

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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SPECIAL MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Gerianne Street called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Street called Roll.

Present:

Supervisor Gerianne Street
Clerk Leigh Gifford
Treasurer Cathy Sorrow
Trustee Dawn Zimmerman
Trustee Nicole Gibson

A quorum was established.

Absent: None.

Also Present:

Recording Secretary, Kay Held
David McGough, Fife Lake Village President.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Street seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Street received correspondence from Ms. Dede Weaver regarding the canopy tent that is up at the American Legion. She questions why it has not yet been taken down after their fundraiser. Fife Lake Village President David McGough interjected that it is a shelter for outdoor activity and anticipates it will remain erected.

Ms. Street will review with Zoning Administrator Bob Hall on whether this canopy tent can be left up indefinitely or only for an event. Ms. Zimmerman has also been receiving emails about it.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None.

GUESTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss, deliberate, and take action on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment related to marijuana businesses:

Supervisor Street reported the Fife Lake Area Joint Planning Commission passed a Resolution to present to Fife Lake Township to consider adopting the Ordinance related to marihuana businesses.

Supervisor Street noted one specific change was made to address and specify the distances a business or facility may be from other locations. The original document only referred to schools; it now refers to additional locations. That change is "Kindergarten school or any grades 1-12" to "K-12 school," and "church, beach, or park excluding the State of Michigan roadside park on U.S. Highway 131" was added.

That section, occurring in several places throughout the document now reads:

"The lot where the marihuana (grow facility, safety compliance facility, medical marihuana provisioning center, et. al.) is located may not be within 1,000 feet of a pre-existing public or private K-12 school, church, beach, or park, excluding the State of Michigan roadside park on U.S. Highway 131. Distance is measured as the shortest straight-line distance between lots."

The group discussed the final version of the document as received from Attorney David Eberle, its changes and content. There was Board discussion as well as review and clarification of each change and any questions.

Several proofreading edits and corrections were noted, with the group determining the Recording Secretary would give the document a final proofread for grammar, punctuation and text usage.

There was Board consensus as to the content and putting it to the floor for a vote. An Ordinance number was assigned by Clerk Gifford.

Board Action:

Ms. Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2021-0914 as amended. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The Ordinance will be forwarded to Fife Lake Township Attorney David Eberle who will author a summary for required local posting via newspaper. A copy of the Minutes from the Fife Lake Township Public Hearing and Fife Lake Township Joint Planning Commission Public Hearing Comments will be attached.

Fife Lake Township will begin accepting applications beginning on the eighth calendar day after publication.

Note: The Recording Secretary carefully proofread the entire document for clerical errors and made those corrections of the adopted document prior to final signature and forwarding of the amended Ordinance to Attorney Eberle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Updates:

Trustee Sorrow provided a detailed report on the cemetery work she has been doing and reported to the Board.

- The Well Shed will be moved on Saturday. It has been cleaned out. The Township hopes to preserve the Historic Cement Vault. Ms. Amanda Scott, FLT Assistant Zoning Administrator, works with a youth corps who may be able to do this type of work.
- Power has been disconnected by Great Lakes.
- Waiting to meet with the shed mover to do excavation on that spot.
- Waiting for a quote from Mr. Doug Dontje to install two frost-free hydrants.
- Waiting for a quote from Mr. Charlie Browne to run electric to the new shed.
- Waiting on Fife Lake Area Utility Authority (FLAUA) to decide which zero-turn mower they would like. We are asking \$1,500 for each.
- The rest of the equipment is with Mr. Dave Crowley. This is primarily small electrics, small engine equipment, and lawn equipment. The Board discussed a commission rate for Mr. Crowley for equipment he sells. There was Board consensus and Board Action taken later in the meeting.
- Sold one push mower to Jake of The Mitten.

- Had Mr. Dan Wilson look at trees out back for cemetery expansion. His employer won't allow him to do what we wanted with selective cutting. She has a call into another party.
- Roger Gibson bulldozed a track through the back road, previously impassible.
- Lisa and Randy Plamondon have located all of the cement can lot markers and replaced them with new markers we purchased a few years ago. Jake from The Mitten was hitting a lot of the old ones and ruining mower blades.
- Loose scrap has been cleaned up.
- She spoke with our Auditor Mr. Ryan Howell, regarding the trade/swap of equipment for services and it is allowable. However, she does not recommend this route. There is the potential for these situations to sometimes not turn out well.
- Jake from The Mitten would like the leaf vacuum for fall cemetery clean-up. We originally paid \$1,300 for it. The Board may consider the trade of this and its trailer in lieu of payment for services for fall clean-up as this was previously discussed. Ms. Sorrow needs to re-visit and verify this with him.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to pay Mr. Dave Crowley a 20% commission on Township cemetery equipment he sells, excluding the Kubota tractor and its accessories. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Street-Y, Sorrow-Y, Gifford-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Ms. Sorrow is speaking with Ginop's to find out if they are willing to sell the Kubota and its accessories on commission. We purchased it for \$11,000. She will know next week if Ginop's is willing to sell it and will present the option to the Fife Lake Township Board at its 9/23/21 meeting for consideration.

She is tracking sales of all equipment.

Supervisor Street expressed thanks to Ms. Cathy Sorrow for all of the time and work she has put into the cemetery project; planning, inventory, clean-up, sourcing, and working with the community municipalities, vendors and the public on disbursement of equipment.

She is also grateful for the time and energy of Lisa and Randy Plamondon from the cemetery for working so well and closely with Ms. Sorrow. Mr. Roger Gibson's time and talents are also much appreciated.

Sale of Township Equipment:

This section was covered together above with "Cemetery Updates."

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Gibson-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Street-Y, Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary