



Milton Township

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Minutes for Milton Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 27th, 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ~~All were present~~—Present: Robert Benjamin, Susan Flowers, Eric Renken, Kelly Sweeney

Susan Flowers made a motion to appoint Kelly Sweeney to take the minutes for this meeting
Second by Eric Renken

Motion Carried

New Business:

- 1) Appointment of Clerk
 - a) Kelly Sweeney made a motion to appoint Steve Sante as the Clerk for Milton Township
 - b) Second by Eric Renken
 - c) Discussion
 - d) Roll Call Vote Robert Benjamin-Yes, Susan Flowers-Yes, Eric Renken-Yes, Kelly Sweeney-Yes
 - e) Motion Carried

Supervisor Benjamin made a motion to recess for 5 Minutes at 7:02 PM

Second by Eric Renken

Motion Carried

Meeting was recessed at 7:02 PM

Meeting was called back into session at 7:02 PM

Community Reports:

- 1) Steve Luecke introduced himself as the Manager for the Cass County Road Commission
- 2) Ex-Officio Member of the Planning Commission- Kelly Sweeney gave his report about what is going on with the Planning Commission and submitted the Planning Commission Annual Report to the Board of Trustees (information attached).

Anyone Wishing to Speak to the Board: (3 min/person)

1. Ann Brown from Smith's Chapel stated that there is an open house on June 14th from 10-1 at the Smith's Chapel
2. Mike Studer – I have several question about Surges Road. We had a meeting at our house last fall and Enbridge stated that it would be paved. What is the update on this project?

Approval of Agenda:

1. Agenda was approved as edited.

Business (w. Attendees):

- 1) Gumwood/Redfield Intersection Presentation (CESO)
 - a) Robert Matko from CESO made his presentation about the Gumwood/Redfield Intersection (attached).
 - b) Eric Renken asked if the roundabout would accommodate truck traffic.
 - c) Supervisor Benjamin made the following statements/questions:
 - i) You mentioned 165 acres and the potential for an increase of 2352 additional “trips.” I don’t think this area will be developed in the next 10 years
 - ii) Have you or will you gain input from Indiana?
 - iii) Joe Bellina—Township/Cass will need to balance the dual roundabouts and the increased air quality. Robert Benjamin wanted to know what the board from the Cass County Road Commission (CCRC) would think of the options.
 - d) Richard Gerbeth—that’s my property that you are attempting to put this road through. To me the double roundabout is the best solution. As a land owner, for my wife, my children we don’t want this to happen. We don’t mind losing some land to the dual roundabouts. This single roundabout would leave us with a piece of land that is basically worthless (the 4.5 acres). I am against this. We have a wild life refuge and a conservation reserve.
 - e) Mrs. Gerbeth—we have found Meth production occurring on our property, what will happen when they come also closer to our house.
 - f) Richard Gerbeth—moved out here in 1990. Got a call that my wife was on the way to the hospital and her heart had stopped...this was because of environmental issues. This is just bringing all that pollution closer to us.
 - g) Paul Romanetz—you said that the safety was the most important part of your study. Are you saying that the “jog” is the issue? Robert Matko from CESO restated the information about safety. Did you go and look at the accidents etc. over the last 10 or so years? Robert Matko from CESO discussed the issue. Paul asked a question about the speed coming out of the roundabout on the south side. Robert Matko—in and out of the roundabout the speed would be reduced. Paul stated that I’m personally in favor of the single roundabout.
 - h) Tom Cook—North side of Gumwood. Right now as it stands we have people just racing through the area. Double roundabout will slow them down more than the single jog.
 - i) Ron Jureziz—4 years ago the PC looked at this and we asked the state dept. of transportation to look at Gumwood. There is a dip on Redfield. State safety engineer recommended that we cut out the smaller dip on Redfield. This will be looked at in the design phase.
 - j) Peter J Agostino—representing Richard Gerbeth. Appreciate your comments. Thinks the dual roundabouts make the most sense. Did a discussion of the possible costs on acquiring land. Supervisor Benjamin made a couple of comments.
 - k) Rick Gerbeth—son of Dick Gerbeth. Travels 50,000 miles a year in my job and through a lot of towns etc. ND and Portage roundabouts the traffic appears to be slower. In my way of thinking wouldn’t that be a better balance and it would also help the speed at the jog and in that area. Option 4 would be my choice.
 - l) Joe Agostino—several issues. Did work for the DOT and did a private road development. 4.5 acres isn’t a developmental piece of property. The best solution would have been to straighten out the south side of Gumwood many many years ago.
 - m) Supervisor Benjamin asked what are our next steps. CCRC board would need to see this presentation first. CCRC will be given copies of the report. We need to discuss costs and get the CCRC involved. CESO is also putting together some cost estimates.

- n) Supervisor Benjamin then brought up the discussion of Surges Road. Enbridge is putting together a team to handle all the roads. This meeting is going to be the first week of June and Joe Bellina will include Kelly Sweeney on the invite list. Joe Bellina stated that Enbridge stated that the rehab in the area will last at least a year.
- 2) Township Hall Building Project Update (Hebard & Hebard)
 - a) No update

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- 1) Minutes were approved with the request to add last names to the minutes.

Old Business:

- 1) MTA and State of Michigan AMAR Response
 - a) Robert Benjamin discussed the official AMAR response and it was documented in the board packet.
- 2) Selection of new Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer
 - a) Primary Candidate declined the position
 - b) Supervisor Benjamin made a motion for the Supervisor to negotiate with the current Zoning Administrator, at the current rate, to extend his services week to week
 - c) Seconded by Renken
 - d) Motion Carried
- 3) Purchase of new printer/scanner for Administrative Assistant
 - a) Kelly Sweeney made a motion to approve the purchase of an Epson Work Force Pro printer/scanner not to exceed \$450.00 including shipping
 - b) Second by Eric Renken
 - c) Motion Carried

New Business:

- 1) Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member
 - a) Supervisor Benjamin made a motion to appoint Susan Flowers to serve out the remainder of Sue Kronewitter's term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - b) Second by Eric Renken
 - c) Motion Carried
- 2) Board of Trustees Meeting Dates
 - a) Clerk, Steve Sante agreed to come back to the board with the meeting date for the remainder of the year.
- 3) Multi-use Path Engineering Design Phase.
 - a) Joe Bellina discussed the costs of the Design Phase. The firm for the design phase is Abonmarche. The cost for this design Phase is \$5,900.00
 - b) Eric Renken made a motion to approve the Multi-use Path Engineering Design Phase for up to \$5,900.00
 - c) Second by Kelly Sweeney
 - d) Susan Flowers was absent for the vote
 - e) Motion Carried
 - f) Supervisor Benjamin made a motion that the CCRC does only 1 application of dust control to include 21st street instead of two applications of dust control.
 - g) Second by Eric Renken
 - h) Motion Carried

- 4) Procedures for Inspector Permits
 - a) Supervisor Benjamin made a motion to table this item until next month
 - b) Second by Eric Renken
 - c) Motion Carried

Budget:

- 1) Budget was discussed and reviewed

Financial Reports:

- 1) The Treasurer's report was read

Approval of Checks:

- 1) Supervisor Benjamin wanted to thank the outgoing Clerk Sue Kronewitter for taking care of these checks before leaving office.
- 2) Eric Renken made a motion to accept the checks as presented
- 3) Second by Kelly Sweeney
- 4) Roll Call vote: Flowers-Yes, Renken-Yes, Sante-Yes, Sweeney-Yes, Benjamin-Yes
- 5) Motion Carried

Board Member Comments:

- 1) Kelly Sweeney stated that it has been a pleasure of serving as the secretary for the last 2 meetings.
- 2) Supervisor Benjamin submitted the Cass County Road Commission "Act 51 Annual Report for Fiscal 2013."

Adjournment:

Motion: Eric Renken made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Susan Flowers

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelly Sweeney