



## Regular Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017

Present: Hale, Benedict, Burt, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, Vanderziel

Absent: None

Also in attendance - 2 Citizen

Supervisor Jerry Hale called the meeting to order in the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI at 7:00 pm.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Thompson moved, Anderson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** – Thompson moved, Benedict seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting from August 21, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Blough seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from August 28, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Thompson moved, Blough seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**BILLS** – Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded to approve paying all monthly recurring bills as received or as needed to meet the due date. Motion carried

Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded to approve payment of accounts payable totaling \$88,634.47, Checks: 11849-11893 and Payroll totaling \$17,922.65, Checks: 2029-2051. Motion carried.

**REPORTS** - The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, the Lowell Area Fire Authority submitted written reports. The audit report for FY 2016-2017 was also submitted.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**NORTH PARK PROJECT** –Dan Fredericks, Land & Resource, and Guy Nelson, TEG, were present and gave a project status update. The bridge permit has been issued by the MDEQ for the construction of a timber truss pedestrian bridge. The Board discussed the terms and condition of sale with Western Wood Structures, Inc. for purchase/delivery of the timber trusses and the tentative schedule for development of the bridge. Also noted, was that snuffbox mussels were identified during the mussel survey, and have been relocated from the project area. The grade on the gaga pit was surveyed and does meet specifications. Construction for Phase III of the North Park will begin the week of September 25 and will include Restroom/Concession Building, Concrete Sidewalk, and Pickleball Courts (8 Total).

Vanderziel moved, Blough seconded to approve the application for Payment No. 3 - Final, in the amount of \$10,348.76 for North Grand Riverfront Park, Phase II, to Katerberg Verhage, Inc. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Anderson seconded to approve the proposal from LRE dated September 14, 2017, in the amount of \$7,000, to provide engineering services during the construction of Phase III of the North Park Project. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, Vanderziel seconded to approve the proposal from LRE dated September 18, 2017, for project number 16-072.1 to provide engineering services for the design and bidding phases of the pedestrian bridge project for \$170,000.00. Motion carried.

**BUNDY DRAIN** – Board members, agreed to take no action regarding the Bundy Drain.

**APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION** - An application from Simon Hoeksma Real Estate, LLC to put 103 acres of property in Farmland and Opens Space Preservation Program - P.A. 116 was reviewed. Vanderziel moved, Blough seconded to approve the Farmland and Open Space Preservation application from Simon Hoeksma Real Estate, LLC for Parcel No. 41-20-19-300-003, located at 9741 Cascade Road, Lowell, MI 49331. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION TO 5.03 REGARDING COUNTY AND YOUTH FAIRS, OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USES AND SIMILAR USES -**

Dave Simmonds, Planning Commission Chair, gave the Board an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment and a brief review of the Planning Commission meeting, regarding the addition of a new Subsection 5.03(y) regarding county fairs, youth fairs, and other multi-use fairs or fairgrounds and potentially other uses. After discussion and based on the advice of the Township Attorney, Board agreed to remand the matter back to the Planning Commission. Vanderziel asked to be recused because **of** a conflict of interest regarding the property. Thompson moved, Benedict second to remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for a new public hearing and for further proceedings and consideration. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vanderziel moved, Anderson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** – ~~November 20~~, October 16, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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Monica Burt, Clerk

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Jerry Hale, Supervisor