

**Paradise Township Board
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2010**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Dean at: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Dean, Gulliver, King, Trudell, Whims (6:05)

Approval of Agenda: Motion: King, Second Whims: Carried 4/0.

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.

General Fund and Park & Recreation pre approved bills

Grand Traverse Rural Fire

Minutes of May 12, 2010

Zoning Report

~~Treasurer's Report~~

Clerk's Report

~~Supervisor's Report~~

County Planning Report

Parks and Recreation Report

County Association Report

Mrs. Dean requested that the General Fund/Park and Recreation pre approved bills and the Parks and Recreation Report be removed for discussion.

Gulliver/King: motion to accept the Consent Calendar Carried 4/0.

Mr. Trudell reported that the Mayfield Pond Park playground equipment is infested with ants and is made from treated wood. The metal playground equipment is old and sinking. He would like permission from the Board to remove the playground equipment. It was suggested that the wooden playground equipment be removed immediately and the metal equipment will be removed when there is something available to replace it.

Trudell/King: motion to approve the removal of the wooden playground equipment: Carried 5/0.

Mr. Radtke reported that the plaque is ready to be picked up from Trophy Trolley. He also shared the June Installment of "Good News From Paradise" which

highlights the volunteers that helped out with the Mayfield Pond Park Clean Up Day.

It was also brought to the Board’s attention that the Township staff have been receiving inquiries regarding dredging on the south side of Mayfield Pond.

Mrs. Dean has questions regarding charges under General Fund - Northwestern Bank. She indicated that she would like to see more details regarding these charges. The Clerk indicated that she will have that information ready for her tomorrow morning.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Mrs. Gulliver indicated that the Board has received correspondence from ABI that notifies us that it is time to renew our contract with them.

King/Whims: motion to renew the contract with ABI: Dean yes, Trudell yes, King yes, Whims yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Linda Stiles regarding burning. Mr. Trudell expressed concern over people burning despite a red flag warning. He requested that the Board look into developing a Township Ordinance regarding burning. It was suggested that we pass Mrs. Stiles’ letter on to the MDNRE.

Special Reports:

Sheriff Department: Report given by Officer Preston Taylor.

Citations	Traffic Crashes			Arrests			*Other	Criminal	Non-Criminal	Traffic Crashes	Total
	Fatal	PIA	PDA	OWI	MIP	Criminal					
24	0	0	4	0	1	9	84	19	25	4	132

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

Fire Department: Report given by Chief Ron Hollister.

Illegal Burning	Vehicle Fires	Lines Down	Total Calls For Service
2	3	2	7

Planning Commission:

Mr. Whims reported that the Master Plan is finished. The Commission is currently working on pictures and maps for the Master Plan. They need to find out how much is available in the Planning Commission Budget for maps and pictures.

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

- County Commissioners are continuing to meet with TADL to discuss funding issues. There will be a set of forums held to discuss these issues:
 - June 16 @ 7:00 p.m. – Interlochen
 - June 17 @ 3:00 p.m. – Woodmere Library
 - June 17 @ 7:00 p.m. – East Bay Branch
- Veterans Affairs Office: Mr. Fleis reported that in 2009 the Veterans Affairs Office has brought in more than \$21 million in funding and benefits, which is just phenomenal. It works out to be about \$2,900 per resident. The average in the State of Michigan is \$1800.

Ambulance: No report given.

Public Input (non-agenda items):

Mr. Glen Lile announced that he is running for State Representative.

Mr. John Roop requested that #9 under New Business be moved up to #1 under New Business. The Board consented.

Old Business

1. **Conference Table:** Mr. Trudell reported that by changing the dimensions of the tables and using the same materials list Pugsley will be able to complete eight (8) tables for the same amount of money that was previously quoted for seven (7).

Trudell/King: motion to purchase 7-8 conference room tables to be made by Pugsley Correctional Facility for \$1700: Trudell yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims no, Gulliver yes: Carried 4/1.

2. Landscaping Bids

Mr. Trudell presented two quotes that for landscaping and installing a watering system. He indicated that he sought out a third quote but never received anything from that company. The first bid was submitted by Mr. Trudell. He stated that the cost listed is only for materials. He would do the

labor himself for free. The second quote is from Dirt Worx, LLC for a water system.

The Board discussed the actual need for this service. There was also some discussion about pursuing additional bids. It was recommended by Mr. King to table the landscaping till next meeting. He also recommends that funding be set aside in next year's budget.

In the meantime, the area around the Township sign by the road needs to be repaired. There are some erosion issues and there are some divots forming in around the sign.

Trudell/King: motion to install retaining wall and repair divots around the Township sign not to exceed \$500: Trudell yes, Gulliver yes, Dean no, King yes, Whims no: Carried 3/2.

- 3. Fire Department Bill: King/Whims: motion to approve reimbursement on the first five (5) items listed in the amount of ~~\$2744.51~~ \$2,838.03: Whims yes, King yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, Gulliver yes: Carried 5/0.**

**The amount originally discussed was calculated incorrectly and has been stricken and replaced with the correct amount per the Treasurer (6-15-2010).*

Check is to be made out to Kingsley Fire Department Battalion #2.

- 4. Cemetery:** Mrs. Gulliver indicated that the Board is in receipt of the opinion letter from the Township Attorney, Running, Wise & Ford. There was some discussion about what steps the Board should take to resolve the issues surrounding Evergreen Cemetery. There are also some questions that need to be answered regarding the tax status of the property should it become a private cemetery. Dawn Plude, Township Assessor indicated that she would look into this on behalf of the Board. It was decided that the Board would make one more effort to meet with the Cemetery Committee Members and discuss options presented in the opinion letter. This meeting will take place on June 24th at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

- 1. Road Name:** Mrs. Gulliver indicated that the Board is in receipt of a request from Mr. Glen Rice to name an easement NASCAR Drive. According to procedure, all residents affected by the name request must be notified and given the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the request. There were five (5) residents notified of the request (including Mr. Rice). The Board received three (3) letters against the name request.

The Board is unable to address Mr. Rice's request at this time. There are serious questions that need to be addressed legally regarding the easement location. The Board indicated that these legal matters must be settled before they can address this request. Also, there must be a majority in agreement on the naming of the easement. He was encouraged to communicate with his neighbors in order to come to an agreement on a name.

2. RFP (for Solid Waste Hauler): The Supervisor indicated that she is still working on the proposed language. Mr. Whims requested that we poll the public regarding interest through the newsletter.

3. ZBA Appointment: King/Whims: motion to appoint Renee Case to the Zoning Board of Appeals: Carried 5/0.

King/Trudell: motion to appoint Carolyn Dunham as Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals: Carried 5/0.

4. MPP Playground Equipment & Grill Replacement: Mr. Trudell reported that the grill at Mayfield Pond Park has a big rusted out hole and needs to be replaced.

King/Whims: motion to replace the grill at Mayfield Pond Park not to exceed \$200: Gulliver yes, Dean yes, Trudell yes, Whims yes, King yes: Carried 5/0.

5. Surplus Office Equipment: Trudell/King: motion to declare all broken office equipment and fire proof filing cabinet as surplus, and allowing them to be disposed at the Clean Up Day: Carried 5/0.

6. Color Printer: Tabled till September.

7. Newsletter: Staff would like to propose adding a third Township Newsletter (see attached proposal). Mr. King indicated that it is a good idea and that it could be added to the Budget for next year. We will address it then.

8. Clean Up Day: It has been voiced at prior meetings that there is some interest in adding a second Clean Up Day in the Fall. It was decided to wait and see how successful the Spring Clean Up will be.

Gulliver/Whims: motion to approve advertising for the Clean Up Day to be held on June 19th in the Record Eagle for 2 days not to exceed

**\$175: Gulliver yes, Dean yes, King yes, Whims yes, Trudell yes:
Carried 5/0.**

9. Compactor: King/Whims: motion to give the compactor to Green Lake Township upon approval from East Bay Township:

Carried 5/0.

General Board Discussion:

Mr. Trudell indicated that he power washed the old Township sign. Tim Wicksall currently has the sign and has offered to donate his services to mount the sign on a boulder to be displayed in front of the Township Hall.

Public Input:

Mr. Mike Stepka announced that he is running for 86th District Court Judge.

Mrs. Dean report on the following:

- All Firefighters are being required to have a physical.
- \$26,000 match grant for air packs.
- State if Michigan is threatening to take away the work crews. These are the crews that the Township currently uses for Evergreen Cemetery.

Approval of Pending Bills:

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

Trudell/Whims: motion to adjourn: carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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