

GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2021

Members Present: Lacey Stephan III, Diane Giska, Cindy Olson, JoAnn Michal, Jeri Selthoffer, and Joe Smock.

Members Absent: Shannon Sorenson

Others Present: See attached sign in sheet. Not all guest signed in.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Correspondence & Reports: GFD Report, Building Dept. and Zoning Enforcement.
Mark Brown reported call volume is average things are running smooth. We have 3 new hires paid on call. One firefighter is trained and certified to teach. Received AAA grant for new equipment. He will search for a local fire department to donate old equipment to.
Bob Dixon reported permits are down a little for the month but we are still ahead of last year over all. Gallagher's is now open and Matt LaFontaine will be putting an addition on the Jeep location.
Dennis Palmer was absent. His report stated he visited 55 sites. We have 26 open at this time. Letters have been sent to 18 with 4 being certified.
2. Motion by Olson support by Smock to approve minutes of May 19, 2021 as presented. Six ayes, one absent, motion carried.
3. Treasurer's Report reviewed and placed on file. TCF bank will be changing hands so Cindy is checking into moving everything to Huntington since we already have accounts there.
4. Supervisor Stephan closed regular meeting and opened Public Hearing.
Supervisor explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive and review public comment regarding the necessity of establishing individual Special Assessment Districts for Private Road Maintenance, including snowplowing and grading, for Ken Mar Estates, South Horseshoe Trl and Sandy Trl.
All property owners included in these proposed Special Assessment Districts were notified of this hearing. The letter included an estimate of total yearly cost of plowing & grading for the next five years. Individual costs will be determined at the second public hearing. If it is determined by the Township Board that property owners desire to continue the program with Jack Millikin, Inc., no other bids will be requested. If for any reason property owners would like more bids, they may seek other bids to be considered.
Supervisor opened the floor for public comment:
Kenmar Estates: No correspondence, no public comment.
Bid of \$12,500. per year for five years (copy on file).
South Horseshoe Trail: No correspondence. One public comment, William Panname in favor and also asked about gravel for road improvement. Not included in cost additional petition would be needed.
Bid of \$4400. per year for five years (copy on file).

Sandy Trail: One correspondence, in favor. Two public comments. David Goulette questions why the amount has been the same for all and not by front road footage. Supervisor Stephan stated it is up to the property owners to determine how the amount is spread.

David Krumnauer feels Millikin is not doing a good job.

Bid of \$6,000. per year for five years (copy on file).

Supervisor Stephan closes public hearing and reconvenes regular meeting.

5. Motion by Olson support by Selthoffer, subsequent to a Public Hearing, this Board determines that there is a necessity to establish a Special Assessment District for private road maintenance of Kenmar Estates. A public hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2021, at 10:00 am, to review the Special Assessment Roll. Six ayes, one absent motion carried.

Motion by Smock support by Michal, subsequent to a Public Hearing, this Board determines that there is a necessity to establish a Special Assessment District for private road maintenance of South Horseshoe Trail. A public hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2021, at 10:00 am, to review the Special Assessment Roll. Six ayes, one absent motion carried.

Motion by Smock support by Selthoffer, subsequent to a Public Hearing, this Board determines that there is a necessity to establish a Special Assessment District for private road maintenance of Sandy Trail. A public hearing is scheduled for August 18, 2021, at 10:00 am, to review the Special Assessment Roll. Six ayes, one absent motion carried.

6. Supervisor Stephan closed regular meeting and opened Public Hearing.

Supervisor explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive and review public comment regarding the Special Assessment District for the paving of Jones Lake Road. He explained this process started 3 years ago with a much higher cost and he has worked diligently to get the cost down substantially.

All property owners included in the Special Assessment District were notified of this hearing.

There are 227 owners. The letter included a description of the project and a cost of approximately \$265.00 per year which includes 1% interest and a 1% admin fee over the course of 8 years (copy on file).

Supervisor opened the floor for public comment:

One correspondence in favor from Bruce & Pamela Jerome (on file) and several phone calls.

One correspondence from Terry & Ellen Davis in opposition (on file).

Terry Davis: Cost prohibitive has 3 parcels.

Tom Haller: Lives on Woodruff Way can access off Bobcat Trl but does use Jones lake Rd.

Don Olander: Has 2 lots questions fee, he gets one tax bill one fee. Questions age of petition.

Richard Mercier: Can't wait for it to be done, drives it daily, understands cost.

Todd Sapelak: Has a way to get funding from the state by proving the road is a safety issue in need of emergency money to fix. Will meet with Supervisor next week.

John Stegman: Appreciates Lacey's efforts, mentions Military abuse of the road, looked into combing his parcels in the past did not because of survey cost.

Supervisor Stephan closes Public Hearing and reconvenes regular meeting.

7. Motion by Smock support by Selthoffer to adopt Jones Lake Rd Paving SAD Resolution No. 1 (Attachment "A") Six ayes, one absent, motion carried.

Motion by Smock support by Selthoffer to adopt Jones Lake Rd Paving SAD Resolution No. 2 (Attachment "B") Six ayes, one absent, motion carried.

The next Public Hearing for the establishment of the Jones Lake Road Paving SAD will be on August 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.

8. Discussed appointing Josh Nethers to vacant seat on Zoning Board of Appeals
Motion by Olson support by Michal to appoint Josh Nethers to Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the term of Cameron McClain. Six ayes, one absent, motion carried.
9. Dennis Long to discuss Cable Franchise fees.
Dennis stated that the franchise fee charged by the cable company has gone up consistently with a large increase in the past year. The Board needs to look at the agreement and find out why and how fees can be adjusted without notification to the Township. The amount received by the Township has not changed for the past few years so we need to get on this and find out what is going on.
10. Discussed Marijuana Ordinance. Waiting for drafts from our attorney.
11. Citizens who wish to speak.
Rick Harland: Thinks revenues are important to the Township and it needs to stay on the agenda.
Keith Garoet: Affiliated with Higher Love Retailer. Money comes from retailers not the growers. Supervisor will have attorney include all options of establishments in the ordinance draft.
12. Unfinished business.: Road Commission is responsible for the road ends on Lake Margrethe and will be starting the process to get them cleaned up. New Business: none. Other: none
13. Motion by Michal support by Selthoffer to authorize payment of vouchers 4376,4377, 4413 - 4444 and Liquor inspections \$175.00 for a total of \$115,622.53. Six ayes, one absent, motion carried. (copy on file)
14. Motion by Michal support by Smock to Adjourn. Six ayes, one absent motion carried.

Diane Giska, C.M.M.C.
Grayling Charter Township Clerk