

Leighton Township Board

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wolbrink at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Fennema, Wolbrink, Hooker, Bultsma, Bonnema
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bultsma to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. All members voted yes; motion carried.
5. **Agenda:** Motion by Bultsma, support by Fennema to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes; motion carried.
6. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **County Commissioner's Report:** n/a.
 - B. **Fire Department Report:** Chief Weston reported 31 calls in May.
 - C. **Deputy's Report:** n/a.
 - D. **Drain Commission Report:** n/a
 - E. **Planning Commission Report:** Hooker gave report on 6/8/22 meeting. Planning Commission approved and recommended the township board approve the **Harvest Meadows Condos Phase 2 Preliminary Plan**. Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bultsma to approve the Harvest Meadows Condominiums Phase 2 Preliminary Plan. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - F. **Board of Appeals Report:** Next meeting June 16, 2022
 - G. **Building Inspector's Report:** 6 new permits in May with average cost of \$415,363.00; 17 permits year to date.
 - H. **Library Report:** Faith Miedema reported on library activities.
 - I. **Green Lake Sewer Report:** n/a.
 - J. **Correspondence:** None.
7. **Public Comment:** John Bitely brought up an issue with trespassing in the Paris Ridge area, specifically the "old pit".
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Library Construction:** Waiting for hydroseeding to be completed.
 - B. **New Fire Engine 12:** Still on schedule for a September delivery
 - C. **Library Contract:** Tabled.
 - D. **Updated Snow removal/mowing RFP for website:** Tabled.
 - E. **Park/Green Space/Pickleball Courts:** Tabled. Jaci will talk contact at to Byron Township re: their recent pickleball court installation.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. **Wayland Schools:** Pat Veely and Jeff Koon presented details re: the Wayland Union Schools bond proposal that will be on the August 2 ballot.
 - B. **Summer Tax for Wayland Union Schools:** Treasurer Bultsma informed that the charge to WUS for tax collection is set at \$3.05 per parcel this year.
 - C. **Softball Association:** Ken Ritz from the Moline Softball Association spoke about needed improvements at the township owned-association managed ball park on 12th Street. After board

discussion, Clerk Fennema was asked to reach out to the Moline Ball Association for a prioritized wish list for the park.

- D. Shore Commons:** The DeWitts are residents of the Green Lake Park Plat and discussed the number of boats and docks in the lake inhibiting beach and swimming space for Shore Commons residents. The DeWitts requested that the township send a letter to residents involved asking them to make more space. The board declined, referring to the 2014 ZBA ruling regarding the same issue and found no violations.
 - E. Frey Drain:** Maintenance work is set for the month of June in the 142nd and Kalamazoo area.
 - F. Firefighter plaques for Cemetery:** Motion by Wolbrink, support by Bonnema to deny the request from a resident to install plaques honoring firefighters in the headstones at Hooker Cemetery. All members voted yes; motion carried.
 - G. Clerk Deputy:** Motion by Hooker, support by Bonnema to approve Clerk Fennema offering a deputy candidate two days a week of work as the Clerk Deputy for \$17.34 an hour and one day a week at the reception desk for \$17.33 an hour. All members voted yes, Fennema abstained; motion carried.
 - H. Bills:** Motion by Hooker, support by Fennema to approve current listed bills in the amount of \$53,279.20. All members voted yes; motion carried.
- 10. Public Comment:** No public Comment.
- 11.** Motion by Bultsma, support by Hooker to adjourn. All members voted yes; motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Fennema

Leighton Township Clerk