



Vergennes Township

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Regular Meeting of the Township Board February 21, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tim Wittenbach at 7:00 p. m. Pledge followed.

Roll Call –Gillett, Rasch, Mork, Ford, Wittenbach present

Approval of the Agenda –Gillett motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the Consent Agenda–

- **Minutes - January 17, 2022 Special Budget Workshop**
- **Minutes - January 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Township Board**
- **Minutes - January 31, 2022 Special Budget Workshop**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

Mork moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Gillett seconded. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Special Guest- Lisa Plank, Director - Lowell Area Historical Museum's annual presentation

Lisa Plank shared the many ways the museum is continuing to preserve and present history to the Lowell area. Covid has continued to impact in person activities and has increased the on-line presence of historic content and remote school programming.

Special Guest- Kent Conservation District- Invasive Species presentation

Ryan Wilemski and Samantha Brady educated the township on several invasives species- Japanese knotweed, Phragmites, Black Swallow-wort and Invasive Bittersweet vine. These plant species cause damage to the habitats they overtake. The KCD strike team is offering to work with property owners to rid roadsides and properties of these species.

Public Comment-

Bill Schreur-538 Flat River Dr- asked about whether emails sent had been received by the board

Old Business –

1. **Arrowhead Special Exception Use permit** –The board reviewed the documents provided by Josh Bruwer. Ford motioned to send the SEU to the Planning Commission. Gillett seconded the motion. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

New Business –

- 1. Site Plan Approval- 697 Lincoln Lake Ave SE-**The board reviewed the Planning Commission’s recommendation. Gillett moved to approve the site plan with the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Rasch seconded the motion and all members voted yes. **Motion carried.**
- 2. Special Exception Use Permit- 300/320 Lincoln Lake Ave SE-** Carrigan explained that the Planning Commission’s conditions for recommendation had been met. Gillett moved to approve the SEU permit as detailed in Resolution #2022-03. Mork seconded. **Roll Call-** Gillett, yes; Mork, yes; Rasch, yes; Ford, yes; Wittenbach, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 3. Resolution 2022-02- Property exemption poverty guidelines-** Mork moved to adopt Resolution #2022-02. Rasch supported. **Roll Call-** Wittenbach, yes; Ford, yes; Gillett, yes; Mork, yes; Rasch, yes. **Motion carried.**
- 4. 2022-2023 Lawncare bids-** Bids from Scenic Expressions and Woods Landscaping for the township grounds and cemeteries were reviewed. Ford asked if the motion could include approval for payment, as one bid included a prepay discount. Gillett motioned to accept the bid from Scenic Expressions with the 3% prepay discount. Rasch supported. All members voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Election Update – Ford stated that her office was working on 2022 election details.

Fire Authority Board Update – written report was submitted.

Written Building Department Report- submitted

Zoning and Planning Report –written report submitted.

Public Comment –

Rachel Hillegonds-attorney for Ryan Harrington-question about Resolution 2022-03

Wittenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p. m.

Next Regular Meeting –March 21, 2022

Shantell Ford, Clerk

Date