- c) Abigail Nobel presented herself as the Republican for State Representative

5. New business

- a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved to amend the 2015/16 budget. Next month will be the budget hearing with copies of the budget available.
- b) Hilda gave an update on the park, which is close to completion.
 - One more meeting with Buddy to go over the final punch list.
 - Railings are getting sanded, crack in some cement work,
 - Park bench is \$2,700 and donation from Schutmaat's was \$2,500. She will contact him about the difference.
 - Vandalism on portable toilet and high volume use. Cleaning will change from once a month to every week.
 - One mowing done by Al's and they owe us two more.

c) Resident Tracy Riley has volunteered to open and close the gate at Schutmaat Park. She believes there are drug deals taking place in the park and has been working with an officer who does drug enforcement. She feels the vehicles have scanners and know when the police have been called. She would like to see the gate locked every night. Right now she is voluntarily opening and closing the gate at 11p.m. and 6 a.m. She has 27 petition signatures from residents, including her and her husband. She would also like to see speed signs posted at 25 mph. Misti has contacted the road commission about this issue.

Bill questioned if there is more parking made at the top of the hill, what are we stopping then? The drug dealers and problems will continue.

The board would like to hear what Jim finds out about what other parks do and talk to the county sheriff department to get more information.

The township had a sign before the park improvement with hours posted from 11 – 6. This has been moved to the top of the hill.

d) Notice for last month's planning commission was not posted and had to be postponed for a month. Ron noted the board is concerned that without our lawyer taking care of these notices, we are putting township employees in a liable position. We prefer to protect members who serve on our board and elected officials. The board prefers to have a professional entity doing this over saving money for the township. Motion by Meiste supported by Harvey to have the legal notices for P.C. and ZBA sent by Bob to the lawyer so the notice can be published at least 15 days ahead of a meeting. The secretary of each board will continue to mail notices to all property owners and occupants of properties within 300 feet at least 15 days ahead of the meetings.

e) Questions from residents about why part of Hubbard Street was patched and not the other. Bill will check with the road commission.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 for two accessory buildings and to review Section 16 in regard to setbacks.

7. Bills

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

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 8:05.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste