

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2017, 7:30 PM

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1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Rick Schoenborn, and Gary Karr. Also Nancy Hopper, Deputy Clerk, was present in place of Maureen Carmody, to take meeting minutes. Josh made a motion to excuse Tracy Worrell and Maureen Carmody from the meeting. Gary Karr supported the motion. Motion carried.
2. There were no additions to the agenda by board members.
3. A motion was made by Rick Schoenborn and supported by Gary Karr to approve the bills for May 2017 in the amount of \$28,090.09. Motion carried. A motion was made by Gary Karr and supported by Josh Westgate to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments – County Commissioner Matt Fenske presented an Action Request from the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners stating that the millage rate has not been raised. He also stated that a Parks Foundation has been formed. This will help supplement some of the trails that will be built. Matt presented a draft of the Grand River Waterway Dredging Feasibility Study Overview. Matt also stated that “Breakfast on the Farm” will be served on June 24th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. It is a free event, but you need to get tickets in advance from Farm Bureau.

Nick Mesman , from Berlin Raceway, discussed having a foam glow event on July 14th. They put food coloring in a soap, people get covered in foam, and they shine black lights on them. They will also have a DJ at this event. This would run until approximately 11:00 PM that night. The music volume should not be loud enough to get past the grandstand. They also have a practice race scheduled on July 14th until 8:00 PM. There is also a company who would like to set up a big bounce house, large enough for adults. The company is proposing this for Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. This would be held in the grassy spot by the maintenance garage. This event will also have a DJ. The board would prefer this event to be only Friday through Saturday. Gary Karr made a motion to approve the foam glow with a DJ on July 14th, until 11:00 PM, on the condition that the township will have immediate control over volume level if it is excessive. Rick Schoenborn supported. Motion carried. Gary Karr moved to approve the bounce house on Friday and Saturday in August, until 10:00 PM, not on Sunday, with the same immediate control over volume level if it is excessive. Rick Schoenborn supported. Motion carried. Nick Mesman also stated that there have already been 2 mini-wedge car events for kids. Nick was curious to see if there were any complaints on these. The board has not heard any complaints. Nick can continue to have these events, but let the township know when they will be held.

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5. There was an annual review of the Wright-Tallmadge Joint Fire Department Agreement.
6. Pat Raap's 3-year term as a Zoning Board of Appeals Member has expired. She recently contacted Josh Westgate, stating she is willing to have her 3-year term renewed. Rick Schoenborn moved to renew Pat Raap's Zoning Board of Appeals Membership. Gary Karr supported the motion. Motion Carried.
7. Carna Brown's 4-year term as Library Board Member has expired, and she does not wish to have her term renewed. The board thanks Carna for her years of service on the Library Board. The position is now open.
8. Reports were given. Rick Schoenborn gave the fire report. There were 66 calls for both Townships. There is a high turnover in firemen. There was a discussion at last week's Fire Board meeting to research the possibility of making the Fire Chief a full time job. Gary Karr gave the Planning Report. Homestead Timbers wants to rebuild, but at a different location and orientation, than the building that burned down. After much discussion in the Planning Meeting, it was approved. Homestead Timbers didn't have enough detail on an additional building they want to build, and will need to present further details at the next Planning Meeting.
9. In the Supervisor's report, Josh Westgate informed the Board that he met with the property and liability insurance carrier. There was no rate increase for this year. Dust control is getting laid down this Friday, 6/16. The Road Commission will be cape sealing Arthur Street from 32nd to Kenowa. Marne Fest had a great turn out. There were 58 custom cars there. In the previous month's Board Meeting, a resident complained about loud dirt bike noise coming from their neighbor's property. The Township attorney was consulted and commented that there is nothing that the Township can do concerning this noise issue. Josh Westgate won a scholarship to the Township Governance Academy for him to be able to take their classes.
10. Under Board concerns, Gary talked about ministers leading the Board Meeting in prayer. When they are invited for 6 months at a time, they don't always remember to come. Since Father Fred is unavailable next month, Father Ayub Nazar will be invited to the next Board Meeting. It was noted that all the local churches in Wright Township have been invited in the past, for different meetings.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Hopper

Wright Township Deputy Clerk