

June 04, 2015

1. A special meeting of the Leighton Township Green Lake Sewer Commission was called to order at 10 a.m. on June 4, 2015 at the township hall.
2. Members present: Deer, Nieuwenhuis, Troost, Post, Scholten
3. Members absent: Hooker, Bonnema
4. At a meeting held on March 25, 2015, the commission voted to increase the hookup fee to \$5000.00 pending approval by legal counsel and auditor. Subsequently, we were advised by legal counsel that raising the fee was perfectly within the boundaries of the ordinance and advisable in order to equitably serve all residents and plan for future needs. Since that time, a letter was sent to Sable Construction informing them of the increase and the date of the increase. They, then, requested a number of connections in order to pay the lower rate. Some of the connection applications were in the Green Lake Ridge Development and some were in the undeveloped part of Paris Ridge Development phase II. This meeting was then called to determine whether or not to accept these applications based on the fact that there were no building plans and in some cases, the absence of roads and sewer lines in the development. It had been the intent of the commission, in sending the letter, to notify the builder of the impending rate increase in the Green Lake Ridge Development only and not in the undeveloped part of Paris Ridge Development. It is also generally understood that permit applications are good for one year and the Paris Ridge lots would not be developed in that time frame because of current lack of infrastructure.
5. Motion by Post, support by Scholten to review the applications from Sable Construction and gather information in order to define our expectations with the help of legal counsel and others and to forward this information in letter form to Sable Construction. Items to be reviewed include the availability of building plans on these lots, length of the permit validity, coverage area (Green Lake Ridge or Paris Ridge), and equitable pricing structure for other residents on the system. Roll call vote. Yeas: Post, Scholten, Nieuwenhuis, Troost, Deer Nays: None Absent: Bonnema, Hooker Motion carried.
6. Motion by Troost, support by Nieuwenhuis to also send a letter to owners of vacant lots in Green Lake Ridge advising of the rate increase. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
7. A rate study including surrounding areas will be done in the future.
8. Motion by Post, support by Scholten to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis
Leighton Twp. Clerk