

**SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**October 6, 2011**

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, Psarouthakis and Spiegel. There were (21) twenty-one public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Frey to approve the 9/1/11 minutes. Motion carried.

Reno Feldkamp recommended that Sharon Township abolish its mineral licensing board and have the Township Board handle the gravel companies like Freedom, Bridgewater and Manchester Townships.

Howard and Agnes Haselschwerdt asked that their comments be public record regarding their concerns over the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation project next to their property (see attached document).

Treasurer Simons reported that 10% of the total summer taxes were unpaid but that Sharon Township still gets the full administration fee even if they are unpaid.

Clerk Aiuto reported that the audit went well and that we were still waiting on the reports.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for September: issued four zoning permits, there were two burning complaints, no land splits, no new signs and no new addresses.

Bill Lewis reported that the public comment regarding the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation project was covered in the public comment. He reported that the Grass Lake Conservancy would be applying for a special use permit in November.

There was discussion about appointing a Board representative to the Planning Commission due to Tom Lavender's absence. Motion by Frey, supported by Aiuto to appoint Kathy Spiegel as the Board representative effective immediately. Motion carried.

Trustee Spiegel stated that she would be the secretary of the Planning Commission and take the minutes since the administrative assistant resigned. Clerk Aiuto reported that Charlotte Williams had applied for the administrative assistant position. After much

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discussion, motion by Aiuto, supported by Frey that anyone who takes the minutes for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be compensated \$35.00 per meeting to take the minutes. Abstain: Spiegel. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in September.

Jim Hopkins, chair of the Mineral Licensing Board reported that the MLB had no meeting but that they needed to appoint a member due to Tom Lavender's recall. Andrew DeLeeuw resume was received for the Mineral Licensing Board position. Jim Hopkins reported that he had interviewed him and recommended him for the position. Hopkins stated that he would do a report to the pros and cons of the MLB and bring it to the next meeting.

Clerk Aiuto gave the history to why the Mineral Licensing Board was established and why it is so important.

Spiegel reported that CACA's deposits were up due to the expansion of Chelsea Hospital. She reported that they still have some major financial issues like the approximately \$1,000,000.00 construction loan and the mortgage. She stated that they are still trying to work out a payment schedule. She would like to give up attending the CACA meetings since she is now on the P/C.

Psarouthakis reported that the Sharon Township representative doesn't need to be a Board member. Spiegel thought it should be though since there are a lot of financial decisions being made. Psarouthakis will attend the next meeting and be an alternate.

Spiegel reported that Sharon Township would host the next SWWCOG meeting in October.

Old Business

The Board discussed and reviewed the Hazmat ordinance drafted by Fred Lucas. Some changes were made. Frey to submit the changes to Lucas for a new draft for the next Meeting.

Article 7 of the Countywide Transportation Authority was discussed. The Board tabled it.

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New Business

The Mineral Licensing Board position was discussed. Motion by Frey, supported by Spiegel to appoint Andrew DeLeeuw to the MLB. Motion carried.

Spiegel reported that the hosting site that Sharon Township currently has does not allow e-mail addresses and that the site should be updated. Spiegel to gather more information.

Psarouthakis reported that he spoke with Steve Puuri from the Washtenaw County Road Commission and that they would be installing a new road sign on the big curve of Pleasant Lake Road in a couple of weeks. He also reported that the Manchester Library fee is \$125.00/year and the Chelsea Library fee is \$107.00/year.

Frey reported that the Waldo Road bridge was near completion and that it was ahead of schedule.

The Board reviewed over the memo from the P/C recommending approval for the Grass Lake Road Nature Preserve Special Use and Site Plan. A resolution was made by Frey, supported by Aiuto to approve the Special Use and Site Plan with the following conditions: Midwestern Consulting, Inc. final approval, Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner approval of the stormwater design, Washtenaw County Road Commission permit, Michigan DEQ permit as necessary, soil erosion permit and gates if it becomes a nuisance. Roll Call Vote: Psarouthakis: yes; Aiuto: yes; Frey: yes and Spiegel: yes. Abstain: Simons. The resolution was adopted.

The Board reviewed over the memo from the P/C recommending approval for the Hashley Road Nature Preserve Special Use and Site Plan. A resolution was made by Frey, supported by Aiuto to approve the Special Use and Site Plan with the following conditions: Midwestern Consulting, Inc. final approval, Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner approval of the stormwater design, Washtenaw County Road Commission permit, Michigan DEQ permit as necessary, soil erosion permit and gates if it becomes a nuisance. Roll Call Vote: Psarouthakis: yes; Aiuto: yes; Frey: yes and Spiegel: yes. Abstain: Simons. The resolution was adopted.

The Board discussed the past due drain assessments invoices that was received from the Washtenaw County Drain Commission. The invoices were tabled until further investigation.

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The Township hall front porch stairs were discussed. The Board agreed that proposals should be received to tear out the existing steps and ramp and build new ones out of wood. Aiuto to place notice in the Manchester Enterprise.

Bob Thornton commented that he thought the gates were important for the approval of the Nature Preserve Special Use and Site Plan.

After review of the bills, motion by Psarouthakis , supported by Spiegel to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

**Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk**