

Nelson Township Board Meeting
9th September 2008
Held at Nelson Township/Sand Lake Municipal Building
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343

Supervisor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Armstrong, Hoffman, Reed, Noreen.

Absent: Bishop

Also present were eleven citizens. Zoning Administrator, Jerry Gross arrived at 7:30 pm.

The agenda was amended to include under New Business (h) Sand Lake staging area building permit fee. The financial report and monthly bills for September were approved by Hoffman; seconded by Noreen. General \$33,715.32, Library \$3,182.00 and Library Construction fund \$6,650.20. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Without prior board approval Rooks Landscaping Inc, statement \$766.00 was not approved.

Reports

Zoning and Enforcement: report filed with clerk's office.

Fire Departments: All reports were received from three contracted departments

Roads: Kent County Road Commission sent crash history report for the intersection at Myers Lake and 17 Mile Road.

Library: Gutter work is completed. Electrical wiring for the heat tape is not complete.

Planning Commission: Next meeting October 15, 2008 at 7pm.

New Business

Kent District Library

Pamela Vander Ploeg, Carol Simpson and Glenda Middleton presented the 2007 annual Kent District Library report for the Sand Lake/Nelson Township branch library.

Amend Ordinance 2007-156 Outdoor Furnace

Armstrong made the motion to amend Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance 2007-0156, and strike the last sentence. Support by Noreen.

Section 3 (B.) Chimney Height. If there are any buildings, not on the same property as the outdoor furnace, within 150 feet of the outdoor furnace, the chimney of the outdoor furnace shall be at least two (2) feet above the peak of the roof of such buildings. ~~Further, all chimneys shall have a minimum height of 20 feet.~~

Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Building Inspection Fees

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No board action taken

Minor Road Construction Authorization

Armstrong made the motion to approve the work order for minor construction for limestone on Tisdell Ave., (North and South of Becker Road) estimated cost is \$18,181.82, township share \$10,000.00. Support by Hoffman. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation

Cedar Springs Parks & Recreation requested a \$1,000.00 for sharing the cost of hosting Miranda in Park. Motion by Hoffman; supported by Noreen. Yes 1, No 3, Absent 1. The motion failed.

Existing Metro Act Permit

Hoffman approved to extend the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Nelson Township to Michigan Bell Telephone Company formerly d/b/a/ SBC Michigan, now d/b/a AT&T Michigan which expires on 11/11/2008. Reed supported. The extension is for a term to end on December 31, 2010. Yes 4 No 0, Absent 1.

Resolution 2008-010 Payment application

By resolution Noreen made the motion to authorize final payment application 11R to Beckering Advisory. Reed supported. Yes 4, No 1, Absent 1.

Building fee waived for Village of Sand Lake

At the request of the Village of Sand Lake, a motion by Hoffman approved to waive the \$125.00 building permit fee for staging area pavilion. Reed supported. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Special Land Use for Bed and Breakfast Establishments

The following ordinance was offered by Reed and supported by Hoffman to amend Section 19.5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Nelson to add a new **subsection W**, Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Special Land Use and Development Guidelines for the Natural River District

Ordinance 2008-006 was offered by Hoffman and supported by Noreen to amend NR Natural River Overlay Section 11.2 of the Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance. Yes 4, No 0, Absent 1.

Building Permits for Detached Accessory Buildings and Structures

Ordinance 2008-007 Offered by Hoffman; support by Reed to amend Nelson Township Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3 - Section 3.4 (A). ~~Buildings Permits for Detached Accessory Buildings and Structures~~ Yes 4, No 0 Absent 1.

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Section 3.4.A of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Nelson is hereby amended as follows:

- A. In case of detached accessory buildings and structures, a building permit is required for such buildings and structures only where the total gross floor area to be constructed is greater than **200** square feet.

Unfinished Business

Planning Commission zoning recommendations

Reed made the motion to table **Ag Agricultural District, SFR-L Single Family Residential – Low Density District and Conservation Reserved District** until October 14, 2008 board meeting for more information. Hoffman supported. Yes 1, No 3, Absent 1.

Extended Public Comments- None

Board Comments- None

Without objection the Nelson Township board meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Laura Hoffman, Clerk
Nelson Township