

Joint Board Workshop Meeting
Fife Lake and Springfield Townships
June 27, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call for Fife Lake: Sorrow, Pearson, Forwerck, Zimmerman, Street

Roll Call for Springfield: Bonnie Gonyer, Tom Gonyer, Ingersoll, Birgy, Parker

Introductions with special guest Mr. Todd Millar

Approval of Agenda: Birgy motioned to approve agenda. Bonnie Gonyer seconded. **Motion Carried**

Citizen Comment: None

Discussion of Fire Protection:

Mr. Millar asked where we are at with the dissolution of Rural Fire. Forwerck then spoke about Union Township's Supervisor, Doug Mansfield position. Tom Gonyer followed up stating the same opinion. Mansfield requests written agreements from locals to provide fire coverage.

Millar then stated, to get Mansfield's vote, we need to make him feel comfortable about getting fire protection. Millar also stated he feels we need to lead and set up a structure.

*We need to set up a contingent agreement should dissolution occur. Stated a letter needs to be addressed for dissolution and to distribute equipment.

Attorney Fees:

Some slight discussion was made about costs for attorney fees. Forwerck mentioned that Springfield should opt to split costs. Birgy made a motion to split attorney fees between Springfield and Fife Lake Townships from the inception of this targeted issue of separating from Rural Fire. Bonnie Gonyer seconded this motion. **Motion Carried.**

Strategies:

Millar suggested a sub committee take form with a minimum of two board members from each township. The purpose for a sub committee would be to work on legal documents related to this issue.

Bonnie Gonyer motioned to empower the advisory committee to meet with legal counsel and to report back to the boards. Pearson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Millar suggested the sub committee should meet within the next two to three weeks. Millar also suggested Springfield Township and Fife Lake Township send fire protection ordinances to Mr. Millar for his review.

Motion was made by Parker to adjourn meeting Springfield/Fife Lake joint Workshop meeting.

Sorrow seconded. **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:44

Fife Lake Township Board back in session at 8:46.

Discussion on the Public Boat Access status and on Lot 82 with Downey's concerns.

Public Boat Access:

Street informed the rest of the board members about the Stoll's attorney agreement and with our attorney's recommendation. The condition of concern on the agreement was a clause stating the Stoll's had the right to seek legal action if their sea wall had any damage in the future as a result of the public access/boat launch construction. Through discussion with the Fife Lake Township Board, it appears to be not an issue as long as our attorney recommended w the conditions of the agreement.

Pearson made a motion to approve going forward with the Public Access. Sorrow seconded.

Roll Call: Sorrow-yes, Street-yes, Forwerck-yes, Zimmerman-yes, Pearson-yes. **Motion Carried**

Lot 82:

Discussion about Lot 82 continued. Street mentioned the Downey's would not sign the agreement with having Downey's liability insurance state Fife Lake Township be named as a beneficiary. However, they did give a dollar per the agreement. Downey's need to sign Forwerck's stated agreement.

Forwerck clarified to the public that one dock by deed is allowed. That is also what our Township attorney stated. Through further discussion, board members feel bad for the Downey's, but do feel that we have to go by what our Township Attorney advises. That being only one dock per the deed of lot 82, which the Stein's now possess at this time.

Sorrow made a motion to adjourn. Forwerck seconded. **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Draft Minutes Prepared by: Terry Street

Approved by Fife Lake Township Board, July 27, 2017.

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