

Nelson Township Board Meeting
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, MI 49343
Nelson Township/Sand Lake Hall
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Noreen at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Supervisor Noreen, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer Austin, Trustees Mahoney and Armstrong. There were two people in the audience.

Approval of the Agenda: Austin, with support by Mahoney, approved the agenda as presented. Yes 5, No 0.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Austin, with support by Mahoney, approved the minutes as written. Yes 3, No 0. Abstained: Noreen and Armstrong.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Accounts Payable: Austin, with support by Mahoney, approved the disbursements of general, Pine Lake Weed Control, and library funds as presented. Yes 5, No 0.

Reports

- a) Zoning and Enforcement: On file in the clerk's office.
- b) Fire Department: Received and filed reports.
- c) Library: Received and filed manager report.
- d.) Township Audit: Working on office procedures.

Correspondence: None.

New Business

a) Reappointment to Cedar Springs Park and Recreation Board of Directors:

Noreen, with support by Armstrong, approved the reappointment of Mark Tabor for a two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2016. Yes 5, No 0.

b.) Reappointment to Cedar Springs Park and Recreation Board of Directors:

Noreen, with support by Armstrong, approved the reappointment of Barb Veenstra for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2016. Yes 5, No 0.

c.) Reappointments to the Nelson Township Zoning Board of Appeals:

Mahoney, with support by Noreen, approved Katy Austin and John Weir (alternate) for a three (3) year reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals beginning January 1, 2016. Yes 5, No 0.

d.) Reappointments to the Nelson Township Planning Commission:

Noreen, with support by Mahoney, appointed Laura Hoffman, Robert McKown and Cindy Litwinchuk to Planning Commission for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2016. Yes 3 No- Armstrong. Was not in favor on how the planning commission handled the mining operations.

Abstained: Austin she stated she has not attended any planning commission meeting and was not informed enough on their performances for the reappointments.

New Business

e.) Appoint Township representative to the Grand Valley Metro Council:

Austin, with support by Mahoney, appointed Township Supervisor Tom Noreen as representative to the Grand Valley Metro Council. Yes 5, No 0.

f.) Zoning Ordinance Amendments to permit Farm Operations in the "C" Commercial District and Special Use for Commercial Greenhouse and Nurseries: Tabled

g.) 2016 Township Calendar:

Austin, with support by Mahoney, approved the 2016 Nelson Township calendar as presented. Yes 5, No 0.

h.) Purchase new Michigan building code books:

Noreen, with support by Austin, approved the purchase up to \$1000.00 for building code enforcement books. Yes 5, No 0.

i.) Nelson Township Annual Mining Application form:

Austin, with support by Mahoney, approved the annual Mining application form to be sent to the mining applicants in December for township board approval in January. Yes 5, No 0.

Unfinished business:

a.) Addorio Backup Monitoring Service:

Noreen, with support by Austin, approved removal of Addorio backup monitoring service from the agenda. Yes 5. No. 0.

b.) Purchase ice/salt melt for Library:

Armstrong, with support by Mahoney, approved purchase of a skid of ice/salt melt not to exceed \$400.00. Yes 5. No 0.

Extended Public Comment: None

Board Comments: CDBG due by February 28, 2016. Supervisor Noreen shared items for consideration: path from Shaner ball park to the city limits on 17 Mile Road; 17 Mile memory park on township property; pathway from the Cedar Springs school from 17 Mile Road to Ritchie to the soccer fields. Send your comments and ideas to the supervisor.

Adjournment: Noreen, with support by Austin, moved to adjourn at 8:25. Yes 5, No 0.

Laura Hoffman
Nelson Township Clerk