

# LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 7:00p.m.
- II. Roll call: In attendance, Supervisor Venturi trustee Beadle, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Deputy Clerk Simi, Assessor Lee and Highway Commissioner Jorgensen were in attendance.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Venturi
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on August 10, 2015 by Trustee Berker, Seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll call, all ayes, motion passes.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Peacock Camp
    - i. Discussion and possible action regarding ropes course partnership District 117. They are still working on the language of the agreement but are very close. The insurance company is waiting for the final draft, they are looking to see what we have and then they will go forward with it. There was a question by Trustee Berker if the insurance company was requesting a site survey. Supervisor Venturi stated that the insurance company has not requested a site survey and they are very easy to work with. The rope courses are very safe and highly supervised. The high rope course will be next to Ed Kelly, the park foreman's house. There is a zip line but it goes from the top of the climbing wall and across about 200 to 300 feet. It will be 30 feet up and you can see the beginning and the end. The zip line could easily be removed if necessary. The climbing wall actually has doors made of plywood that close when not in use. The climbing wall is made of telephone poles and plywood with studs for your feet. It is not portable. Dan drew up a simple resolution basically approving this based on the supervisor's approval. We will have the draft in a couple days. The district will pay for the original structure and they will pay for the annual certification and the annual repairs. The day to day operation maintenance we will handle. Trustee Stout asked for a clarification of public use. Supervisor Venturi stated that they will not have to pay for it but we would control it. We would have to supervise the use so someone would have to be paid to do that. The high school would not control that. That would all be through the Township. We have planning on having some of the Boy Scout leaders certified as well. We may have some of the camp counselors and possible Austin. The high school will take care of the certification classes. At that time we could bring as many people as we want. Motion to approve the resolution by Trustee Beadle, seconded by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
    - ii. Dering Trail connection update: They have our trail connected. Supervisor Venturi contacted Manville construction and they thought the preconstruction meeting would be in September, they would like to start in October. It may not be completed this year. Supervisor Venturi explained the trail route. Next year the trail will extend as far as 59.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Discussion and possible action regarding declaring vehicle and paver as surplus property. Two trucks, one is Jim's old truck. The Township had discussed buying a new truck and then they decided to have the pickup repaired. It needs a new truck bed which will cost between \$5,000.00 and 6,000.00 to fix compared to

\$35,000.00 for a new truck. We are auctioning off the old truck as well as the paver. Supervisor Venturi declared a resolution to put a surplus property on the 1999 pickup as well as ash fault paver for the Auction on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Trustee Berker, Seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll call was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

- VII. Approve Payment of Bills: There was a discussion about the Olsen bill. It was explained that a lot of work was done on the units as well as regular maintenance. Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Beadle, seconded by Trustee Stout.
- VIII. Motion to approve Payroll payments from the last meeting made by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout.
- IX. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- X. Assessors Report: Appeal period has passed with about 378 appeals. Assessor Lee stated they are working well in advance of the deadline at the end of the month. He hosted an informative meeting with Tom Weber and had about 75 residents attend. Assessor Lee also stated that he is involved with the Township Consolidation group.
- XI. Road Commissioners Report: There was discussion about the drain being put in near the Lake County Forest preserve property off of Rt. 59. Concerned neighbors voiced their complaint on Helen Dr. Due to flooding. It couldn't be fixed due to the wet spring conditions we had. Highway Commissioner Jorgensen sub contracted Gofron to install storm sewers. The job took 10 days from start to finish, and grass is already growing. During the last rain no one in the area go water. Highway Commissioner Jorgensen is looking for a grant to help with the enormous amount of dead tree's in our Township. Chipping is continuing as well as road projects.
- XII. Supervisors Report: Supervisor Venturi has sent a letter to the editor in rebuttal to about ratio of township spending on payments for assistance in comparison to administrative costs. He will see if they publish it, last time he sent a letter they did not publish. Working on the October 20<sup>th</sup> historical society meeting. He is trying to find all the past supervisors. The library has been very helpful with the history of Lake Villa. When he finishes he will share it with the Board. There was a discussion about the history of Lake Villa. Supervisor Venturi talked about the health insurance increase of only 2%.
- XIII. Calendar Review
  - a. Next meeting Monday October 12, 2015 7:00 pm.
- XIV. Closed Session: none
- XV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting by Trustee Stout, Seconded by Trustee Berker. Meeting adjourned at 7:48.pm.

Minutes for the Sept 14, 2015 Lake Villa Township Regular Board Meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approve at the next regular board meeting on Monday, Oct 12, 2015 by Jane Simi, Lake Villa Township Deputy Clerk.