

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2017 7:00pm

1. The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Roland, Farwell and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; Lori Martin, County Clerk and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Township Parks Committee.

2. Agenda: The meeting agenda for the April 24th, 2017 after a motion by Farwell to accept the agenda by adding Camp Neyati docks and the Application for Crooked Lake Fireworks. Supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 27th, 2017 was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. All ayes. Motion carried

4. Clerk's report. None.

5. Treasurer's Report. Motion by Roland to accept the report, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Trustee Irwin: Spoke to Al Leonard about our schedule and the matching funds.

7. Trustee Roland: None.

8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 18 runs for February, 14 were medical, 1 downed power line and 1 structure fire and 2 downed trees. He reported that Levi Smith resigned but he had two applicants as new fire fighters, Adam Gott and Robert Miller. A flag, 6' X 10', was donated by Tom Radewhan. He has checked into a new 35' pole at a cost of \$1,544.00. He plans to seek donations to cover the cost of the pole. A motion to approve the new fire fighters was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried

Fire Dept. Auxiliary report: Judy Shattuck, reported the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th had 75 kids and on April 15th the Auxiliary was at the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair and had an agility course for the kids, among other things. Their bottle collections have gone very well. They will have car washes on May 13th, June 3rd, July 15th, August 19th and September 9th, 2017. Anyone can join the Auxiliary.

9. Clare County Commissioner – Left the Commission meeting minutes for anyone who wanted them. Rudy from the Animal Shelter reported they had 759 animals at the shelter and adopted 89% of them out, Last year it was 67 %. The adoption fees were raised to \$30.00. There are two vacancies in the Treasurer's office needing to be filled. The County Planning Commission is being disbanded. Budget workshops are continuing with county the department heads.

10. Lori Martin: County Clerk: Trying to visit all townships once a quarter. Currently working with clerks on selecting new voting equipment. Decision to be made on April 27th, 2017. She rearranged her office staff, and the Circuit Court clerks have moved into the vacated mail room for privacy with their clients and the mail room is relocated across the hall. In the Register of Deeds arena, the Dower Rights have been changed to include the wife's real estate ownership to be treated the same as the a husband's real estate. Lori is a volunteer with the Recovery Court Team, non-profit organization, for recovering addicts. There has been 30 graduates to date. They are tested for drugs three times a day. Clare County is at the top of the list of illegal drug users for the state.

11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks—Our Trailhead Project is featured in the Saginaw/Bay Watershed newsletter. Still waiting on the Trust Fund Grant.

12. Supervisor Byl reported:

- a. He has an interested buyer for the Hillcrest property.
- b. The vacant property on Crooked Lake at the corner. Whose was it and how did the township get it.
- c. He attended the MTA Conference. Very educational. Attended several Blight Seminars. Met with Ken Lind, KCI Assessing, Rowe Engineering and several others.
- d. Resident Bergtold said that Camp Neyati has new docks and are is getting rid of their old docks. The ski team took six sections. Would the board think the township would like to place some docks at Peterson's Park, perhaps? Or even at 8 Point Lake or other Crooked Lake parks? Would need signs for no overnight boat docking and need to check on liability issues.
- e. Brining will be done on May 12th, weather permitting

13. Public Comment:

- a. Margaret Geyer: Questions on the Hillcrest property.
- b. Connie Otis: Cook and Elder intersection. Looks each day at the horrible sight, used cars junk yard-storage area, tires in back of the house, vehicles without license plates- Blight ongoing. Getting very ugly. It has a ranch style home. I have written several complaints.
- c. Tom Pirnstill: reported on the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair and the information given to the attendees, people to people. Gave out 100 helmets to kids; finger printed 64 kids for ID's; a free healthy lunch; and gave 100 water life vests. Very impressed with the township fire dept. with their representation, the agility course, the Rollover Simulator with 3 dummies and the Seatbelt Slider-not for older folks to do.

14. Old Business:

The cemetery fence, custom made by Bernie Rottiers, with complete installation. Fence will be 260feet and bid is \$5,575.00. Will be completed by June 30th. Our other bid was 2 grand higher. Motion to accept the bid was made by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, Roll call vote: Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes, Motion carried.

15. New Business:

1. A Charitable Gaming license application to conduct a Jack of Spades raffle for 52 weeks was requested by the Friends of Garfield Township Parks committee. A motion to allow the license was made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse, All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Renewal of the Greenscape Tire collection by board consensus.
3. Fireworks license application for Crooked Lake. Motion to allow the license, supported by Roland. All ayes, Motion carried.

16. Approval of Bill: Irwin made a motion to accept the payment of bills, Supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk