

**Paradise Township Board  
Regular meeting  
JUNE 10, 2009**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Dean at: 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Dean, Gulliver, King, Trudell, Whims

**Approval of Agenda: King/Whims motion to approve agenda: Carried 5/0.**

**Consent Agenda:** The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with in one Board Motion without discussion. Any member of the public, board, or staff may ask that any item of the consent calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the Agenda for full discussion. Such request will be automatically respected. Motion: **Trudell**, Second **Gulliver**. King yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes, Dean yes: **Carried 5/0.**

Township Bills pre approved: \$23,974.48

Parks and Recreation Bills: \$15.37

Minutes of May 13, 2009

Zoning Report

Treasurer's Report

~~Supervisor's Report~~

Parks and Recreation Report

Clerk's Report

County Planning Report

~~County Association Report~~

There was a correction of the minutes on page 3, #4 under New Business. Change motion carried from 5/1 to 4/1.

**Announcements/Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

**Special Reports:**

**Sheriff Department:** Report given by Officer Taylor. There were 14 citations, 109 calls for service and 5 traffic crashes.

**County Commissioner:** Report given by Larry Fleis on the following:

- County Septage Plant Meetings
- County Department Budgets
- Removal of Dams/Funding Options

- Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners will be taking a tour of the Civic Center, Kingsley Library/Village Offices, Paradise Township Hall, and EMS & Ambulance Building on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Department:** No Report.

**Ambulance:** No Report.

**Public Input (non-agenda items):** Nothing to discuss.

### **Old Business**

- 1. Township By-laws: Trudell/King: motion to adopt Paradise Township By-laws as amended: Carried 5/0.**
- 2. Compactor: Trudell/King: motion to put \$20,000 in a CD to hold for one year. The Board will readdress the Compactor during next year's budget: Carried 5/0.**
- 3. ORV Ordinance: Trudell/Whims: motion to accept Road Commission Proposal as is and review in six (6) months: Carried 5/0.**
- 4. Parks & Recreation Committee Appointment: Dean/King: motion to appoint Sarah Merz to the Parks & Recreation Committee: Carried 3/2 (Gulliver/Trudell).**
- 5. Planning Commission Appointment: Dean/King: motion to appoint Rob Lajko to the Planning Commission: Carried 5/0.**
- 6. Zoning Board of Appeals: Dean/Whims: Motion to appoint Kurt Douglass to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Carried 5/0.**

### **New Business:**

- 1. ABI Mechanical Contractors: Trudell/Gulliver: motion to approve 2009 Contract with ABI Mechanical Contractors for HVAC Preventative Maintenance Services: Trudell yes, King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.**
- 2. Heritage Days: Mr. King received a request for contributions from Heritage Days. The Township can not make a donation, but can purchase an item or a service for them. Gulliver indicated that she needs a specific request from Heritage Days for what they would like us to purchase. It was**

decided that the cost should be in the \$500 range. King indicated that Heritage Days will also need to sign a “Hold Harmless Clause.” The Board requested that Mr. King attend the next Heritage Days Meeting to present this offer to them.

- 3. Fireworks: Whims/King: motion to pay \$500 to the Grand Traverse Veterans for the Fireworks Request: King yes, Trudell yes, Dean yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**
- 4. Zoning/Planning Wages:** Trudell wanted to remind the Board that they will need to reassess the Zoning/Planning wages in July.
- 5. Parks & Recreation Master Plan:** Trudell shared that there has been talk of possibly putting together a joint Parks & Recreation Plan between the Township and the Village. This will give us a better rating that will allow us to obtain more grant money that otherwise would not be available to us. The Township was asked if they are interested in such a venture. This special committee would be made up of no more than eleven (11) members.
- 6. Cemetery Equipment:** There has recently been some discussion between the Evergreen Cemetery Board members and the Township regarding ownership of the cemetery and its equipment. Trudell wanted to make it clear that it was not the intention of the Township to step on any toes. The Township simply needs clarification regarding ownership for insurance and audit purposes.

Mr. Carl Brown, Cemetery Board Member, indicated that he has spoken to Elmer’s about refurbishing the cemetery roads with the recycled asphalt from the work that was done on M-113 recently. He also acquired two other quotes from other companies for this job. They are as follows:

- Elmer’s: \$8,885 for re-gravel with recycled material
- Belanger’s Excavating: \$7,860 with 23A gravel
- Molon Excavating: \$16,116

**Trudell/Gulliver: motion to do a title search on Barnum, Blackman, and Wood (aka Sparling) Cemeteries: Dean no, Whims yes, King yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 4/1.**

**Whims/Trudell: motion to allow Whims to commit up to ~~\$35.00~~ \$350 total on the title search: Carried 5/0.**

7. **Picture of MPP:** Trudell indicated that Edna Sargent has an aerial photo of MPP that she would like to donate to the Township.
8. **Mayfield Pond Park:** Dean indicated that there is a need for a policy regarding charging a fee for reserving the shelter at MPP: **Trudell/King: motion to charge all residents and organizations \$25.00 to rent the shelter at Mayfield Pond Park effective April 2010: Carried 5/0**  
  
**Gulliver/Whims: motion to charge all residents and organizations \$45.00 (w/o electric) and \$50.00 (w/ electric) to rent the shelter at Mayfield Pond Park effective June 11, 2009 till October 31, 2009: Carried 5/0**
9. **Sign – Fire Barn:** Dean reported the EMS and Ambulance Building is looking into getting a sign for their building to be placed out by the road possibly on or next to the Township sign.

#### **General Board Discussion:**

1. **Planning Commission:** Whims reported that the Planning Commission has finished developing the Community Survey. **Whims/Gulliver: motion to include the Community Survey in the Summer Tax Bill Mailing and the Summer Newsletter: Carried 5/0.**

The Planning Commission has begun work on the Master Plan. They plan to review a few sections at a time every month. They are currently working on sections 1-3 for the July meeting. Mr. Radtke will be researching examples of other Master Plans and up to date statistics.

Whims reported that the Planning Commission held elections. Phil Hamner is the new Chair, Tim Wicksall is the Vice Chair, and Phil Case is the Secretary. Whims indicated that Mr. Geisert was nominated to continue being the Chair. However, he turned it down indicating that he needs to step back from this position for a while. Whims expressed his gratitude for Mr. Geisert's service.

2. **Supervisor:** Dean indicated that she attended meetings regarding the County Septage Plant. There will be a round table meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. She was told at the County Association Meeting that it is

projected that there will be a 5% drop in revenue sharing for this year and possibly for next year as well.

- 3. Trustee Report:** Trudell reported that he attended the MTA Spring Meeting in Cadillac.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of June Bills: King/Trudell: motion to approve June bills as presented: Whims yes, Dean yes, King yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.**

Dean would like the Board to consider purchasing a small push mower for the Township Hall. The Board will pursue quotes for a small push mower.

**King/Trudell: motion to authorize \$5,000 payment to Civic Center South for the construction of the bandstand: Gulliver yes, Dean yes, King yes, Trudell yes, Whims yes: Carried 5/0.**

**Whims/King: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Minutes prepared by: Jennifer J. Scout, Recorder  
Lisa K. Gulliver, Clerk**