

Homestead Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
December 16, 2008 at 7:00P.M.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06pm.

Pledge of Allegiance Recited.

Members Present: Bruce Andersen, Christy Andersen, Fred Poynor, Mary Miller, Dan Moore, Roger Hubbell, Sharon Peregoy.

Excused Absent: Jessica Wooten, Bill Sholten.

Others Present: Paul Beechcraft, Marshall Lambertson, Cathy Demitroff, Frank Walterhouse, Roger Williams.

Open Public Discussion: Paul Beechcraft introduced Marshall Lambertson to the JPC. Mr. Lambertson is the new Alternate for Inland Township , replacing Bill Sholten.

Agenda: Mary Miller requested that expense statements be added to the Bill Section of the Agenda. Christy Andersen made the motion to approve the agenda with amendments, Fred Poynor seconded the motion, All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Minutes: Approval of 18 November Minutes: Mary Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Christy Andersen seconded the motion, All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Correspondence Received:

Roger Hubbell read an E-mail from Bill Sholton thanking everyone for the past year, and wishes all of us good luck in the future.

Paul Beechcraft also received a letter from Benzie County stating that Soil Erosion concerns and prevention is up to the county, unless we are a Chartered Township . If anyone has any questions they may contact Matt Johnson, MDNR, at 231-775-3960.

Bills: Roger Hubbell asked that all members and staff of the JPC hand in their expense sheets.

Budget Report: Roger Hubbell passed out a copy of the Joint Planning Commission Budget report for fiscal year 2009/2010 (See Attachment).

Roger Hubbell also passed out a Formula sheet with Colfax Township included for fiscal year 2009 due to the possibility of Colfax merging with Inland Homestead JPC.

Report of Township Board Representatives:

Mary Miller reported that Inland Township had concerns about Roger Williams being able to bill extra for mileage for weekends. Inland Township Board would like more clarification on this.

Cathy Demitroff reported that Homestead Township also did not act on the mileage issue for Roger Williams. Cathy felt that fees are high enough and that the Township should just pay the extra mileage since Roger Williams feels that this is not going to be a continuous issue and that it will not come up very often.

Old Business:

Amendment 08-01 Mass Gathering: Christy Andersen stated that she would like to see this resolved within the next month so that we may give Mr. Mussina an answer as to the requirements for having a mass gathering. Roger Williams is going to look into three other Townships mass gathering sections to get an idea as to what they are doing and how it works out for them. Paul Beechcraft brought up the Cycle Moore motorcycle rallies and recommended looking at Green Lake Township .

Amendment 08-02 Seasonal Sales: This was tabled until further notice.

Permit Fees during non business hours: This was addressed during the Township Reports.

New Business:

By-laws: Cathy Demitroff reported that she was not able to get anyone from the Homestead Township Board to sit on the Joint Planning Commission. Christy Andersen made the point that the By-laws are written for the JPC and that they should stay the way they are, and that Homestead Township will just be short a vote. Cathy Demitroff did state that there is one person willing to do the job but that it will be a conflict of interest and that if the word "shall" could be changed to "may" that it would resolve the problem of not being able to get someone from Homestead Township . Cathy Demitroff also stated that she spoke with Mike Wycoff and he recommended taking that section completely out of the by-laws. Roger Hubbell called for a board-go-round. JPC all in agreement to leave the by-laws as is.

Section 4: Duties of the Chair. Roger Hubbell asked permission from the JPC to add to his duties authority to sign bills due for the JPC and the expense statements. Mary Miller made the motion to give the Chair person the added duty of signing any bills due. Bruce Andersen seconded the motion, All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Accomplishments: Roger Hubbell stated that we accomplished a Master Plan, a Zoning Ordinance, a Budget, and Citizen Planner Training.

Work Plan: Roger Hubbell stated that the JPC is planning on working on Highway access; Platte River Water Shed, being the quality of the water of the Platte River ; and land uses around the water shed area.

Budget: This was discussed in the Budget Report. Roger Hubbell did point out a few changes in the percentages in the Townships (See attachment).

Open Public Discussion:

Frank Walterhouse reported that there is going to be a meeting on Thursday, 18 December 2008, held by Benzie County with an Economic Board discussing the US 31 Corridor. Frank also asked why the Village of Honor did not come to the JPC for help on their Zoning Ordinance.

Paul Beechcraft stated that there will be a coffee social from 9-11am at the Inland Township Hall on 21 December 2008. Paul also asked about a time line for quarterly meetings for the JPC. They should be quarterly by 2010 unless Colfax Township joins the JPC.

Roger Hubbell would like to thank Bill Sholten for his service and wishes him luck in his new position. Roger also asked JPC Secretary, Sharon Peregoy if she would be willing to be the Secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Board Go Round: No one had anything to add or discuss.

Adjourn: Christy Andersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Andersen seconded the motion, All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried. Next Meeting is scheduled for 20 January 2009, at 7:00pm, Inland Township Hall.

Submitted by Sharon Peregoy JPC secretary

Approved by Dan Moore JPC Secretary