

**MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Del South, Richard VanderKlok and Carol Scholma, members; Daniel Carlton, Township Manager; Rod Deemter, Parks and Property Director; Dan Hamming, Fire Chief; Sarah Mroz, secretary

Absent: none

No one was present in the audience and there were no public comments.

**#100118-01 - Minutes of December 14, 2009**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100118-02 – Review Mowing Proposal**

Attachments: [Specifications](#) for Contract of Lawn Maintenance - Mowing  
[Lawn Maintenance - Mowing Quote](#)  
[Specifications](#) for Contract of Fertilizing  
[Fertilizing Quote](#)

Daniel Carlton explained that the current contracts have expired.

Carol Scholma asked if there would be a possibility of doing a contract longer than one year.

Rod Deemter explained that they would like to start with a one year contract to see how things go for the first year, then could look into having a longer contract in the future.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Del South, to proceed with the process and to obtain bids for one year contracts for fertilizing and mowing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100118-03 – Fire Department Request**

Attachment: [Quote](#)

Dan Hamming explained that the fire department is requesting to purchase two stoves for Station 1 and Station 3 to be used for station standbys and meetings. Station 2 currently

has a stove. The fire department plans to use funds that have been collected from past standbys for football games.

Moved by Del South, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to approve the purchase of two stoves for Station 1 and Station 3 in the amount of \$835.70.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100118-04 - Consideration of Request from DPW**

Rod Deemter explained the request for an additional bathroom at the DPW building. He said that currently there is only one bathroom at the building for use by public, employees, and workers. He would like to add an additional bathroom for employee use to help with the limited availability of the bathroom.

Carol Scholma asked about the possibility of renting a port-a-jon.

Rod Deemter explained that he cannot have a port-a-jon inside the building, and if placed outside it would freeze in the winter months.

The estimated cost for the additional bathroom is \$8,000 which would be funded equally from the Utility Department and Cemetery Department budgets. Rod explained that his department would be doing some of the work themselves to help lower the cost.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the request for an additional bathroom at the DPW building with an estimated cost of \$8,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100118-05 – Proposal for 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Community Park**

Attachment: [Proposal](#) from M. C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the proposal from M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc. to provide professional services for the grant application and associated master planning for 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Community Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100118-06 - Maplewood Park Grant Application and Schedule Date for Public Hearing**

Attachment: [Information](#) from Maplewood Park meeting held January 6, 2010

Daniel Carlton explained that he would like to schedule a public meeting to develop the plan for Maplewood Park to prepare for the grant application. The meeting would be more of an informal “open house” to have the plans available for viewing and to gain comments and input from stakeholders or property owners that will likely be utilizing the park.

Daniel Carlton explained the current ideas for Maplewood Park including: a deck area along the lake, trails, splash pad area, additional play structure, a possible picnic shelter, and also renovations to the building.

Del South asked about having the lake tested again to see if it would be suitable for swimming.

Daniel Carlton explained that the likely problem is poor septic systems and animals on the ground polluting the lake. A possible solution would be mandatory sewer hook-up for properties in the area; however it is not a guaranteed solution to the problem.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to move forward with the plan and to authorize Daniel Carlton to schedule the public meeting for Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100118-07 - Consideration of Street Light Request**

Sheri Rinks of 4546 Stable Dr is requesting a street light at 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave and VanBuren St.

At the December Services Committee meeting the committee discussed the need for a streetlight at this location. It was noted that the request was made for safety purposes so that it would be easier to see the intersection.

Del South said that he contacted the Sheriff’s Department regarding the number of accidents at this location and found that there had been one in October of 2009.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Del South, to conclude that a streetlight at 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave and VanBuren St is not necessary at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **#100118-08 - Discussion – Public Transportation**

Daniel Carlton explained that at this time there is no proposal for public transportation.

Carol Scholma shared that she contacted Grandville City Manager, Ken Krombeen, to discuss the topic, and he suggested calling the Rapid to negotiate a price on making one stop within Georgetown Township rather than having a millage for public transportation.

The consensus of the committee was to bring the topic to the Board workshop for more discussion.

**#100118-09 - Other Business**

Daniel Carlton explained that the Senior Center is looking to turn the storage room into a more usable space in the near future.

**#100118-10 – Adjournment**

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.