

APPROVED MINUTES
GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 10, 2010
Grosse Ile Township Hall ó Merle Solomon Boardroom 2nd floor
9601 Groh Road

Call to Order by Supervisor Loftus at 7:38 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Loftus, Clerk O'Connor, Trustees Frucci, Johnson, Kantz and Ranka

Absent: Treasurer Van Os (Excused)

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

1. State Representative from the 20th House District Marc Corriveau (D) introduced himself and announced his candidacy for the State Senate 7th District seat currently held by term-limited Senator Bruce Patterson.

Representative Corriveau was first elected to the legislature in 2006 and has served as the Chair of the House Ethics and Elections Committee and was appointed to chair the Health Policy Committee and sits as a member of the House Judiciary, Education, and Government Operations Committees. He was also named "Legislator of the Year" by the Michigan Township Association in 2009.

2. Grosse Ile Alliance for the Arts Representative Donna Hinson, reported that the Alliance for the Arts is a "non-profit organization that encourages and provides artistic events for the community". This year the Alliance is once again sponsoring an event during Islandfest; this event is entitled "Artist Recycled Transformation" and will focus on objects created from recycled items. Judging will take place at Macomb Commons at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th. Interested parties may contact Ms. Hinson at otlgallery@sbcglobal.net.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:None

Motion Ranka, second Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA 10-026:

1. Minutes of April 26, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Check Register dated May 7, 2010
3. Wyandotte Fireworks Permit

Motion O'Connor, second Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Approved 6-0

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **10-027** Motion O'Connor, second Kantz, to accept with regret the resignation of Rubina Mustafa from the Community Recreation Commission effective May 10, 2010. Approved 6-0.

Clerk O'Connor expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board for Ms. Mustafa's many years of valuable service to the Recreation Commission.

2. **10-028** Motion Loftus, second Johnson, Resolved, by the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees that there be levied on the taxable property of said Township for the year 2010 (2010 Summer Collection) for Township purposes, a tax of 3.9000 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$611,515,450.

Voted Millage 1 (2001) 3.9000 mills SSES (Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project)

Approved 6-0

3. **10-129** Motion O'Connor, second Frucci, as recommended in the 2010-2011 Recreation Department Budget submitted by the Community Recreation Commission, the Grosse Ile Township Board authorizes the purchase of one Husqvarna Lawnmower, Model Number P27234 (72" Deck) at the cost of \$8,399.96 from Ralph's Lawn Equipment under account number 2080-540-986000.

Water's Edge Manager Tim Rooney explained the need for this purchase and reviewed the research conducted to determine the type of mower most appropriate for the job and within the 2010 budget.

Board Comments/Questions:

1. Clerk O'Connor asked for clarification of how the choice of mower and vendor was made.
2. Trustee Johnson asked additional questions regarding the current fleet of mowers, how the new mower would be used and how much is being spent for repairs on the fleet. Mr. Johnson also asked about the possibility of purchasing used equipment and the warranty on the Husqvarna.
3. Mrs. Frucci asked where the mower is made.
4. Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to urge the Board to consider allocating more funds to the golf course in order to purchase a proper piece of professional golf course equipment.
5. Mr. Loftus commented that it is important that the new equipment be easily and safely operated by the Water's Edge volunteers.
6. Mrs. O'Connor commented that the goal is to maintain Water's Edge in the best possible condition while still operating within the current budget.
7. Trustee Ranka stated that currently volunteers are doing most of the work and he believes the \$8,400 investment is more an investment in the volunteer staff rather than a capital equipment purchase.
8. Trustee Kantz asked how often the mower would be used.

Public Comment:

1. Public comment in favor of the purchase was received from Mr. Bill Morreau.

Approved 6-0

4. **10-130** Motion Ranka, second Kantz, to approve the installation of a security camera at Macomb Commons Park located at the corner of Macomb and Meridian Roads. No fiscal impact, grant funded project. Approved 6-0

Clerk's Report

1. General Update: Clerk O'Connor reported that May 11th at 4 p.m. is the last day for candidates for Precinct Delegate to file paperwork to have their name printed on the August ballots. Write-in delegates may file paperwork until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The last day for previously unregistered voters to register to be eligible to vote in the August election is July 6th. Anyone who will be 18 years old on or before August 3rd is eligible to register by deadline. Registrations may be done at our Clerk's office or at any Secretary of State office.

Clerk O'Connor provided information about the Ordinance governing the posting/display of political signs.

2. Liaison Update:

- a) Recreation ó Nothing to report.
- b) Festival- Clerk O'Connor presented an overview of activities scheduled for Islandfest weekend and announced that all food and beverage areas at the festival are required to follow the newly implemented smoking ban. The township is also required to check identification of anyone purchasing a beverage tent wristband. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at Islandfest may sign up on the Islandfest page at grosseile.com or by calling the Recreation Department. Clerk O'Connor noted that Islandfest also provides a service to the community by providing the opportunity for local community groups to hold fundraising or awareness activities.
- c) Zoning Board of Appeals- nothing to report

- d) Clerk O'Connor reported the outcome of the Midwest region rowing regatta held over the weekend in Ohio and attended by the Grosse Ile Crew and supporters.

Trustee Frucci asked Clerk O'Connor if the Islandfest flyers could be modified to include the location and hours for the Grosse Ile Alliance for the Arts event scheduled for June 4th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Macomb Commons.

Treasurer's Report

1. Investment Report and Tax update: Report provided by Deputy Treasurer Annette Wurtsmith in the Treasurer's absence.
No new investment information is yet available for April. A reminder that the information provided at meetings is always available online at grosseile.com under the Treasurer's link.
The Treasurer's office is busy pursuing and collecting payments for delinquent personal property taxes for Grosse Ile businesses. Of the 25 personal parcels that went delinquent on March 1st, 15 businesses have currently paid. We encourage the remaining businesses that haven't made payment to do so as soon as possible in order to avoid interest accumulation. Partial payments will be accepted.

Trustees Reports

1. Trustee Johnson: nothing to report
2. Trustee Frucci provided the following reports:
 - The Communications Commission is continuing their work to revise commission guidelines and responsibilities.
 - The Open Space/Greenways Committee volunteers have been researching locations for a non-motorized boat launch site.
 - Island Beautification Committee is continuing work to find a location to place a Community Sign Board that would provide groups a better place to advertise their local events.
 - Planting day for the Off-island Entryway Beautification Committee group is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th. Additional volunteers are welcome and should report to the corner of W. Jefferson and Grosse Ile Parkway.
3. Trustee Ranka reported that the Planning Commission will be meeting next Monday, May 17th and the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet to discuss additional bike path construction projects.

Clerk O'Connor asked Trustees Ranka and Johnson to consider providing the list of potential sites for new bike paths to the Recreation Commission for inclusion in the Township's Recreation Master Plan which would be helpful in moving forward with grant opportunities.

4. Trustee Kantz announced a vacancy on the Airport Commerce Park Commission and provided updates and reminders of the events scheduled for the Airport Festival and NAS Grosse Ile Duathlon being held on Saturday, May 22nd and Sunday, May 23rd. Volunteers are still needed for the events, if interested please contact the Airport office or Mr. Kantz by phone or email. Yankee Air Force motorcycle rally and WWII planes will be on display in addition to the Boat Show and Expo at the hangar.

Supervisor's Report

1. Supervisor Loftus clarified that the Grosse Ile Kiwanis Club was the host of the recent All Island Cleanup; not the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy as previously reported.
2. Mr. Loftus reminded residents that Township Zoning laws prohibit the storage of boats, RV's and other motorized vehicles in front of residences and suggested residents check the Zoning Ordinance for more information. Violators will be cited.
3. The new DTE planting at W. Jefferson and Grosse Ile Parkway on May 15th will be from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are welcome to participate rain or shine. This project will also help the DTE Trenton Channel Power Plant with its recertification for the Wildlife Habitat Council.
4. Mr. Loftus reminded residents with analog televisions to contact Comcast prior to May 25th for free digital converters to avoid losing some popular television stations.

5. Dump the Junk/Find a Treasure will be held at the DPS yard on May 15th and 16th. Additional information is available on cable and on the webpage.
6. The power outage in Potawatomie Woods this past weekend was caused by high winds knocking down tree limbs and wires. The township will be meeting with DTE to investigate the reasons for the outages and work to fix the problem. Supervisor Loftus thanked the Police Reserves for guarding the downed power line until DTE crews could get to the site.

Township Manager's Report

1. Mr. Reaume reported that the township has received the second draft of the water treatment plant study. The communities have met with the financial consultant. The preliminary figures are being reviewed and seem to warrant further consideration. A presentation should be available for the board within thirty days.

Public Comment:

1. Bill Morreau, Knudsen Drive, commented that the Grosse Ile Power Squadron will be at the events on May 22nd and 23rd to help promote safe boating education. Mr. Morreau asked if the fire department will be able to offer assistance to people regarding the proper use of emergency flares and help to safely dispose of any old flares people might want to get rid of.

Mr. Morreau remarked that the seawall the board approved previously at the Waterø Edge Marina boardwalk is beautiful and he reported that golf course volunteers recently planted seven donated arborvitae trees on the course to help replace some of the twenty-seven trees that had to be removed last year. Anyone who would like to donate money toward the purchase of additional trees or who may have a type of tree on the specific list of nine appropriate trees that they would like to donate please call the Waterø Edge office.

Mr. Morreau encouraged anyone who has a classic car in their garage to bring it out for everyone to enjoy during the Islandfest Classic Car Cruise with police escort being held on Friday, June 4th at 7 p.m. through some of the streets on the island and also will have many classic cars in the Parade on Saturday morning June 5th on Macomb Street that will be followed by the Classic Car Show at the Airport during Islandfest.

2. W. Clark, Parke Lane, asked about legal fees on the check register. *The check register contains an entry in the amount of \$675.00 to Look, Makowski and Look.*

Mr. Clark clarified that Dump the Junk will not accept televisions or other electronics. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Johnson, second Trustee Ranka. Approved 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Ute O'Connor, Township Clerk