

Ross Township  
12086 M-89  
Richland, MI 49083

Regular Board Meeting  
April 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Baker at 6:02p.m.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present:	Mike Sulka	Diana Langshaw	Norm Kellogg
	Rob Baker	Cindy Genung	Dave Senkewitz

Absent: Lynn Harmon

Lynn Harmon arrived at 6:14p.m. and is included: as present after her arrival time.

Also, Present: Rob Thall – Township Attorney

Agenda: Supervisor Baker requested an amendment to the Agenda, Under Old Business- add: 5/D Committee Definition Template. and move any other business to 5/E. Under New Business add 6/F: Park Fund Carry over Balance, 6/G AARP Grant Approval, 6/H Any other Business.

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was given by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Senkewitz and carried.

Consent Agenda: A request to amend the consent agenda by Supervisor Baker, to remove MMF Fund Balance Closing. Motion by Treasurer Genung, supported by Trustee Langshaw to remove this item from the Consent Agenda and carried.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was given by Treasurer Genung, supported by Trustee Sulka, and carried.

A new motion to approve the close out of the MMF Permit Fund account at Honor Credit Union was given by Treasurer Genung, supported by Trustee Sulka and carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Life Care – Steve Frisbee handed out a written report from Life Care. 67 calls last quarter. This time of year, is one of the busiest for them. Also sent out a Customer Satisfaction survey, 17% return rate.

Fire Department- Written report given by Chief Bogema. New fire truck now in service.

AGS Report- Written report on Permits and violations.

Police Report – Captain Christensen handed out a written report for the past month.

Gull Lake Sewer and Water – Some PFAS testing on resident wells in the area, low or no detection found. New water lines will be installed in Richland Township on DE, D Avenues and M-89 to the Ross Township line.

Planning Commission: Trustee Sulka – approved a site plan- maximum lot coverage. Public hearing at next Monday's P.C. meeting 4/22/19. P.C. to send a recommendation to the Board.

Cemetery Committee Report- Written report on progress so far. Gateway Academy will help at Day Cemetery on 4/19/19 for clean-up and maintenance issues.

Parks Committee – Donna Tellam gave an update on deadwood clean up, new well installation next week if electrical permits obtained. Picnic tables to be repaired. Peggy Sattler stated the AARP Grant is ready to go. Saturday 5/18 will be park clean up day. New buoys purchased (7) for the swimming area. GL Rotary to possibly fund some of the buoy purchases.

Law Enforcement Committee – Lynn Harmon gave a quick update; they should be ready by the next Board Meeting to show their Charter for Board Approval.

Supervisors Report: Written report given by Supervisor Baker. April 24<sup>th</sup> Road Commission Town Hall Meeting. The Township Office will be closed 5/15 from 12:15 to 2p.m., for lunch at Gull Lake Ministries and tour of the facility. Short term home rentals, 30 day minimum to be discussed and amended as needed.

**Public Comments:**

Larry Stahaurer – RCKC liaison Commissioner introduced himself to the Board. Lots of road work activity this spring. Use the on line resources for specific information – RC Connect. He stated he can attend any annual meeting the Board may have in the future.

Mike Moore – Complimented the Sheriff's patrol on 40<sup>th</sup> Street to reduce traffic speeds.

**Old Business:**

- A. Roads – RCKC Township Public Meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall.
- B. Newsletter- At the printer should receive early next week. 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter November 2019 with tax bills
- C. Parks Committee Definition – a motion to adopt the Parks Committee Definition was given by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Senkewitz and carried unanimously
- D. Advisory Committee Definition Template- A motion to adopt this template was given by Trustee Harmon, supported by Trustee Senkewitz and carried unanimously.
- E. Any other business: A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will set up. 5/20 at 6:30 before the scheduled P.C. meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. ZBA Alternative Appointment – Supervisor Baker nominated Dr. James Gilbert to be our ZBA alternative appointment, replacing the open position. Motion by Trustee Senkewitz, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.
- B. Parks Committee Removal/Appointment. No conflict issues as to the Park Manager being on the Parks Committee. Alex Harris to remain as both. The Parks Committee has 5 members now and needs 7 to fill out this Committee. Supervisor Baker nominated Paul Johnson to the Parks

Committee. A motion to approve his appointment was given by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Senkewitz. The motion carried by 6 ayes, to 1 nay (Treasurer Genung)

- C. Option for Non partisan Township Office holders. A motion to oppose this Legislation to have Township elected officials run as a non-partisan position, was given by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Senkewitz. Roll Call vote was as follows: Trustee Sulka-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Nay, Supervisor Baker-Aye, Treasurer Genung- Nay, Trustee Senkewitz, Aye, and Trustee Harmon-Aye. The motion carried 5- Ayes to 2-Nays.
- D. Park Beachfront Erosion Quote- Stap Brothers Landscaping. Two quotes were given by Stap Bros. \$6,000 and \$5,830 for two plans to repair/replace Beach from issues. Wightman Engineering had a larger Beachfront plan. Possible grant request in the future. Two Ducks Concrete quote \$12,600 to fix ramp and beachfront quote. The Committee recommends that the board approve the \$5,830 quote from Stap Bros. The weekly drain cleaning will be the responsibility of Ross Township. S.W. Michigan Land Conservancy can help with beach front issues. A motion by Trustee Sulka to accept the \$5,830 bid from Stap Bros., supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.
- E. Crack Sealing- Township Hall parking lot – Quotes from Allstar \$450 and Bronco \$250. A motion to allow Supervisor Baker to spend up to \$600 for crack sealing at the Township Hall was given by Treasurer Genung, supported by Trustee Langshaw and carried unanimously.
- F. Park Fund Carry over Balance. \$7,500 from carry over Park Funds to fund the startup costs for 2019 Park operations. A motion to accept this carry over transfer of \$7,500 for start up costs was given by Trustee Harmon, supported by Clerk Kellogg and carried unanimously.
- G. AARP Grant Request- Peggy Sattler reviewed the Challenge Grant request for the Board. \$21,000 Grant request is due tomorrow, with notification coming in July 2019 if approved or amended. The grant could fund, newsletter, buoys exercise equipment etc. for our Township Park. Ms. Sattler requests the Board approve this Grant Request for our Parks and Recreation as amended. A motion by Trustee Sulka to approve the submission of this Grant Request, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.
- H. Any Other Business – None

**Members Time:**

Trustee Harmon – apologized for being late. Will be in Texas for a wedding in May. Requests that she be able to call into the scheduled Board Meeting May 21, 2019. We can accommodate the request but we will need her to supply the address and location of the site she will be calling in from. Public posting is required both here at the Township and at her location.

Supervisor Baker- Wife’s surgery on 5/21, but expects to be at the Board Meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was given by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Langshaw and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Kellogg  
Ross Township Clerk

