

Garfield Township
Unapproved Special Board Meeting Minutes
June 25th, 2020 7:00pm

The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell, Irwin, Roland, and Yarhouse and 30 residents.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for the June 25th, 2020 was approved with a motion by Irwin, the agenda made by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT none

The supervisor recapped the last 10 months of activity, since August 2019, involved with the Cold Springs issues, including with the property owners, residents, Road Commission and attorneys. Permits, emails, in person communications and the Board. He also contacted a local contractor to discuss what could be done to fix the problem. Many residents are at opposite understandings about the park property and surrounding properties.

The Board was addressed as to their understanding about the park. The work done was personally viewed by the board and residents in attendance. The supervisor explained what the Road Commission had done to end Hillcrest Road and the fact that they own 15" all around the barriers. The board voted to proceed with a staked survey to resolve the conflict. Not everyone will be pleased with the outcome. This will be done to protect the township.

McNeilly Excavating will work to alleviate the problem, both with the drainage ditch and a ramp access to the park from the road end of Hillcrest. There is a lot of erosion happening because of all the recent rains. A sketch was distributed to the board members to indicate the solution.

PUBLIC COMMENT NO NAME: Who owns the sign at the top of the hill? How could the owner excavate? **NO NAME:** I was told I had to be 10' from the property line so a fire truck would have access to the property by the County. What about water safety for the kids?

BOARD With the property being changed, we are trying to do due diligence and have conversed with attorneys.

KEITH KEELER I have owned the property next door and the property in question is the best it's ever been. The hill is more secure now.

RESIDENTS with **MIKE GERMAINE** and **TERESE GEIS**; Trees were knocked down, who pays to bring the trees back. Who got permits for the road? Cut through people's yards! For 20 years, kids, grandkids came down those steps. Now, no way into the park!

BOARD MEMBERS. Need to be open and unbiased, this has been a nightmare. Anyone can contact any board member to try and get ideas.

TOM TOPPING The park access was through our property and it looks like the road end is on our property. You were given access and a dock. Now everyone is here. Only a Structure Engineer can access if the hill is sound.

GAY MESSIER The plat map shows the road end. I have been threatened by a neighbor. I have been involved with this for a long time.

JOE STRAEGA There are established boundaries and an encroachment here. But we need to let the board take care of it. It is township property. We need to back off and not insult people.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Motion carried