

Lake Township, Roscommon County
Special Board Meeting
May 16, 2023

Pat Riss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America was recited. Rol: Tony Olson, Pat Riss, George Mika, Marilyn Russo, and Pam Surprenant. Tony Farhat-Absent, Harry Trier, David Russo Jr., and Andrea Grabowski -Absent. Sharon Mika, Jim Mikolaizak (arrived @7:08 pm) and Tonya Clare.

Goals and Objectives/Master Plan:

Riss started discussion on goals and objectives from the master plan; suggesting we review each topic and volunteer to research and submit information back to the township board. Mika suggested the joint meeting have a moderator. Motion: Mika to have Pat Riss moderate the meeting. Second: Surprenant AIF Motion Carries. Quality of Life: Olson and M. Russo volunteered to look into ways to encourage public feedback regarding ongoing efforts to improve the Township's quality of life. Community Character: Surprenant and Clare volunteered to look into ways to enhance community gateways through the implementation of land use controls, landscaping and wayfinding. Especially on the M-55/Old 27 corner. Planning and Community Development: S. Mika and Riss volunteered to look into these objectives. Discussion on commercial areas. Infrastructure and Community Facilities: Surprenant to work with Fire Chief/department on grant opportunities. Recreation and Public Lands: M. Russo, Riss and S. Mika volunteered to work on this topic. Discussion regarding how to involve more people from the community. Discussion on a way to inform the tax payers/residents of what the township board is working on etc. Olson and G. Mika volunteered to work on a newsletter.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Riss explained the CIP. Riss continued the township board would need to decide if they would like to implement this next fiscal year. There are highlighted areas that would need to be reviewed and changed by the township board.

Park Plans:

Riss presented an example of a park layout and possible equipment along with costs. The next submission for the Spark grant is June 26, 2023. Discussion on design of park and potential property requiring possible title work etc.

ARPA Funds/Ideas:

Discussion regarding the remaining funds from Roscommon County ARPA Grant, \$4,275.00. Russo Jr. passed out a quote for updated air cylinders for fighting fires, totaling \$106,218.85 and requested all of the remaining ARPA funds be used for this purchase. Trier stated this conversation would be more appropriate for a board meeting. No other ideas were brought forward.

Consumers Energy Grant update:

Riss stated if anyone would like to watch the video, she would play it after the meeting. The video submission is due May 25 th , with a in-person presentation on June 8 th .

Fines and Fees:

Riss stated fines and fees were discussed a while ago, and would like to know if this is something the township board would like the PC to pursue. Trier stated he believed the township is able to do this now, perhaps the citation must be written differently. Russo Jr. would like to see the township collect the fines rather than the county.

Ordinance 9 books/updates website:

Discussion regarding bringing books into the township hall for updating. Surprenant to get with Farhat regarding updating the website to have one continuous version of Ordinance 9, possibly with a chapter click feature.

New Member Orientation:

Riss stated new member books are available for the PC and the ZBA.

Public Comment:

Comment regarding possible grant opportunity.

Member Comment:

Russo Jr. stated he will work on the ID badges.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Surprenant, Secretary

Approved at 06.13.23 LTBM