

**Regular Meeting of the Township Board
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Cleveland Township**

Supervisor, Tim Stein, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present on roll call were, Tim Stein, Angie Diotte, and Tanelle Budd, Jan Nowak, and Todd Nowak.

Motion by Todd Nowak and seconded by Jan Nowak to approve June 13, 2023 Minutes. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda- Tom Nelson, French Rd, Cedar MI with the Leelanau Conservancy: A trail map was handed out along with parking areas. The map is not drawn to scale, because all the trails are minimal compared to the surrounding area. Number of folks have expressed to the Conservancy their concerns about mountain biking, which the fear is will lead to motorcross, but it's not a bike park. There is a deer prohibited area, Palmer Woods has a fern garden, there is hiking, and cross-country trails along with non-motorized trails.

It started with about 700+ acres and additional 350+ that were donated in 2019. There are about 25 miles of logging roads that wind through the area.

The Conservancy has heard from the community and with local demographics more age appropriate attractions for family and younger populations is important, while also protecting wild life, water quality, and phase in trails, and off street parking. Decentralized parking, spreads out the parking issue to ease traffic concerns in the peak months. One point discussed was if the Conservancy hadn't taken over that land, would hundreds of houses have gone up and if so how would the neighbor like that?

Anytime someone contacts the Conservancy they said they have been diligent on getting back to them with their concerns and been engaging with neighborhood. The idea is to have a working relationship with the community and neighbors.

Supervisor's Report – None

Clerk Report – None

Treasurer's Report – Angie: May 31, 2023

Revenue	\$ 6,690.53
Disbursements	\$ -24,974.78
Bank Balance	\$ 613,729.68

Motion by Jan Nowak and seconded by Tim Stein to approve June 2023, Treasurer's Report. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried

Planning Commission Report –Todd Nowak: Draft of STR has been sent to the attorney for review. Requested a list of all the taxpayers in the area to help solve the percentage that should be allowed for STR.

Zoning Administrator's Report – Tim Stein for Scott Sheehan: Two additions/garage, two new home builds, one solar array, and new porch and roof. No complaints, but many phone calls about STR, one discussion on view-shed district and informed one person they needed a LUP for the work they are doing.

Met with Tim and new IT person to follow up on electronic applications.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report –Jan Nowak: None

Maintenance Report – Boat launch pads were delivered, next is getting them installed. New paint job for the interior of the hall and some exterior parts along with new window coverings that were ordered.

Assessor Report – Tentative dates for BOR July meeting: July 18th, at 11:00am for qualified errors and corrections and PREs.

Other members – none

Old Business –

- a.) **Review/Update Cedar Area Fire and Rescue- John Imbolden:** New approval for the finances of the ambulance. Hired two part time officers and made an offer to another person to be extended. Staffing requirements should be met by end of July, which means 24/7 ALS. Initial budget has been prepared and should be ready for the August and/or September meeting.

b.) Review for Approval Revised CAFR Request for New Ambulance Financing Resolution: Change to the previous resolutions is the CAFR assest will come from the Capital Fund.

Motion by Todd Nowak and seconded Angie Diotte to approve the New Ambulance Financing Revised Resolution for 2023 CAFR (Resolution 2023-07). Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried

New Business –

a.) Follow up on Concerns of Definition of “Park” in the Agricultural Zoning District.

When the Palmer Woods property was turned over to the Conservancy, as standard documentation, it was decided to do it as a phasing process into the forestry program. The Township will reach out to the Conservancy to address what type of action needs to be taken if the Conservancy is going to have a public park (bike and walking trails), which are tied to the forest program.

Concluded the Township needs a better definition of a “park.” This was discussed at prior to the PC meeting, during the meeting, and after. The Township will engage with the community, Conservancy, and PC to discuss verbiage. The Township doesn’t believe there is an increase in traffic issue or disturbance of wildlife threat due to the nature of the Conservancy. The Township will not stop the construction at this time, but taxation needs to be addressed.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Jan Nowak and seconded Angie Diotte to approve the payment of bills for July 11, 2023. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Correspondence – None

Public forum – Tom Nelson: Thanked us for the conservation and taking a measured approach to solving the community issue. The Conservancy wants to be sensitive to the busyness of the area.

**Motion by Todd Nowak and seconded Jan Nowak by to adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm.
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Tanelle Budd, Clerk

Approved by Tim Stein, Supervisor

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