

Paradise Township Board
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2010

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Dean at: 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda: Changes to agenda are as follows:

Delete under New Business

3. Mail Distribution

Added under New Business: Spring Clean Up/Junk Ordinance, Bidding for Grounds & Maintenance, and Appointment to the Cemetery Board.

New Business Items are as follows:

1. EMS Loan
2. Heritage Days
3. Agenda Deadline
4. Office Upgrade
5. Time & Attendance
6. Board of Review
7. Warning Lights
8. Spring Clean Up/Junk Ordinance
9. Bidding for Grounds & Maintenance
10. Appointment for the Cemetery Board

Motion: King, Second Trudell: 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. **King/Trudell: motion to accept the Consent Calendar Carried 5/0.**

Township Bills pre approved

Parks and Recreation Bills

Grand Traverse Rural Fire

Minutes of March 10, 2010, March 16, 2010, March 23, 2010, March 24, 2010, and March 30, 2010

Zoning Report

Treasurer's Report

~~Supervisor's Report~~

Parks and Recreation Report

Clerk's Report

~~County Planning Report~~

~~County Association Report~~

Whims requested that the minutes from March 30, 2010 be pulled out for discussion. He indicated that there is a correction on page 4, under Item G.: Strike the dollar amount of \$3000.00. The dollar amount should read \$3,500.00.

Whims/King: motion to accept the minutes from March 30, 2010 Special Meeting/Public Hearing with corrections: Carried 5/0

Announcements/Correspondence:

Shannon D. Crosby submitted a letter to the Board seeking permission to rent the Mayfield Pond Park on June 19, 2010 for a wedding. They would also like permission to set up a tent, and use a generator to keep food warm and to play music. Preston Taylor from the Sheriff’s Department asked for a copy of the application so that they will have information regarding the event in case they receive calls/complaints from residents.

Trudell/Whims: motion to approve the one time use of Mayfield Pond Park for a wedding to be held on June 19, 2010 with a cut-off time of 9 pm, allowing for day before set-up, and day after clean-up. FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: the Board requests that the applicants take their garbage with them: Carried 5/0.

Special Reports:

Sheriff Department: Report given by Officer Taylor.

Citations	Traffic Crashes			Arrests			*Other	Criminal	Non-Criminal	Traffic Crashes	Total
	Fatal	PIA	PDA	OWI	MIP	Criminal					
23	0	0	4	0	0	25	68	24	20	4	116

*Other call for service: 911 Hang-ups; BOL; Follow-up to Complaints; Motorists Assists; Public Relations; Serving Legal Papers; Traffic Stops; Warrant Attempts

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

- Public Meeting/Hearing regarding the Weber 4-8 Injection Well in Mayfield Township: M-37 and Miller Roads will be held on Wednesday, April 21st from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s of Hannah Catholic School.
- TADL Board budget disputes with Peninsula, Interlochen, and Fife Lake
- County take over of the Baseball Program
- Septage Plant Meetings
- Save the Dam Program

Fire Department: Report given by Chief Ron Hollister.

CO Investigation	Res. Fire	Grass Fire	Fire Alarm	Total Calls For Service
2	2	2	1	7

Chief Hollister indicated that the Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale went well. They served just under 600 people.

Ambulance: No Report.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whims reported that the Planning Commission is in the editing stage of the Master Plan. They will be meeting again in May. They will decide at that meeting if they will be meeting in June and July. Jerry Taylor from Gourdie-Fraser will be presenting at the next Planning Commission.

Public Input (non-agenda items):

Dave Taylor from Grand Traverse County Road Commission reported on the following items:

- County Road Milage Vote (pamphlets) for maintenance.
- 5-year Construction Plan for the County – Nothing scheduled in Paradise Township.
- Biding for Patch Machines.

Old Business

1. **MPP Caretaker: Whims/King: motion to choose the George and Polly Drew as Mayfield Pond Park Caretakers at \$2,000 based on their proposal and prior performance: Trudell yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**
2. **Conference Table:** The Board decided to change the dimensions of the table to 2’x3’. Mr. Trudell indicated that he will be seeking new prices for the materials list to see if he can find something cheaper.
3. **ZBA Position:** This issue will be addressed at the Township Board Meeting in May.

New Business:

1. **EMS Loan: Whims/Trudell: motion to approve payment of \$120,000 as presented by Mr. King: Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Gulliver yes, Trudell yes: Carried 5/0.**
2. **Heritage Days:** Heather Smith was present at today’s meeting to discuss Heritage Days which will take place July 17th and 18th. She also submitted a request for a donation to the Township.

King/Trudell: motion for the Township to pay \$500.00 towards tent rental to be used at Heritage Days: King yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.
3. **Agenda Deadline:** Mr. King indicated that he asked to put this on the agenda for discussion. According to the By-laws, all agenda items are due by 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the Township Board Meeting. Any additions to the agenda must be voted upon at the Township Board Meeting and passed unanimously. He asked that the Board Members make an effort to adhere to these By-laws in an effort to improve the efficiency of the Township Board.

4. **Office Up-grade: King/Trudell: motion to approve the purchase of a laptop, projector, screen, and wireless router at the 1 year warranty price to paid for with PEG money: Gulliver yes, Trudell yes, Dean yes, Whims yes, King yes: Carried 5/0.**

King/Gulliver: motion to purchase the upgrade to QuickBooks 2010 with the enhanced payroll application: Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

Gulliver/King: motion to purchase two (2) new desktop computers and software upgrade to Office 2007: Gulliver yes, Trudell no, Dean no, King yes, Whims no: Motion not Carried 2/3.

Mr. Whims requested that a list of specifications for the remaining items that need to be purchased for the office upgrade be forwarded to him so that he may seek out quotes.

5. **Time and Attendance:** This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting in May.
6. **Board of Review:** Mrs. Gulliver indicated that according to *MCL 211.33* “*The supervisor shall be the secretary of said board of review and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board and of all the changes made in such assessment roll, and shall file the same with the township or city clerk with the statements made by persons assessed. In the absence of the supervisor, the board shall appoint 1 of its members to serve as secretary. The state tax commission may prescribe the form of the record whenever deemed necessary.*” Mrs. Dean indicated she will give the originals to Mrs. Gulliver tomorrow.
7. **Warning Lights: Whims/Dean: motion to approve the bid submitted by EF Johnson in the amount of \$705.00 to connect the warning lights for the EMS Building: Whims yes, Dean yes, King yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**
8. **Spring Clean Up/Junk Ordinance:** Mr. Radtke is seeking clarification regarding a motion made at the March 10, 2010 meeting regarding letters to be sent out to violators of the junk ordinance.
- Gulliver/Trudell: motion to rescind the prior motion from the March 10, 2010 Township Board Meeting to issue letters with a voucher for Spring Clean Up Day to violators of the junk ordinance: Carried 5/0.**
9. **Bidding for Grounds and Maintenance:** Mr. Trudell indicated that he would like to seek out bids for landscaping and irrigation from the Township Hall.
10. **Appointment for the Cemetery Board: King/Gulliver: motion to appoint Lori Wetherholt to the Cemetery Committee. Carried 5/0.**

General Board Discussion:

Mrs. Dean, Township Supervisor, reported on the following items:

- Supervisor’s Meeting
- Septage Meeting
- Forest Inspection
- Spring Training

Mr. King indicated that there an event at the Kingsley Library saluting the Adam’s Fly. He also wanted to go on record saying that the Clerk has never made a request for information that wasn’t required. He feels that she is simply trying to do her job and follow the letter of the law.

Public Input:

Peggy Swan feels that spending money on a new meeting table is unnecessary. She feels that spending money on microphones for the meeting room would be useful for the residents who are hard of hearing.

Heather Smith indicated that she would like to see the Township hold more Clean Up Days and that money would be better spent doing this.

Tim Wicksall indicated that he would like to talk to the Township about mounting the old Township Plaque.

Approval of Pending Bills:

King/Whims: motion to approve the bills as presented: King yes, Whims yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean yes: Carried 5/0

Whims/Trudell: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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