

FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Regular Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
Thursday, October 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Gerianne Street called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Street called Roll.

Present: Supervisor Gerianne Street, Clerk Leigh Gifford, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow and Trustees Dawn Zimmerman and Nicole Gibson.

A quorum was established.

Absent: None.

Also Present:

Fife Lake Area Chamber of Commerce President Stan Patrick
Recording Secretary, Kay Held
Numerous Kingsley Area Schools students were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Amendments / Additions:

Other Business: Deputy Supervisor Position
New Business: MUM Insurance Renewal, Snowplow Bids
Old Business: Election

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Gifford-Y, Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gibson-Y, Sorrow-Y. 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Clerk Gifford read the purpose of the Consent Calendar to include:
Fife Lake Township Minutes of September 23, 2021, Joint Fife Lake Township/Springfield Township Special Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2021, Financial Report, Transfers and Bills to be Paid.

Ms. Street requested to remove the October 13, 2021 Joint Fife Lake Township/Springfield Township Meeting Minutes from the Consent Calendar for placement on next month's Agenda for approval.

Ms. Zimmerman requested to move the Financial/Bills to Be Paid to New Business.

Ms. Zimmerman also noted on the September 23, 2021 Minutes to remove Trustee Gibson from the Approval of Agenda Roll Call Vote as she was absent from the meeting. There were no other occurrences where she was indicated as present.

Board Action:

Ms. Sorrow made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended with the removal of the Financial/Bills to be Paid and the October 13, 2021 Joint Fife Lake Township/Springfield Township Meeting Minutes. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Street received correspondence from Ms. DeDe Weaver who asked that it not be shared aloud. She will follow-through on this with her personally.

Clerk Gifford received correspondence from Ms. Lisa Leedy with a FOIA request stemming from the October 13 Joint Fife Lake Township-Springfield Township Milfoil Assessment District Public Hearing. Ms. Gifford has been in contact with her.

Ms. Street received correspondence from the Fife Lake Township Fire Department and read it aloud to the Board and members of the public. The Fire Department is asking for consideration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid Relief Funds. They responded to a request asking how the dynamics of Covid have affected the firefighters of Fife Lake, Springfield and Union Township. The letter expressed how the pandemic has affected the Fire Department as a whole and members individually from shortages of supplies and PPE, limitations on trainings and in-person meetings, as well as day to day operations. It also spoke of physical and emotional tolls as well as the personal losses and stressors the pandemic has had on the Department while they have strived to continue to provide a high level of service to the community. They are asking for \$1,000 for each of the volunteer firefighters from ARPA funds.

Ms. Street shared communication she received from Pastor Jacob Terry of Fife Lake Baptist Church regarding concerns about the impending location of a marihuana grow facility and dispensary. She read the letter aloud.

Pastor Terry stated he understands the state regulation is 1,000 ft. from a school and two weeks ago churches were added to that Ordinance by Fife Lake Township. He believes this places the grow and dispensary site locations in question and in violation of this Ordinance. Part of this evening's meeting is to either remove churches from the Ordinance or shorten the distance. He is opposed to changing either for several reasons. As a pastor, he is opposed to marihuana and referenced scripture from 7 Timothy 2:7. As a church they stand to help people, including those struggling with addiction. He believes a marihuana facility so close to their meeting place would have a negative impact on that goal much like placing a bar next to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting place. The revenues marihuana would bring to the community are not worth the price it would cost to already struggling families. He went on to express the effects of marihuana on individuals, families and communities.

Pastor Terry and those involved in the Fife Lake Baptist Church ministry do not wish to be desensitized by the constant sight of these facilities nor children affected by the negative influence associated with marihuana sale and use. They formally requested the Ordinance remain as is and not be changed to accommodate these facilities. He provided signatures from 18 individuals who are opposed to the proposed change, noting he had short notice as he only learned of this evening's meeting the night before.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mr. Shane Lewis, 11744 East State Street, Fife Lake, MI 49663

Mr. Lewis had prepared and distributed a lengthy letter regarding his concerns about the language in the Marihuana Ordinance in reference to the location of marihuana facilities to churches, schools, child care facilities, and public facilities such as libraries museums, parks, and beaches. The Ordinance does not take into consideration the proximity of such facilities to residential homes. He believes the decisions of today will have consequences for many years, some of which are irreparable. While fairness has been extended to the various types of marihuana facilities, he does not believe that same level of fairness has been given to the residents of the Fife Lake area. He asks what are we willing to give up for \$20,000?

Regarding aesthetics, two dispensaries will affect what people think about Fife Lake now and in the future. People in the community who choose to use marihuana are able to get it somewhere. Moreso, he believes if you research the substance and its effects, one would be surprised. Some view it as medicine. Studies show it does help some people. However, there are two components to it: THC and CBD. Science says they work against each other – a high versus medicinal. Through resources he cites in his letter, he states that THC can trigger psychosis and CBD seems to fight it. Scientists found there are two genes in our DNA makeup that could cause schizophrenia. While these genes may not manifest schizophrenia, adding THC can do so. Evidence shows that regular marihuana use increases the chance of psychosis in teenagers and regular use in people can have negative effects such as mental illness, lower grades and IQ, school dropout, etc. Desensitization has a negative impact, particularly on our youth, and he tested his theory on his own four high schoolers. They thought it was no big deal because it is legal and available everywhere.

GUESTS: None.

REPORTS:

County Commissioner – Mr. Rob Henschell:

Absent - No report.

Trustee Gifford expressed concern that in her year on the FLT Board (less two meetings she was unable to attend) she has not seen Mr. Henschell at a meeting. She asked if he could please be requested to attend. Supervisor Street stated she has received no response to emails.

Sheriff Department – Deputy Derek Reed:

Deputy Reed reported the following activity last month:

Some of his investigations include:

One Harboring a Fugitive, one Possession of a Controlled Substance, one Disorderly/Probation Violation, one Ordinance Violation, nine Assists, one Warrant Arrest, nine Traffic Stops, four Traffic Crashes, 10 Assists and six Follow-up Investigations.

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office has also investigated in Fife Lake:

One Assault & Battery, one Larceny from an Auto, three Traffic Stops, two Trespass, two Warrant Arrests, one Assist, three Suspicious, and one Motorist Assist.

Deputy Reed stated he has only been here a short time; however, suggested cameras be placed in the boat launch area and in the park as there have been numerous complaints/investigations; i.e., stolen vehicle, drug investigation, stolen purse on State Street that was thrown into the park porta john, etc. There has also been damage to the equipment at the park. He suggested the Board consider cameras in the future when making equipment investments.

Supervisor Street publicly offered accolades to Deputy Reed as he assisted a local homeless person in the Village. He went above and beyond by providing this individual with a bus ticket to aid in reuniting him with his family.

Deputy Reed stated he received the new radar gun today and new batteries for the speed detector.

Ambulance/Fire/Emergency Planning – Ms. Nicole Gibson, Chief Scott Tinker.

Ms. Nicole Gibson reported:

No Ambulance report as she did not receive a report from Mr. Mike Berendsohn, EMS Director of Kalkaska Emergency Service.

Fire Chief Scott Tinker reported:

There were 11 runs in September:

9/5/21: Assisted Metro Station in East Bay Township at a structure fire; nine stations responded. On scene for three hours with five personnel responding.

9/6/21: Assisted Garfield with an MVA. On scene for 90 minutes with 11 personnel responding.

9/6/21: Minor MVA in Springfield Township. On scene for 10 minutes with five personnel responding.

9/11/21: Assisted South Boardman at a structure fire. On scene 35 minutes with four personnel responding.

9/12/21: MVA in Fife Lake Township. On scene for 60 minutes with seven personnel responding.

9/14/21: MVA in Fife Lake. On scene for one hour, 20 minutes with five personnel responding.

9/23/21: MVA in Fife Lake. On scene for 45 minutes with five personnel responding.

9/23/21: False fire alarm in Fife Lake. On scene 43 minutes with six personnel responding.

9/29/21: False alarm in Fife Lake at school. On scene 27 minutes with two personnel responding.

Chief Tinker stated the Fire Capital Millage Improvement will be on the November 2 ballot. He wanted to inform the public that a volunteer rural fire department needs monies to run. Their operating funds have not increased in 15-20 years. Rather than trying to increase the operational funds, they are seeking a capital millage solely for the purchase of new equipment. He indicated this year he had to cut \$30,000 from the operational budget; he cut \$5,000 from Training and \$4,000 from payroll. His team is part-paid volunteers. Of the operating budget, 86% are fixed costs.

The Department no longer only services structure fires. They also manage wild land fires, perform water, river and ice rescue, search and rescue, and EMS assist. Every one of these areas requires different training, which is costly. Ice water rescue alone is \$6,000 to train a fire department.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires removing a truck from service after 20 years; they need to take one out of service this year. They have one 1996 reserve engine for backup. If the proposed millage passes, they will purchase a new truck. They hope to not need to seek an operational millage in the future.

In 1990, the purchase of an engine was \$98,000. Since then the Authority took over and a new engine cost was \$250,000 plus \$50,000 in additional items. New engines can run from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The Department's fuel costs have increased by 52% in the past seven years. Utilities and rent have increased. Everything has gone up, yet with no millage increase.

Volunteer staff are paid a stipend per call. The average Member goes on 50% of calls. Their stipend pay over a year averages to \$1.76 an hour plus the cost of their personal vehicle to get to the station. It is expensive and very difficult to run a rural volunteer system. They are now asking for help. He announced there are flyers on the table to explain the proposal, complete with phone numbers. The Department is happy to answer any questions of the public. Their meeting schedule includes Wednesday nights at 6:30 and the Authority Board meets the second Monday of each month.

The 2022 budget proposal will be reviewed at next November's meeting.

Chief Tinker indicated he is asking Springfield and Fife Lake Townships the same amounts in ARPA funds for the Department. He reiterated how the pandemic has affected the department operationally, morale, mental health, and personally.

Chief Tinker informed the Board there is a broken 2.5" fill valve at the building. Supervisor Street authorized the \$169 to replace it, which Chief Tinker offered to do.

Captain Randy Tinker is looking at new locks for fire station doors. They are biometric and code, and identify every person going in and out of the station. He will be putting a proposal together.

Chief Tinker requested replacement of two lights that are out in front of the Tanker Door Bay and Brush Bay. He would also like another light above the main door through which they go in and out. There is no light, and it is very dark.

The Garage Door repair company was here; he is unaware if anything was done. The bottom of each door is rotted, there are 27 bad rollers (one almost hit a Member in the head), and the overhead doors are not working. He asked Clerk Gifford to notify him when they are here so that he can be onsite.

Taylor Morris of 9&10 news contacted him; they will try to get a night crew available to meet with him. He was interviewed by the Preview; an article will be published next week.

Fife Lake Village – Mr. David McGough:

Village President McGough reported the Village Board met on 10/18/21. The following items were approved:

- 100 tons of sand and salt for winter. The salt has arrived; sand expected next week.
- Tires for village pickup/plow truck
- Mr. Tom Rookus for the Joint Planning Committee

There is an application for an open seat on the Village Council; that individual may be sworn in at the November meeting. Roads are an ongoing topic, and they continue to research loans/grant.

They are working on the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance, drawing from FLT as a guideline and working with their attorney. The Ordinance may be adopted at the next meeting. They met with the Zoning Administrator regarding the alley behind the post office to make it open only to foot traffic.

Fife Lake Area Utility Authority (FLAUA) – Ms. Leigh Gifford:

Ms. Leigh Gifford (FLAUA Secretary) reported:

FLAUA may need another part-time employee. They have continued to have annual audits conducted because they are still making payments to the USDA; however, FLAUA would like to explore if there is an option for an audit every other year.

FLAUA has asked to be considered for ARPA funds from Fife Lake Township for future maintenance and an AED.

They purchased one zero turn mower and other equipment from the Township. The Compliance Officer needs a manual; Ms. Sorrow is looking for it.

Zoning Administrator – Mr. Robert Hall:

Absent - No Report.

Fife Lake Area Joint Planning Commission (FLAJPC) – Ms. Dawn Zimmerman:

Ms. Zimmerman reported:

The FLAJPC has held two meetings. She was unable to attend the 9/28/21 meeting; Mr. Shane Lewis reported on that meeting in her place.

Mr. Lewis stated the Board met Mr. Tom Rookus. They discussed the Walton Junction camper situation and the Rec Plan.

Trustee Zimmerman reported on the 10/26/21 meeting where they were given a final draft of the Rec Plan. Commissioners wanted extra time to review it and will discuss at next month’s meeting. There was discussion regarding the Township’s adopted Marihuana Ordinance regarding the potential change of 1000’ from churches, etc. New Planner Tom Rookus replaced Chris Ingersoll. Their next meeting is November 30.

Civic Center South – Ms. Gerianne Street

Ms. Street reported she was unable to attend the most recent Civic Center South meeting. She has heard that they are seriously considering a dog park at Civic Center South.

Lake Shore Drive – Messrs. Mike Kattreh and Greg Sova

Mr. Kattreh reported:

The Lake Shore Drive Committee asked the Grand Traverse County Road Commission to include Lake Shore Drive for millage support. They also asked them to consider making Lake Shore Drive a primary road.

With Supervisor Street’s assistance, they met again with State Representative John Roth, Messrs. Brad Kluczynski and Wayne Schoonover of the Road Commission and Mr. Dan Hawkins, Kingsley Village Manager and MDOT Designated Representative for Rural Task Force.

He stated Supervisor Street will be meeting with Mr. Phil Masserant to discuss any possible funding for Lake Shore Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marihuana Application Process:

Assistant Zoning Administrator Amanda Scott and FLT Clerk Leigh Gifford have thoroughly reviewed an application that was received. Ms. Scott joined the meeting by telephone at this time.

After extensive review, there was discussion that the State of Michigan already reviews many of the documents the Township has requested in their application. The Township can request additional information if deemed necessary.

There was Board discussion to consider striking the Township’s request for W2s from the application; many applicants are self-employed and receive 1099s. The FLT attorney David Eberle was also consulted.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to remove the requirement of applicants to provide W-2s on Marihuana Applications. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds:

Supervisor Street is still reviewing information and looking at prospective bids. The Township received a check for \$56,000, which is 50% of funds that will be awarded. This item was tabled until next month.

Recreational Marihuana Retail Licensing Application:

Fife Lake Township received one complete Retail Marihuana Application from Venus Operations, LLC (dba as Skybox).

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made motion to accept and approve the application from Venus Operations for a Retail Marihuana License located at 6550 U.S. Highway 131, Fife Lake, MI 49633. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

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

Revisit Marihuana Ordinance:

Supervisor Street reported when the Township began the Ordinance process, they went with the State of Michigan recommendation with regard to marihuana businesses in that “where the lot is located may not be located within 1,000 feet of a pre-existing public or private K-12 school, church, beach, or park excluding the State of Michigan park on U.S. Highway 131.” This distance may cause a barrier for economic growth.

She noted Fife Lake Village has also discussed this and may change their clause to reduce the space from 1,000 feet to 500 feet to accommodate one site on the northeast side of the U.S. 131/M-186 intersection or strike it altogether.

There is a marihuana grow facility on the southeast corner of the same intersection stated above where the owners would also like to open a retail store.

To keep things consistent, it is being proposed to change the Ordinance verbiage regarding location restrictions from the currently stated 1,000 feet to 500 feet. That business is approximately 740 feet lot line to lot line to the Baptist Church. There is a 27.46 acre parcel between the church and the facility.

The business believes we are switching rules within the process that will greatly impact the business financially. It is Supervisor Street’s recommendation to change the verbiage to 500 feet. There is a great deal of revenue through marihuana retailers; some of the lost revenue from the Pugsley facility closing could be recouped.

There was extensive Board discussion of retaining the distance at 1,000 feet, reducing it to 700 feet or reducing it to 500 feet. There is Board consensus to attempt to align the Ordinances.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to change the distance verbiage in the Marihuana Ordinance regarding location of marihuana businesses which currently reads “where the lot is located may not be located within 1,000 feet of a pre-existing public or private K-12 school, church, beach, or park excluding the State of Michigan park on U.S. Highway 131” and change that distance to “.....500 feet.....”

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

Milfoil Treatment Fuel Reimbursement:

Mr. Fred Joles has not specifically asked for reimbursement for Milfoil monitoring; however has mentioned it. Ms. Street stated we need some kind formal documentation or an invoice from him to provide reimbursement.

Deputy Supervisor Position:

Supervisor Street introduced and recommended Mr. Jeff Berthiaume for the position of FLT Deputy Supervisor.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to approve Mr. Jeff Berthiaume as Fife Lake Township Deputy Supervisor. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

Snowplow Bids:

There was Board discussion about snowplow needs. Because it is under a specific dollar threshold, letting it out for bids is not necessary. A sealed bid was received from our current provider, Mr. Roger Gibson. A second interested party had backed out.

Board Action:

Ms. Gifford made a motion to hire Mr. Roger Gibson for the 2021-2022 season based on his submitted invoice. If conditions warrant costs exceeding \$2,000, the Board would need to authorize additional services. Ms. Sorrow seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Street-Y, Zimmerman-Y, Gifford-Y, Sorrow-Y. 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Ms. Gibson abstained from the vote to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

Bills to Be Paid” There was Board discussion regarding Bills to be Paid:

Re: Leslie Emery, for cemetery contract services. We approved \$1500 at last meeting for finish installation of two hydrants and run the line, and materials. An additional \$2,000 was charged for other services: \$1,000 for moving the building and \$1,000 for filling in the foundation. There are two separate billings for different services/billings.

Re: Best Price Tree Service \$700. This was an emergency situation which Ms. Street approved.

Re: Historical Society funds; this was approved several months ago.

Re: Dave Crowley commission for sale of equipment. The Board confirmed he is to receive 15% commission for the sale of the Kubota tractor and 20% for the sale of other Township equipment. This was previously approved. These payments are not listed on the revised Bills to be Paid; the Board would like to get him paid.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to approve Bills to be Paid with the addition of Mr. Dave Crowley's commission of 15% for the sale of the Kubota and 20% for the sale of other equipment. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of Township Equipment and Cemetery Update:

Treasurer Sorrow reported:

The John Deere tractor has not sold yet; equipment has been sold. She will provide Clerk Gifford the breakdown of sale items and prices.

Re: Fife Lake Cemetery, she contacted six logger/tree services; five responded. There were three bids submitted. She and Ms. Lisa Plamondon walked the property with them. Bids range widely from \$10,000 - \$68,000.

The Township needs to mark trees they wish to retain. Board Members will walk the property to make those determinations. This is not a clear-cut project. The project would be managed in sections. As previously reported, there are currently no gravesites available to sell. A survey is not needed; the cemetery is fenced in.

Each of the vendors is equally qualified; however, the cost varied widely.

Lutke Forest Products: \$10,000

Cut trees, remove stumps and level area for logging equipment and semi turnaround. Will leave trees marked by the Township to retain existing cemetery look. Harvest round wood logs, bolts and pulp out of harvested trees, and chip tops of all these trees and trees that have no value as round wood.

Will harvest some of the logs as opposed to chipping everything. They will take the wood, which reduces the cost. Scheduling is unknown at this time whether harvest can take place yet this fall.

Helsel's Tree Service:

\$40,000 for clearing back section of cemetery (excluding border discussed along fence, swamp, and maintenance area), leaving select trees. Chipping trees and leaving chips on premises. No stumps.

\$60,000 for clearing back section of cemetery (excluding border discussed along fence, swamp, and maintenance area), leaving select trees, grinding trees and stumps into mulch and leaving mulch on property.

Best Price Tree Service:

\$2,800/day for crews 8 hours/day, chippers and chainsaws, chip brush on ground, stack logs onsite. No stumping.

\$68,000 for removal of all trees, chip brush on ground, haul away logs. No stumping.

Board Action:

Ms. Street made a motion to hire Lutke Forest Products at the cost of \$10,000 to do the proposed harvest cemetery expansion project. Ms. Gibson seconded the motion.

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

Walton Junction Blight:

Ms. Street reported a court date is scheduled, via Zoom, on November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. with the Honorable Michael Stepka presiding. Members of the public can check online for the Zoom invite information if interested.

Milfoil Special Assessment Process:

Ms. Street would like to form a Milfoil Committee. While the Township has been transparent in past; there is always room for improvement. Lake owners wish to have more information; it has always been available; however, she would like to put it out there in more accessible ways, improve public relations and have someone learn mapping of the Milfoil.

Messrs. Tom Hempsted, Fred Joles, and John Strowbridge have committed to help her on this Committee. She is looking for another lakefront property owner to assist.

Election:

Clerk Gifford has sent a list of election workers to the Board, held public accuracy test, tested the equipment (machines are running fine), and the Deputy Clerk is taking the e-poll book to the County tomorrow for updates. It will be picked up Monday 11-1.

The meeting room will be set up 11-1 and closed to the public until Wednesday, 11-3. The election will be held Tuesday, 11-2 with the polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MUM Insurance Renewal:

Clerk Gifford confirmed the Michigan Township Participating Plan insurance policy has been renewed.

OTHER BUSINESS: (Deputy Supervisor Position covered in New Business).

Outstanding Task List:

The Outstanding Task List was reviewed. New tasks were added throughout the meeting and completed items removed.

Ms. Gifford stated someone purchased Gravesite 42; however, there is a Certificate recorded indicating it already belongs to someone under the Shaw Family. There are several abandoned graves in the Fife Lake Cemetery. She has asked for the Ordinance to be updated as information is very out of date in terms of procedures. Additionally, because the Ordinance is so out of date, she believes it should temporarily be removed from the FLT website. Perhaps the Cemetery Committee could take on updating the Cemetery Ordinance as a winter project.

She will be placing an ad regarding abandoned graves. We have no gravesites for sale until the expansion is completed. Someone wishes to purchase a site(s) but wants to ensure it does not belong to anyone else. Ms. Gifford questioned if it should be announced at this time there are no sites available for purchase; there was Board consensus it should be made known with the information that the cemetery expansion is underway.

Planning Commission notation: Ms. Street stated a Special Meeting needs to be scheduled for the Planning Commission regarding the 500 feet topic in the Marihuana Ordinance. A Public Notice will need to be published by Tessa with the Planning Commission.

Trustee Zimmerman reported the Road End Public Access Improvement Committee met last week. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Birch street access site. It was first surveyed 11/18/18 and resurveyed 10/2021. They will be composing a letter to be sent to adjacent Birch Street property owners regarding Township Ordinance references for the future. The hump at Birch Street was removed and grass was planted.

Ms. Gifford mentioned FLAUA is seeking a flat bottomed boat for use on the pond.

Ms. Street reported on the status of Short-term Rentals. House Bill #1577 was passed by the House. Representative John Roth voted no. It will next go to the Michigan State Senate before becoming an Act. We will await a result.

Ms. Gibson reported the next Police Committee meeting will be held 11/9/21.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Ms. Audrey Stryker, 11475 Lake Shore Drive, Fife Lake, MI

Ms. Stryker was pleased there were so many students present tonight to witness municipal government in action. As civic minded young people who are the future of our community, she asked if any of them would be interested in attending a

Joint Planning Commission meeting regarding the 1000' vs. 500' on the Marihuana Ordinance. She would like to know their thoughts. She was very enthused about their attendance and would appreciate their input. That meeting date will be selected shortly and announced on the Fife Lake Township website for reference.

Kingsley High School Student Kati Smith, 311 Franklin Street, Fife Lake, MI

Ms. Smith stated it is interesting to know about these issues. Coming from a public school, she believes you can't really stop youth or adults from getting substances whether the distance from locations is 500' or 1,000'.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Kay Z. Held, Recording Secretary