Leland Township Board Special Meeting  
May 7, 2020 – 10:00 AM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

(Leland Township will be holding all meetings remotely under the COVID19 Executive order issued to limit person to person transmission of the virus until such order is lifted. Directions to participate in the meeting via Zoom were included in the posting of the agenda.)

PRESENT: Supervisor Susan Och, Clerk Lisa Brookfield, Treasurer Shirley Garthe, Trustee Michael Collins, Trustee Tony Borden.

ABSENT: 0

GUESTS: Brad Wierda, Jim Atkinson, Robert Parker, 9645 and 1263 (unidentified call-ins).

Ms. Och called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Garthe moved to approve the agenda as presented; supported by Ms. Brookfield.

Voice roll call

Supervisor Susan Och: Yes
Clerk Lisa Brookfield: Yes
Treasurer Shirley Garthe: Yes
Trustee Michael Collins: Absent (arrived after meeting was started)
Trustee Tony Borden: Yes

Motion carried (4 in favor, 1 absent)

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution to approve ballot language for extra-voted millage. R-20-13

The ballot language was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Borden asked if there was any other millage that supports operations. There is a state allocated millage that provides about half of our funding. Ms. Och discussed where the money for operations comes from. This new millage is near the same amount as last year. A small amount goes to the Brownfield Authority.

ACTION: Ms. Brookfield moved to approve the ballot language for resolution R-20-13 for the Leland Township Extra Voted Millage Renewal to replace the expired millage for the August 4, 2020 ballot; supported by Ms. Garthe.

Voice roll call

Supervisor Susan Och: Yes
Clerk Lisa Brookfield: Yes
Treasurer Shirley Garthe: Yes
Trustee Michael Collins: Yes
Trustee Tony Borden: Yes

Resolution R-20-13 approved: 5 in favor.

2. Installation of signs at Reynolds Street and North Beach (possible closed session)

The meeting could not go to closed session because the possible closed session was not posted properly in the agenda. A closed session would be called if the Board were discussing litigation strategy. There was discussion about signage that did not interfere with current litigation. Ms. Och explained the situation at the beach road end on Reynolds Street. Two summers ago there were questions about public use of the road end beach on Reynolds Street. It was decided that the issue

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should be handled by the Road Commission and signs that were placed by Leland Township were removed. Problems continued and the Road Commission was not interested in preserving public use of the beach other than ingress and egress to and from the water. Currently, the water is high and there is no room on the beach for fires. There was an incident recently and the fire was not put out when the participants left. We have signs that we could put up that forbid fires and cite park rules. Such signs are currently at Vans Beach and Avenue A. Mr. Wierda was asked if the signs should be put up. His opinion was that Leland Township should continue to regulate the beach as has been done previously for safety reasons and the possibility of adverse possession. Part of one of the signs that refers to fire rings will need to be taped off or the sign should not be used. The signs are consistent with the Township’s position in litigation and is what we are doing at other beaches. It was discussed that only the “no fires” signs were appropriate to put up at this time.

ACTION: Mr. Borden moved for Leland Township to put up the “no fires” signs on North beach and the Reynolds Street road end; supported by Mr. Collins.

Voice roll call

- Supervisor Susan Och: Yes
- Clerk Lisa Brookfield: Yes
- Treasurer Shirley Garthe: No
- Trustee Michael Collins: Yes
- Trustee Tony Borden: Yes

Motion carried. 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

OTHER/OLD BUSINESS - None

BOARD COMMENT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT Jim Atkinson – The signs designating public access on the beaches are only visible from the lake. He would like to see similar signs posted at North beach.

Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.; supported by Mr. Borden.

Voice roll call

- Supervisor Susan Och: Yes
- Clerk Lisa Brookfield: Yes
- Treasurer Shirley Garthe: Yes
- Trustee Michael Collins: Yes
- Trustee Tony Borden: Yes

Motion carried. 5 in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kacin, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: ____________________

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Susan Och, Leland Township Supervisor   Lisa Brookfield, Township Clerk