

DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Karen Miller, Clerk Cindy Shields, Treasurer Pat Miller  
Trustee Matthew Karr (showed up at 9:10 a.m.)

Building/Planning Administrator Randy Stewart

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Tim Elkins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Krueger, Jim Morey, Shawn Barrett, Diane Millington

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423, the pledge of allegiance was recited. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve agenda items concerning the Lake Callis Recreational Complex and the Gale/Lapeer Road Trail.

**World Volley Ball Cult contract discussion**

Karen Miller stated that the new volley ball courts at the Lake Callis Recreational Complex will need help with tournaments and asked Kenneth Tucker of the World Volleyball Cult to explain what it is he does.

Ken gave a brief description of how he began his love of volley ball and how he became the Volley Lama. He handles the leagues throughout Genesee County.

Karen said that we have asked him to help out on opening weekend and we would like to approve the contract so he can began setting up the leagues.

Cindy asked if the contract was annual and Ken said there is a 30 day written notice clause.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY K. MILLER to** approve the contract pending Mr. Lattie's approval as presented. Roll call: Yes - P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller. Motion carried.

**Gale & Lapeer Road Trail discussion**

Randy explained that the trail is a MDOT project but is federally funded and will not be approved until the bids are in. The right-of-ways have to be certified which means we have to buy them or have them donated. We will seek the donations but it could end up costing the township \$100,000. If the board says no then the project dies and we, Davison Township, could be blacklisted from future projects.

Cindy asked if the township would have \$225,000 invested of the \$600,000 grant and Randy said yes.

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Karen stated that the road projects that we had planned have been cancelled and that will save us some funds this year.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the Gale & Lapeer Road Trail project to go forward as discussed up to \$100,000. Roll call: Yes – Shields, K. Miller, P. Miller. Motion carried.

**Admission and Pass fees for the Lake Callis Recreational Complex discussion**

Karen stated that there are three proposals presented for fees to use the Lake Callis Recreational Complex. Proposal 1 charges different fees for Residents, Nonresidents, Senior residents and Senior nonresidents, per person per vehicle, bus, motorcycles and bicyclists, walk-ins with and without coolers and an annual pass including the splash pad for residents, nonresidents, senior residents, senior nonresidents. Proposal 2 has a flat rate per person, under 2 years old free, and a \$2 splash pad entrance fee, an annual pass flat fee for residents and nonresidents and a flat fee annual pass for the splash pad per person residents and nonresidents. Proposal 3 has no fees at all.

There was discussion about how the fees would cover the cost of maintenance of the Lake Callis Recreational Complex and how we don't charge for the other parks at this time.

There was a proposal from Pat to open the park this year without fees and see if they are needed next year.

Karen and Chief Freeman stated that security is needed right from the start and that we have not had a park like this and you cannot compare it to anything we do have around here right now. Karen also stated that maintenance and cleaning is a big issue and it has to be manned.

Pat stated that he did not like to vote at special meetings, that there should be more public comment on the subject. He objects to charging the residents at all.

There was a suggestion to give the residents the first year free with a purchase of an annual pass and raffle sales.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve Proposal 2 as presented. Roll call: Yes – K. Miller, Karr, Shields. No – P. Miller. Motion carried.

**Park Director/Coordinator discussion**

Karen stated that the position needs to be advertised so that we can get some applicants to choose from.

There was discussion about the salary, full time and becoming a township employee with benefits, and a part time assistant.

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**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the Park Director/Event Coordinator description for the position with salary negotiable be advertised. Roll call: Yes – Karr, P. Miller, Shields, K. Miller. Motion carried.

**Park Employment application discussion**

Karen said that the application was developed and needs to be advertised to get applicants to choose from.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the Lake Callis Recreation Complex application as presented. Motion carried.

**Splash Pad fencing discussion**

Karen explained that for security and maintenance reasons the splash pad needs to have fencing around it.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY P. MILLER** to approve fencing around the splash pad. Motion carried.

**MOTION BY K. MILLER, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to add the Security Guard Firm discussion to the agenda. Roll call: No - Shields, Karr, P. Miller. Yes – K. Miller. Motion denied.

Cindy asked if there could be a conference call with the Hydrologist Randy has been in contact with about the water being treated. Randy said that the meeting should be with the Health Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The public comment period was opened at 10:25 a.m. There was none and the public comment period was closed at 10:26 a.m.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Addition of Police Officer Angus

Pat Miller's Certification

Consumers Energy meter changes update

**ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Cindy Shields, Clerk