



Milton Township

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**Official Minutes for Milton Township Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
Milton Township Hall - 32097 Bertrand St., Niles, MI
Thursday July 7, 2016 5:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm and the pledge was recited.

Present: Supervisor Robert Benjamin, Clerk Steve Sante, Treasurer Susan Flowers, Trustee Kelly Sweeney

Absent: Trustee Eric Renken

Benjamin stated that the purpose of the special meeting was for the following:

- Review the fireworks ordinance
- Review a fireworks application submitted by Geoff Klopenstine

Public Comment:

Joe, whom is a resident of Kestrel Hills, indicated he was opposed to the fireworks application being approved, as the fireworks would be noisy.

Klopenstine indicated he was wishing to have a 15 minute firework display near his residence. He further stated that he is trying to do the right thing by seeking a fireworks permit.

Review Of Ordinance

Sweeney indicated that there are not forty-five days between the board meeting and the scheduled display date and the board needs to consider altering the ordinance to better serve the residents.

Benjamin has the following concerns:

Fears changing the 45 day rule in the ordinance sets a bad precedent.

The Niles Township Fire Chief indicates a portion of the street should be closed and the Applicant does not have permission from the CCRC to do so.

Benjamin stated that the applicant could use consumer fireworks until 12:00am and would not need board approval.

Benjamin polled the board on outlawing the use of consumer fireworks from 1:00am to 8:00am seven days a week. It was noted to be generally acceptable to the board.

Fireworks Application

Motion: Sweeney made a motion to approve the fireworks application submitted by Klopenstine.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: Road closing not addressed in motion and why the exemption from the 45 day rule in the ordinance is being made.

Amended Motion: Sweeney made an amended motion to amend the 45 day rule as it is arbitrary. Also, Approval of the application is subject to approval of closing the road by CCRC.

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin Y

Motion Carried

Amended Motion:

Roll Call: Flowers Y, Sante Y, Sweeney Y, Benjamin N

Adjournment:

Motion: Benjamin made a motion to adjourn at 5:27pm

Second: Flowers

Discussion: None

Motion Carried Unanimously