



**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 24, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leisman at 7 p.m. The roll was called. Members present: Supervisor Leisman, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Moran, and Trustees Carter, Hurwitz, and Jacobs. Trustee Proos arrived at 7:03. Also present: Township Manager Suchy, Planning Director Said, Fire Chief Murray, Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Assessor Boerman, DDA Director Stichman, and approximately six members of the community.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda was amended to add New Business Item XI – G – 2023 Lease Agreement for Amway ballfield use. **Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Carter, to approve the April 10, 2023, agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes & Accept Reports/Communications**

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023
2. Closed Session Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

Receive and File Various Reports and Communications

1. PRLP Regular Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023

**Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Minutes and Accept the Reports/Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS**

Treasurer Moran presented the following Warrants: Hand Checks - \$2,755.00; Warrants - \$543,592.92, total Checks and Warrants of \$546,347.93. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Warrant Report for April 10, 2023, in the total amount of \$546,347.93. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Hurwitz, Carter, Proos, Moran, Leisman, Smith; No - 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Two residents of Pettis Avenue talked about the Pettis trail proposed location and suggested it would be better placed on the south side of the road. Safety is a big factor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution R-041023-1 – A Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Forest Hills Eastern Crew Board**

Manager Suchy explained this request. **Moved by Moran, supported by Hurwitz, to adopt Resolution R-041023-1.** Trustee Proos brought up the past practices of requiring those seeking action from the board to show up to the meeting in case there are any questions. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to table the request until a representative from the Crew Board can be present.** Yes – Proos, Carter, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Smith, Leisman, Moran; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution tabled

### **Request from Egypt Valley Country Club for Public Firework Display Permit on September 23, 2023, with a rain date of October 14, 2023**

Manager Suchy explained that this request had also been brought to him in the past and Chief Murray. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to table this matter until a representative can be present to answer questions.** Motion Carried 6-0, 1 abstain – Carter.

### **Ada Township Special Event Waiver Request – Beers at the Bridge**

DDA Director Stichman gave the request for this special event. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Moran, to grant the special event waiver request.** Motion carried 7-0.

### **Resolution R-041023-2 – A Resolution Authorizing the Beers at the Bridge Special Event Liquor License Application**

**Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-041023-2, authorizing the Beers at the Bridge Special Event Liquor License.** Roll Call: Yes – Proos, Carter, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Smith, Leisman, Moran; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution R-041023-3, a Resolution Re-Appointing Mike Terwilliger and Judy Levick and Appointing Rosemary Heule to the Parks and Recreation Land Preservation Advisory Board**

**Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to adopt Resolution R-041023-3, a Resolution Re-Appointing Mike Terwilliger and Judy Levick and Appointing Rosemary Heule to the Parks and Recreation Land Preservation Advisory Board.** Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Hurwitz, Carter, Proos, Moran, Leisman, Smith; No - 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

### **Discuss Pettis Avenue Phase II Trail Location (north side/South side) of Street**

There was much discussion among board members, and the general consensus was to do some more investigation before making a decision on the location. **Moved by Smith, supported by Moran, to Pause bidding and Construction of Pettis Avenue Phase II trail on the North Side of Pettis Avenue and to authorize the Manager to gather information and schedule a work session with the board and trail committee.** Motion carried.

### **Approve 2023 Lease Agreement for Amway Ballfield Use**

Parks Director Fitzpatrick and Wesley Deason, Parks Department, explained this agreement. **Moved by Carter, supported by Proos, to approve the 2023 Lease Agreement for Amway Ballfield Use.** Motion carried 7-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Township Manager Report - March 8, 2023
- B. Assessing Department Report – April 2023
- C. Downtown Development Authority Director Report – April 10, 2023
- D. Fire Department Report - March 2023
- E. Historical Society Museum Manager Report – April 3, 2023
- F. Parks and Recreation Department Report – April 3, 2023
- G. Planning Department Report – April 4, 2023
- H. Engineering Monthly Report – April 3, 2023
- I. F&V Operations and Resource Management Utility Report – March 27, 2023

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Trustee Carter commented on the social district and the need to make known the difference between social district and Beers at the Bridge.

Treasurer Moran stated we should acknowledge the generosity of Amway.

Trustee Hurwitz stated it was wise of the board to revisit the Pettis path location.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Proos, supported by Carter, to move into Closed Session to consider purchase of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(d) of the Michigan open meetings act at 8:28 pm.**

**Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Proos, Moran, Leisman, Smith, Jacobs, Hurwitz; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

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### **CLOSED SESSION**

(Minutes prepared separately)

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**Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Carter, to return to open session at 9:00 p.m.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Carter, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.**

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Jacqueline Smith  
Ada Township Clerk

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Date