

# **Grant Township Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 4, 2018**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Board was called to order on June 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM by Stanley VanSingel, supervisor, opening with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Present**

Stanley VanSingel, Gladys VeltKamp, Edith Elsenheimer, Janet Lesley and Max Mellon

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes from the May 7, 2018 meeting, was made by Janet Lesley and seconded by Max Mellon. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Clerk**

No after audit bills to present this month.

### **Zoning**

Kim Martens provided a current update on permits issued for the month along with expected items for the upcoming month. One of the new requests is for a butcher's kitchen. This would require that the animals be raised on the premises or brought in by the customer and an area no larger than 24 x 24. The owner would also like to add a smoker on the premises which was not on the original permit request. Addition of a smoker would require a use variance and a copy of a food license on file with the township.

There was a question received from a property owner regarding shipping container home permits. There is currently nothing in our ordinance and will be presented to the planner.

### **Fire Report**

There was no meeting this month.

### **Planning Commission**

Report provided by Kim Martens.

The next planning meeting will be held on June 21, 2018 to review a request made by Joe and Bunnita Ouwinga for an addition to their barn. This hearing has been posted in the Indicator and letters sent to surrounding neighbors to hear any complaints or input.

### **Open Issues**

- The cemetery mowing by contracted service provider has begun. Max did a great job power washing the memorial and trimming the bushes. Many nice comments regarding the cemetery grounds were received.
- DeVos has completed the installation of gutters and downspouts.
- A cemetery meeting will be scheduled soon. Gladys will contact David Fields to attend and provide input on scatter garden memorial walls and what others are doing regarding tree and other plant burials.
- The board discussed the addition of Tom Stuart to the Planning Commission as a liaison between Planning and Zoning. Gladys made a motion for the addition seconded by Edie. All were in favor and the motion passed. A letter will be sent informing Tom of the decision.
- Township Clean Up will take place on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2. Volunteers are welcome.

### **New Business:**

- Michelle Marciniak from the Circle program of Newaygo County provided insight to their program and what they have to offer to the community. There are many volunteer opportunities within this program and they are in need of help from community residents.
- The Township flag has been chosen and prices obtained. Gladys will contact the art student to make a change to the onion in the photo before ordering. She will also order extra small flags that can be purchased by residents and one will be presented to the designer along with a certificate at a future meeting.
- Diana will not be available for the next meeting and possibly longer due to medical issues. Tim Martis is next in line to Chair the meeting.
- A bid will be obtained for raising the foundations in Section A of the cemetery as they have sunk and many foundations have sunken in.

### **Public Comment**

- No comments or concerns by residents in attendance.

**This meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 2nd at 7:00 pm.**