

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 08, 2017

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1. The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Westgate with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Board members present: Josh Westgate, Maureen Carmody, Nancy Hopper and Gary Karr. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Hopper to excuse the absence of Trustee Rick Schoenborn. Motion carried.
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Westgate to approve the bills for October 2017 in the amount of \$17,768.84, to accept the Treasurer's report and to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular Board meeting as written. Motion carried.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Corry Yost was present to give the annual Berlin Fair report. It was a fairly good year for the Fair despite the power outage. Yost thanked Raymer Wells for providing water for the livestock, and Ericksons and Buist Electric for providing the generators needed to keep the Fair operational during the power outage. Next year the Berlin Fair will be June 18-23. Nick Mesman was present to give the annual Berlin Raceway report. There were three rained out events, and while some event attendance was down, other events such as the adult bounce house and dirt track racing were quite successful. Overall attendance was down for the season. The Raceway will likely have next year's schedule ready for the Board to review soon.
6. Mary Alt was present to give the annual Historical Commission report. See attached. The 2018 Berlin Fair Display will be "Berlin to Marne, Then and Now", featuring photos from the collection of "Dolly" Wells Stadt. Anyone else wishing to share photos is asked to contact Mary Alt.
7. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to renew the terms for Historical Commission members Mary Alt, Eileen Schmuker and Linda Triick. Motion carried.
8. A motion was made by Hopper and supported by Karr to accept the resignation of Historical Commission member Julie Reames.
9. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to appoint Bret Petrauskas to the Historical Commission vacancy. Motion carried.
10. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Hopper to approve the removal of two large maple trees in Maple Hill cemetery by Brower Tree Service in the amount of \$1400.00. Motion carried.
11. A motion was made by Carmody and supported by Hopper to adopt Resolution 17-11-01 -Wright Township Master Plan. Karr, as the Wright Township Board representative to the Planning Commission, gave a brief description of the changes made in the new Master Plan. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Hopper, Carmody, Karr and Westgate. Nays: None. Absent: Schoenborn. The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.
12. Westgate informed Board members that the OCMTA Christmas meeting and dinner will be on November 28. Carmody and Hopper are unable to attend.

13. The Marne Tree Lighting event will be on Saturday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m., beginning with Christmas songs sung by the St. Mary's Church Youth Choir. The Tree Lighting will occur at 6:30 p.m. with a free community dinner and pictures with Santa afterward at the Wright Township Fire Station.
14. There was no Fire report. Karr gave the Planning Commission report. The Public Hearing for the Master plan was October 23, 2017, and the Commission voted to send the Master plan to the Wright Township Board for adoption. There will not be a Planning Commission Meeting in November. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on December 18, 2017. Carmody gave a cemetery report. Carmody thanked Mike Keefe for his work removing overgrowth in the Marne cemetery this year. Many people have expressed their appreciation regarding the improved appearance of the cemetery. All items that do not comply with the cemetery ordinance have been removed and may be picked up at the Wright Township office.
15. In the Supervisor's report, Westgate brought to the attention of the Board the numerous calls the Township has received regarding licensing of medical marijuana facilities. The board is not in favor of allowing any such facilities in the Township. Westgate also presented invoices from the Marne Lion's Club for maintenance work done on the Veteran's Park pavilion. The major expense was the replacement of the pavilion roof with a steel roof. The Lion's club is requesting that the Township contribute toward these expenses. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Carmody to pay \$2000.00 toward the maintenance expenses for the Veteran's Park Pavilion. Motion carried.
16. Under Board Concerns, Carmody informed the Board that there have been problems lately with the accuracy and reliability of the payroll company that the Township uses to process the monthly payroll. Carmody is looking into obtaining the payroll software from BS &A in order to process payroll ourselves. Hopper related the difficulties she has encountered in attempting to move investment funds from one bank to another as Tracy Worrell was the only signatory on some of the CDs.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk