

...July 29, 2016.....

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Calumet was held at the Township office on July 29, 2016.

Supervisor Lehto called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attending were Supervisor Lehto, Treasurer Debra Aubin, Clerk Beth Salmela, Trustees David Yeo, Jeffrey West and Robert Zander.

Absent: Timothy Gasperich

Guests: Jennifer Lorenz; Houghton County Clerk, Ann Gasperich; Keweenaw County, Barbara Flanagan and Guy Goode from the Swedetown Trails and Josh Mortti from the Dam Jam.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to approve the June 24, 2016 Board minutes.

Carried 6 0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Lehto informed the Board that the Boy scouts would like to do some sprucing up of the nature trails at Waterworks Park. They would like to paint the pavilions and the toilets.

The Salvation Army sent a letter asking for Bell Ringers at Christmas time. They are hoping to get some businesses competing against each other for the most cash raised.

Aspirus Hospital sent a letter explaining their upcoming health run and walk event.

The Road Commission contract work is finished on Elm St and about 90% complete on Wolverine Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander West to approve signing over the title of the groomer over to the Swedetown Trails Club as a down payment for a used groomer.

Carried 7 0.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee West to sign a resolution authorizing a short-term loan with Range Bank for the Colosseum Boards.

Voice Vote:

Yeas 6

Nays 0

Absent 1

Carried 6 0

Ann Gasperich presented the Board with Keweenaw Counties land use/zoning map.

AT&T has made a proposal for a new 185ft tower at the Police Post site. It will replace the existing tower and cow.

Motion by Trustee Zander and supported by Trustee Yeo to refer this proposal for a special use permit to the Planning Commission.

Jim Koskiniemi; UPEA will look into a MEDC Grant for Calumet Lake.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Treasurer Aubin to grant a one-year in-home business permit for a craft shop to Starr Wagner, 26118 Franklin St. Calumet.

Carried 6 0.

The State of Michigan is selling the Rifle Range.

Motion by Treasurer Aubin and supported by Trustee Zander to write and pass a resolution that Calumet Township opposes a sale from the State to a private party. Calumet Township feels the property should be under public ownership.

Voice Vote:

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Absent 1

Carried 6 0

Motion by Clerk Salmela and supported by Treasurer Aubin to spend \$250 on top soil for Waterworks Park.
Carried 6 0.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Zander to spend \$500 for some cleanup work at the old landfill.
Carried 6 0.

The copper specimen found on NHCSWA property has been sent to Wisconsin to be sliced.

Motion by Trustee West and supported by Trustee Yeo to pay the bills as presented.
Carried 6 0.

Fire Dept. None

GUEST APPEARANCES:

Josh Mortti gave a report on the success of the 2016 Dam Jam. He stated that he is hoping to have a two-day event next year. No decision was made at this time.

Jennifer Lorenz spoke about a new program she is starting. It is a property fraud program to alert the public about property scams.

Barbara Flanagan gave a report on the Swedetown Trails Club.

Motion by Trustee Yeo and supported by Treasurer Aubin to adjourn at 1:50.
Carried 6 0.

Paul Lehto, Supervisor

Beth Salmela, Clerk