

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION
August 3, 2017

Special meeting called to order at 9:00am at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also present: Township Attorney Scott Hess and 6 citizens.

Public Comment: Steve Myer brought concerns to the Board about clarification for walking easement on vacated Lake Drive in Sovereign Park. He shared concerns about a fence permit for property located at 102 Reaves Forest Dr. Brian Lewis also shared his concerns about residents needing to follow the rules and regulations for obtaining permits located at 102 Reaves Forest Dr. Chuck Brick brought to attention the Swimmer's Itch reduction article in the Houghton Lake Resorter this week.

Motion by Patchin, supported by Lippert: CARRIED
That the Board enter into a Closed Session to consult with Township Attorney Scott Hess regarding Eric Ostergren v Township of Gerrish Litigation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Udy, Patchin, Tulgetske, Link, Lippert
 Nays: None

Discussed: Eric Ostergren v Township of Gerrish Litigation discussion

Motion by Tulgetske supported by Lippert: CARRIED
That the Board exit Closed Session

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
That the Board propose a settlement consistent with the recommendations of Township Attorney Scott Hess for the Eric Ostergren v Township of Gerrish Litigation

Roll Call: Ayes: Udy, Tulgetske, Lippert, Link, Patchin
 Nays: None

Chief Hill presented paper copies to the Board and Public for his monthly report. No discussion held.

Discussed: Republic Services discussion of contract
Gary Hicks from Republic presented various options and costs for the renewal of the sanitation contract for Gerrish Township. Board will review options at a later time. No determination was made at this time. Gary Hicks provided clarification that Republic will not provide curbside pickup for Eagle, Sumac and Madison after doing a road evaluation for Republic Trucks. Residents are asked to continue to place pick up at Maplehurst where they previously placed them.

Discussed: Roscommon County Road Commission 2017 Project
Neil Belanger and Tim O'Rourke joined from the Roscommon County Road Commission. Neil Belanger presented the Board with his recommendation of a project for Murphy Road from Maplehurst Drive to CR 100 (Sunset Dr) in Gerrish Township for consideration.

Discussed: -Fire/EMS Monthly update
 -Cemetery updates around chapel and tree removal
 -Marina Monthly update
 -Mark Eidelson Landplan Inc. recommendations for Planning Commission
 * Trustee Link will be providing the Planning Commission with these recommendations and options.
 -Project H.O.P.E Roscommon Food Pantry

Discussed:

- Forestry Plan was not discussed and will be discussed at a later time.
- Parks and Recreation Committee appointments
- State of Michigan Grant Application for purchase of voting equipment

Announcements:

Gerrish Township Marina appreciation day will be held Saturday August 5, 2017 from 2pm-5pm at the Gerrish Township Marina. Everyone welcome. HLSIO will be holding a fundraiser on August 24, 2017. For Ticket information contact Fred's of Roscommon. Higgins Lake Foundation Awareness Day is August 5, 2017 for more information visit higginslake-foundation.org. Gerrish Township will be hosting an informational meeting September 11th at 1:00pm for procedures on appeals made to the Board of Review.

Public Comment:

Vicki Springstead shared the various project the Higgins Lake Foundation has been working on this year. Greg Semack shared his desire for Republic Services to offer a combo of both carted garbage cans and critter cages.

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED
that meeting adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

Approval