

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 2019

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Also, present: 33 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Link, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
That the agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED  
that the Consent Agenda is approved as presented with the addition under correspondence of d. L. Heidrich re: concerns of for the Sovereign Park road end posts and e. A. Harlow re: comments and photographs on Reeves Forest/Henry Stakes.

REPORTS: (See attached) a. Trustee Lippert b. Trustee Link c. Treasurer Tulgetske d. Clerk Patchin e. Supervisor Udy

PRESENTATION: Chief Fisher gave the introduction and details of the Gerrish Township New 220 Rescue Engine Fire Truck

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Udy wanted to publicly thank the EMS and Police Dept as recently he had to utilize their services and was very impressed with their training and professionalism. Adam Bruski, Attorney representing Krauseneck, shared numerous concerns for his client pertaining to the neighbor using their home in a continual stream of renters through Airbnb.com and vrbo.com. He noted excerpts in the Gerrish Township Zoning Ordinance where he felt would prohibit this type of rental without a special use permit. Frank Bomarito shared his concerns about the same rental property including large gatherings spilling over on to others properties and the inability to contact the property owners to address concerns among other issues. Bob Krauseneck addressed issues on same rental property with same concerns along with survey sticks being moved and renters over taking lake and property that is not authorized. Robert Zulzula shared concerns with same rental property addressing that chairs had been thrown off his dock, signs have turned up missing, garbage and trash are left. Leonard Culpert stated that properties advertising boat mooring is a problem. Paul Ochmanek was happy to report that Grosbeak Blvd Association has paid to improve Kelly Boat Ramp area and all are welcome to use it. Kathy Johnson wanted to thank Chief Hill, RCRC with the assistance with the bollards at the walking easement in Sovereign Park. Robert Aichelle explained the heavy travel of Reeves Forrest and the process to get signs. He came to the conclusion signs do not detour people. Steve Myer expressed his concerns that Sovereign Park Association was not active and that the decision only reflected a few of the people in Sovereign Park and not the 100's of people. He expressed his concerns that the RCRC acted before it was agreed upon. He agreed there was a problem with vehicular traffic but asked that the Board hold off on passing the money on the RCRC because the 18 bollards changed the view. He was concerned of the safety but felt it was not well done. Carol Winsel expressed her concerns that she did not want to lose the easement and felt the bollards were the best thing that could be done. Ralph Rowland warned the audience about new scam calls coming in and to be aware. Kelly Huntsman shared that originally rocks were utilized to protect the easement and were moved. She also expressed that she knocked on all doors in Sovereign Park and apologized to all she could not reach. She expressed she felt the bollards solved the problem and acknowledged there was no active association in the subdivision at this time. Robert Aichelle stated that the RCRC helped come up with the plan for the bollards and was unaware of the talk of an association.

**New Business:**

1. Gerrish Township request to RCRC
2. RCRC Reaves Forest Drive Contract
3. Gerrish Fire Department firefighter resignation
4. Gerrish Township Marina ramp repair
5. Gerrish Township Cemetery landscape proposal

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Lippert: CARRIED  
that the Board ask the Roscommon County Road Commission to do their investigative study for the 'No Parking' sign request received from Sheridan Drive Association.

1a. Motion by Patchin, supported by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board ask the Roscommon County Road Commission to do their investigative speed study for the intersection of County Road 100 and 103.

2. Motion by Lippert, supported by Patchin: CARRIED  
that the Board sign the Agreement for Reeves Forrest Drive with the Roscommon County Road Commission for the amount of \$1,500.00 to include approximately 15 bollards, move 3 boulders and install 3 no motorized vehicle signs. Kelly Huntsman and funds gathered from Sovereign Park Subdivision Backlot Property Owners will pay the \$1,500 agreement price.

3. Motion by Lippert, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the Board accept the resignation of Josh Buck as a firefighter from the Gerrish Township Fire Department effective September 30, 2019.

4. Motion by Udy, supported by Patchin: CARRIED  
that the Board accept the bid from Bigford Concrete & Masonry for the repair of the ramp at the Gerrish Township Marina in the amount of \$4,450.00.

5. Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED  
that the Board accept the bid from Higgins Lake Landscaping for removal of grass, vegetation and debris from backside of existing cemetery sign and installation of new brick edging along with 2 crabapple trees. Installation will include weed barrier fabric and 3" river rock. Total Project cost \$2,800.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ralph Rowland wanted to publicly thank Tony Ide and Jim Lippert on how beautiful the cemetery looks and is maintained. Carol Winsel wanted to note that Sovereign Park has been part of the neighborhood watch for years and thank all involved for solving the issue. Tim O'Rourke apologized for getting the cart in front of the horse but reiterated that this was the best remedy to solve the problem for Reeves and Henry.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED  
that the board adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

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Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

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David Udy, Supervisor

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Approved