

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, October 10, 2022
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Board Chairman Vern Jacobson at 7:00 p.m. October 10, 2022, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room, with Supervisors Mike Hall, John Warberg, Michael Sivertson and David Thompson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Visitors in attendance for the first item addressed were Sheriff Steve Watson, Commissioner Jeff Beyer, Deputy Jeremy Tofteland and Deputy Matt Schimetz, along with nine others throughout the meeting. Landon Bahl was in attendance via phone. For the convenience of the visitors, this Zoning Old Business item was addressed at the beginning of the meeting:

1. **Questions for Conditional Use Permit for 2023 LandoLive Concert – L Bahl:** As follow-up to the concerns raised last month, the board and special visitors in attendance addressed questions to Landon Bahl, generally related to liability and security concerns for the proposed campground. The questions and answers are recorded separately and can be accessed from the clerk.

Minutes: September 12 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$631,222.13 and a request to pay bills of \$9,015.09 (as corrected). *MOTION by John to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented three building permits; discussions were held on the following:

- **Ice Castle Fish House Parked at Hole 7, Birchwood Golf Course – M Holm:** Question of whether this falls into the RV parking regulations which call for a permit. After discussion board agreed it should have a permit although it is a gray area since it has no facilities.
- **Request for Road Variance for Garage Addition – B Henschel/Rugby Pt:** Those who viewed the site after the last meeting agreed that being 10' off the road would be too likely to cause issues for snow removal, particularly in this area. *MOTION by Michael S to NOT approve the requested variance for 10' off the road, 2nd by John. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Discuss/Vote on CUP for LandoLive Concert:** Based on the above noted discussion, *MOTION by John to approve a Conditional Use Permit for 2023 LandoLive concert, contingent on both landowners (Landon Bahl and Randy Fossum) signing the CUP and a First District Health Letter of Approval/contract, and campground to be restricted to Bahl/Fossum lots; 2nd by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.* Clerk will prepare a new CUP for signatures.
2. **Rework Cement Handicap Ramp Close to Road – C Hawley/Westergard:** Hawley claimed the slope and closeness to the road was needed for the wheelchair to be used as intended. David shared their experience with installing a wheelchair ramp, saying this one could be changed to eliminate the raised edge that will be a hazard for snow clearing. Mike H added that the contractor said he could move it. *MOTION by John that the ramp has to be moved to stay five feet back from the road; 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Vegetation Repair Project – N Lake Pk Rd:** Project is now done but not necessarily done well.
4. **Springtime Letter to Property Owners – Add Parking Prohibited Where Required to Allow Passage for Fire & EMS; Request for owners on Cabin Roads to Clear Vegetation and Trees from Right of Ways:** Mike H said Jeff Soland will talk to “higher ups” about the signs but is not sure they will agree; Jeff said they would need a map and an emergency plan. David suggested just using signs that say No Parking on Road. Will be discussed further.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Excessive Storm Water Runoff Issue – Max Weppler/E Shore Park:** Mike H has looked at the issue several times where drainage to the lake has changed, he said it will need a basin and culvert to fix it as has been done in other areas. He and Ritchie Gimbel, County Road Supt, have discussed the project.

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2. **Inquiry re: Columbarium on Metigoshe Ministries Grounds – Pat Artz (via phone):** Artz reported that Metigoshe Lutheran Church now has a committee to look into having a columbarium (place for urns holding ashes) placed on the grounds west of the chapel. They are working with a company in Minnesota which has provided many of these worldwide with no issues or special permissions to deal with. With the trend now for cremation rather than burial, a columbarium is cost effective and does not require the maintenance of cemeteries which may not get cared for in the future. Artz described the structure as 50'x50', brickwork walls, 10 layers high and expandable. He calls it an answer for transplants to the area with no ties to the local cemeteries. *MOTION by John to approve the construction of a columbarium, subject to the plan submitted for a 50'x50' space on Metigoshe Ministries grounds, 2nd by David. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
3. **Lions Club Sign Cost to Change:** Sign Space Rental charge will double for the current 8x8 signs at both corners of Lake Loop Road off Hwy 43 - \$240 new annual cost total; a sign at half the size (8x4) would stay at \$120 total. Board agreed to leave it the larger size for better visibility.
4. **ADDED: Questions on Room for Adding Garage – Steve & Nancy Olson/Lk Met Park:** Olsons have started excavating for a garage but may not have room on their lot to extend the garage apron or keep from going over 30% coverage. They haven't seen a plat map to calculate square footage or how their lot abuts a platted unused road plus the Chamber of Commerce property. They were encouraged to acquire a plat map from the Register of Deeds to help determine how to proceed. Mike H suggested it may be possible to seek a road vacation to extend their property.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:40 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Road Issue Updates:

- **Cabin Roads:** Crushed asphalt has been placed on the so-called Laundromat road; the county has chip sealed the problem area in Minot Beach; no meeting yet for tree clearing with Danny B. Perhaps the spring letter to owners could suggest they trim their trees or be charged if the township does it. John said he was approached about tremendous ditches, as in the Quilt Inn approach which may be county right of way.
- **Rural Roads:** Part of Thompson Cove Loon Lake road needs gravel. The road sign for 18th Ave off Hwy 43 has finally shown up and will be installed. Gravel roads still need attention.

2. Mower Update: No report.

3. Continue Road Weight Limit Ad: Keep it going, but look into a smaller annual ad.

4. Meeting to be set for Ordinance Revisions – including RVs/Shore Erosion Concern: Rec Service board members for the committee are Mike McIntee and Val Zwak; board needs to come up with the template of what is important for ordinance revisions.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Township as Defendant in Action for Quiet Title Claim for Ownership of Portions of Abandoned Trailway Outlot in Minot Beach Addition – Plaintiffs Jostad, Stratton, Nilsen, Scheitzer:** It has been determined in past actions that the township has no ownership interest in the abandoned trailway. *MOTION by Mike H to approve the plat ownership changes as noted in the Summons, 2nd by John. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*
2. **ADDED:** Mike H reported some progress on the drainage plan between Ekstrom and Foster. Donnet Sivertson was told there was no township interest in the roadway easement drawn on the lot she recently purchased.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer