**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Golden Fellowship Hall**

**9700 Riley Road, Interlochen, MI**

**October 14, 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: By Supervisor Radtke at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Board members present were Kramer, Biondo, Radtke, West, Bieganowski, McDonald and Schroeter. Also present was Ronda Robinson, Recording Secretary.
3. **PLEDGE:** was recited.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by McDonald and supported by Bieganowski to approve theAgenda, as amended. Solar Arrays added to Unfinished Business. Carried.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Moved by Bieganowski and seconded by Schroeter to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. In the Minutes of September 30, 2019, Bush Road Maintenance Follow Up, *it has been determined this is* …. changed to *We believe this to be a*…. Also, *plated* changed to *platted*. In Minutes of September 9, 2019, Public Comment, second *would* taken out of Pepper’s answer to West. Roll Call: Yes-Schroeter, Biondo, McDonald, Bieganowski, West, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.
6. **REPORTS:**

A. David Baldwin, North Wood Disc Chuckers: reported that they have raised $13,000 for a new disc golf course at Green Lake Township’s park. They raised most of the money from Interlochen businesses. With the $10,000 match from Green Lake Township they will be able to move forward. The Pro will be here from November 15-21 to design the course. The construction will take place in the spring. Greg Argyle said they are excited to bring healthy family fun to the Township.

B. MARK NOFFKE, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERRIF’S DEPARTMENT: said he is in his 3rd week working in Green Lake Township. He explained that snowbirds can fill out a Seasonal Check Form and turn it into him. He will check the properties while the residents are away. The information will be secure.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ed Dewey, 5253 Bush Road, has signed petitions for a Special Assessment District but is happy that the contract with the Road Commission will be signed and they won’t have to go forward.

John Thomas, 5457 Bush Road, asked if grading was included in the contract. Answer was ~~yes~~  **no** maintenance is included.

Roger Edgren, 5367 Bush Road, doesn’t think it is feasible for the residents on the road to bring the dirt road up to new standards. The Road Commission has been benefiting from this road. He hopes the issue can get settled reasonably.

1. **UNFINSHED BUSINESS:**
2. DDA/TOWNSHIP TRAILS MASTER PLAN FOLLOW UP: McDonald said some more RFPs will be sent out and he should have more information next month.
3. SUNSET PARK FOLLOW UP: The Parks and Recreation Committee’s recommended rules for

Sunset Park are included in the meeting packet, they also suggest getting a survey and putting up a split rail fence. Supervisor Radtke would like the board to adopt the Sunset Park rules and regulations as recommended with public input taken and get a leading-edge survey. It is recommended the Township look into getting the area cleaned up and get a cost for placing a split rail fence in the Spring.

West would like to add to the rules, *Vehicles towed at owner’s expense*.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to adopt the park rules as recommended by the Parks and Recs committee and pursue with a leading-edge survey and add *Vehicles towed at owner’s expense*. Carried.

1. SOLAR ARRAYS: McDonald reviewed the bids he received to install Solar Arrays. The bids range from $14,000 to $20,000. He thinks they should break even in 20 years and then the power would be free for the remaining 10 years. The Township would see a 33% return on investment.

Bieganowski said the inverters are only good for 12 years. McDonald said he built that into the projections. Bieganowski doesn’t think the Township Hall property is a good place for the panels. McDonald stated you want to be close to the electrical box. Radtke said roof top Solar Arrays are not recommended because of the snow load, solar angle and poor visibility for educational purposes. Bieganowski reminded the Board that the Township won’t get any Federal tax breaks for installing the Solar Panels. West was concerned with finding a good location, their options are the pump house, Fellowship Hall, Township Hall or Township Park. Kramer wants more time to read the materials.

Motion by Kramer and support by Schroeter to postpone Solar Arrays. Carried.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ARTICLE 9 SPECIAL LAND USES & SPECIAL USE PERMIT: McDonald explained that this Amendment was not adopted as intended. Tonight, they are correcting the error.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to adopt this amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll Call: Yes-Biondo, West, Kramer, Bieganowski, Schroeter, McDonald and Radtke. Carried.

1. REQUEST FROM MESICK RESCUE: Radtke explained that they had a request from Mesick Fire Department to run intercept for them. He explained that when the Mileage was passed it was stated that they would be concentrating on running ALS for the Green Lake Township resident and not run intercepts, at this time.

Motion by Kramer and support by Schroeter to contact Allen Sherburne and tell him they are not interested at this time, but they will bring it back next year. Carried.

1. RADAR SIGNS: Radtke explained that there is a quote in the meeting packet for two portable Radar Signs. Garfield, Peninsula, East Bay, Fife Lake and the Grand Traverse County Sheriff’s Department use these same signs. They are mobile devices and can be moved to areas having problems with speeding vehicle. The device collects only speed, numbers of cars and times. It is only for data collection for the CPO to use for enforcement. He mentioned they can use metro funds to buy the Radar Signs. Supervisor Radtke recommended this device rather than going out for bids because the officers are familiar with it.

Motion by Kramer and support by Bieganowski to purchase the two Radar Signs per the quote from All Traffic for $9,710, annual support is included for the first year per the invoice. Roll Call: Yes-West (she wishes they would have gotten more bids) McDonald, Schroeter, Bieganowski, Biondo, Kramer, Radtke. No-0. Carried.

1. HOLIDAY HOURS FOR STAFF: Kramer explained that as in the past she would like to give staff December 23, 26 and 30 off. The office would then be closed December 23 thru January 1. The Treasurer’s Office will be open, for tax payments, one day and Kramer will be in the Office to do payroll.

Bieganowski doesn’t like doing this but he knows with the size of the staff they have to. Kramer says it helps moral because it shows appreciation from the Board and the Office isn’t busy between Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Motion by Bieganowski and support by McDonald to close the office from December 23 thru January 1. Carried.

**10. DISCUSSION:** MTA CORRESPONDENCE-TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 97: The County passed a resolution stating they oppose the renewal of TIF 97.

Biondo thinks it is a great thing and downtown Traverse City would not be where it is now without the DDA.

If it was renewed, they could start a new parking deck. Radtke said he isn’t asking for any action at this time.

Bieganowski would like to tweak the County’s resolution to apply to Green Lake Township. Its purpose is to tell the new City Commission members that the community doesn’t want to keep paying for a decision made 30 years ago. He thinks they should let this one expire and tailor another one to the present needs.

A straw poll of the Board members was No-4, Yes-3.

**12. CORRESPONDENCES:** None.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

West said she would like to see a youth disc golf group started.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Radtke adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

JUDITH KRAMER, CLERK

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RONDA ROBINSON, RECORDING SECRETARY

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