

CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2023 8:00 A.M.
CLARK TOWNSHIP OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Roll Call: Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes, Clymer Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, and Rutledge Yes

Other Present: Paul Hitchens, David Buckalew, Dennis Wenzel, Dianne Patrick, Brad Koster, Steve Honnila, Paula Badour (Deputy Supervisor), and Linda Sherlund (Deputy Clerk)

Inquire if Public Comment are to Address Agenda Items: Paul Hitchens would like to make a comment on an agenda item.

Approval of Agenda: Kozma made the motion to approve the Agenda, Schuster seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Consent Agenda: Kozma made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Schuster seconded, all in favor. Motioned carried.

Correspondence:

Dave Wallace support letter for the Hessel Marina Enhancements/Neal House.

EGLE Notice of Authorization:

49-1341 S East Shore Club Dr. Clark Township – Nick Noyes

Sidock Group Inc.

Requesting floodplain information.

49-907 S Islington Road Clark Township – Carie Decker

Old Business & Updates

Board Resolution for time extension on TF-18-0251- MDNR Trust Fund Grant Purchase of property to improve and expand the limited parking availability got the Hessel Marina (John Hessel Parking Lot).

Clymer states that there has been a delay since 2018 to purchase this property and asks for an extension on TF-18-0251.

Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the time extension on TF-18-0251 MDNR Trust Fund Grant. Schuster seconded.

*Approved at Reg. Bd. Mtg 4-19-23.
Susan J. Rutledge
Mark Clymer*

Roll Call Vote: Rutledge Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Schuster Yes, Clymer Yes, Kozma Yes. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Pedestal replacement at Hessel Marina – Updated Invoice from Bryner Electric – Additional \$1360.00.

Fitzgerald made a motion to approve this updated invoice from Bryner Electric for a total 16,610.00 for the electrical pedestals at Hessel Marina. Rutledge seconded. This amount will come out of the Hessel Marina Fund. Roll Call Vote: Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes, Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All In favor, motion carried.

Don Moore – Electrical Invoice Agreement – Donald Moore was unable to attend meeting.

Donald Moore 5 Year Lease Agreement: Kozma would like a closed meeting to discuss information on this agreement. Paul Hitchens stated that you cannot have a closed meeting on this issue. Eric from St Ignace News also question if they could close the meeting. Diane Patrick states that the Board should only close a meeting for employee issues and their contracts.

Some of the Board of Trustees will be attending a MTA meeting on March 20th and find out what reasons are correct for closing a meeting.

The Board of Trustees decided not to close the meeting.

Kozma started to say something, and Paul Hitchen interrupted stating that Steve Kozma should not be able to voice his opinion regarding Donald Moore or Rebeloyn due to him being employed by Donald Moore in the past.

Kozma made a motion that if a person in the audience continues to speak out of turn that a Board of Trustee member can ask this person to leave the meeting.

Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Paul Hitchens made a jester to the Board of Trustees.

Cameras at the park and bathroom Snow's Heritage Park -Rutledge would like to cameras in the park area and outside the bathrooms. The cost will be approximately \$1800.00. These cameras can come out of the general budget.

Rutledge made the motion to approve the purchasing and installation of cameras for approximately \$1800 for the park area and outside the bathroom area. Fitzgerald seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes, Clymer Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

AED discussion regarding repairs/recalibration: Rutledge stated that Linda Sherlund will update the Board of Trustees on the status of the AED's.

Sherlund stated that there are two AED's that the batteries are good but are not in working order. I can send them in to see if they can be repaired, the cost for Cardio Partners to look at the AEDs is \$99.00 plus \$10.00 for shipping for each AED's.

Kozma made a motion to send the AED's in for repair the cost of \$ 218.00 for both AED's. Schuster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Rutledge Yes, Clymer Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes. All in favor. Motioned Carried.

Clymer would like permission to re-apply for the FEMA Homeland Grant for 10 AED's.

Schuster made a motion to re-apply for the FEMA Homeland Grant for the 10 AED's. Kozma seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Fitzgerald Yes, Clymer Yes, Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes, Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Sherlund stated that there are also two AED's that cannot be repaired and need to be replaced now. The cost of these AED's is \$1800.00 apiece. Clymer asked Sherlund if she would like to apply for the spring round of grants from Les Cheneaux Community Foundation.

Schuster made the motion for Sherlund to apply to Les Cheneaux Community Foundation to replace the AEDs that are not working. Kozma seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Fitzgerald Yes, Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Fitzgerald made a motion to purchase two AED's out of the Fire/Ambulance Fund now. Schuster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kozma Yes, Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Schuster Yes. All in Favor. Motioned carried.

New Business

Cormorant Control DNR: Rutledge made a motion to approve the DNR project on Cormorant Control. Schuster seconded. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Opposition to Camp Grayling Expansion- Clymer stated that he would like to propose a resolution to for Clark Township to oppose the Camp Grayling Expansion.

Rutledge made the motion to oppose the Camp Grayling Expansion. Schuster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Schuster Yes. Fitzgerald and Kozma abstained due to no knowledge of the information. Motion carried.

Resolution for Capital Improvements on the Sewer: Tabled

Budget Workshop: Rutledge would like to set up budget workshops in March.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund \$604,852.36

Sewer Fund \$139,988.28

Supervisor's Report: Clymer updated the Board of Trustees regarding the MTA Capital Conference he attended on March 1st.

Clymer would like Clark Township to re-apply for the grant for the Leopold project which is due by April 1st, 2023. This grant will be used to replace the walkway/docking on Duck Bay.

Fitzgerald made the motion to re-apply for the Recreational Grant for docking that leads to the shore at Ducks Bay. Kozma seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Clymer spoke to Jon Mayes, Trust Fund Grant he stated that the Neal House does not need to be rented out just for recreational use. Any monies we receive need to go back into the Hessel Marina Fund.

Kozma made a motion that Board of Trustees give Clymer permission to sign a letter stating:

- **Any money generated by the Hessel Marina Project will go back into the Hessel Marina Fund.**
- **All facilities will be open to the public.**
- **Prices that are charged will be within local standard rates.**

Schuster seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Fitzgerald Yes, Rutledge Yes, Clymer Yes, Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee/Commission Reports

Airport Committee: No Meeting

Ambulance Corp: EMS call from 2/01/23 to 2/28/23, 18 calls.

Hands only CPR was taught to the staff at the school 2/13/23 by Kiley and Keith McGowan.

Keith and Kiley McGowan taught the Township Office staff and DPW staff hands only CPR.

Code Enforcement Officer: 02/01/2023 – 02/27/2023 Report given to Board of Trustees. Fourteen complaints or concerns were addressed.

Fire Department: Call report from February 14th to March 13,2023. The number of incidents responded to in 2023 is two. The Fire Department received their TV, so they can watch training videos. This month they watched vehicle stabilization.

Fitzgerald made a motion to re-apply for the FEMA Grant. Last year's grant application rolled into this year's. Rutledge seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Heritage Park Committee: Fitzgerald stated that on June 24th there will be a fundraiser “Play in the Day” for the Heritage Park. Dedication to the new bathroom facility will start this event off at 9:30. This event will have children’s games, food trucks, tournament like pickle ball, horseshoe and cornhole.

Kozma stated that he did all the children’s games for Snowsfest Event and would organize the children’s games for this event.

He also mentioned that the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce is considering having a Food Truck Rodeo at an event this spring. He suggested that we may want to investigate doing that at the Community Fun Day Event. Linda Sherlund will work with Sydney at the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce on the Food Truck information.

Flea Markets will be held on the first Saturday of each month starting in June, July, August and ending in September.

Fitzgerald stated that a newspaper ad will be needed for these park events.

Pickleball Group will be having a Pickleball Tournament and Lessons.

The committee will continue “Light Up The Park” in December.

The Committee talked about having a Haunted Trail this fall.

Fitzgerald stated that the bathroom facility needs a cement pad/ramp leading up to the bathrooms. Fitzgerald stated that she would ask her dad to use his cement mixer if she could not find one locally. Kozma said he had a cement mixer she could use.

Shawn Fitzgerald will finish hooking up the bathroom water.

Richard Taylor will finish the electricity hook-up.

Linda Sherlund stated that she spoke with James Landreville of the DPW regarding sewer hookup.

Fitzgerald gave the Board of Trustees a copy of the Noel Weavers list of items that are needed for the Airport Baseball Field, Heritage Park Bathrooms, Hessel Beach, and Cedarville Harbor Building. He would like to apply for the spring grant round at the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation.

Airport Baseball Supplies, Beacon Athletics.com, \$821.00 paid for by grant.

Airport Baseball fence topper, \$1627.33 paid from a grant.

Heritage Park, Hessel Beach and Cedarville Harbor bathroom supplies, \$953.68 Noel Weaver will apply for Les Cheneaux Foundation Grant.

Kozma made a motion to approve grant spending and to apply for the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation Grant. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Clymer Yes, Rutledge Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Kozma Yes, Schuster Yes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Cal Burnside seen a post in the community stating that the Marijuana Dispensary “Only By Nature” will be doing same day delivery in our area and other areas. Personal ID is required, and you must be 21 years old or older. Any dispensary can deliver up to 2-1/2 ounces of marijuana per state law.

Hessel Harbor Committee: Clymer gave out a handout of draft Hessel Marina Enhancements Timeline Plan.

Planning Commission: Kozma stated that the Planning Commission discussed the solar and windmill issue. The committee was against having more windmills put up in Clark Township. The windmills that are up can stay up, but not allowing to have new windmills be put up. Kozma would encourage anyone that has questions or comments on the solar panels or the windmills to e-mail him on these matters. Sherlund asked if it was ok to give his personal email address out to the public. Kozma stated yes, he only has one email.

Kozma stated that the Planning Commission will discuss solar power at the next meeting.

Cal Burnside spoke regarding his solar system. He stated that his system has had no maintenance in the ten years since it was installed.

Kozma stated that he would like Clark Township Board of Trustees to discuss how to get all project information out to the public.

Koster stated that 60% of our residents are seasonal. The Township needs to find ways to reach all residents with all the projects that Clark Township is working on.

Paula Badour spoke regarding the poster she made that had pertinent information on the Hessel Marina Enhancement Project, which could be put outside or in enter areas of businesses. She felt it was one way to get this information out to the public. Both Rutledge and Fitzgerald stated that they do not read posters in public places, and they felt that they are costly to print.

Clymer would like to update our website for Clark Township. Clymer also stated that he already has a massive email list, and this list could be added to send out minutes that were approved and any other pertinent information to the public.

Diane Patrick commented that James Keighley does a newsletter for Les Cheneaux Island Association, and he could add more of the Clark Township information to this newsletter. Clymer stated he would forward his copy of the newsletter to the Board of Trustees to read.

Kozma and Brad Koster commented on the magnificent work both James Keighley and Dave Bucklew have done on the Planning Commission. The Master Plan can now be edited through a word document, and they cleaned up the verbiage.

Recreation Committee: Committee has not met.

Clymer stated that the Duck Bay Leopold grant needs to be re-applied through the Recreation Grant for the repair of the dock area on Duck Bay. Information from the S.A.F.E.R. grant will be used to apply for the Recreation Grant. Clark Township was denied the S.A.F.E.R. grant.

Fitzgerald made the motion to re-apply for grant, using the information from the S.A.F.E. R. Grant. Kozma seconded. Roll Call Vote, Clymer yes, Rutledge Yes, Schuster Yes, Fitzgerald Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Road Committee: No meeting scheduled.

Sewer Advisory Committee: Meeting scheduled for April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

Dennis Wenzel would like to know if the Township has heard anything on Horizon Cell Towers and better internet.

Mark replied no, but he will check on the service.

Paul Hitchen commented that he would hope that the Board of Trustees would have as much enthusiasm for the "Fire Barn" as they have for Hessel Marina Project.

Donald Moore Lease Agreement – Board of Trustees discussed the lease agreement with Donald Moore. The contract stated Landlord will be responsible for a separate meter to be installed to measure electricity tenant uses on the lease premises. The Township, as Landlord did a separate meter, but Donald Moore failed to pay electrical bill. The Board of Trustees, after much discussion on the lease agreement, felt any contract needs to be written more clearly, reviewed, and discussed in a public meeting.

Kozma made a motion to nullify intent to evict at this time, redefine timeline to come in to pay which we feel is owed at this time, have one week to come, and pay bill or electricity will be shut off. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Schuster Yes, Kozma Yes, Clymer Yes, Fitzgerald Yes, Rutledge Yes. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Paul Hitchens apologized for his behavior at the meeting today.

Adjournment: Fitzgerald made Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 A.M., seconded by Kozma. All in favor. Motioned carried.