

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, July 13, 2020
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:05 p.m., July 13, 2020, in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall and John Warberg in attendance, also Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. David Thompson and Michael Sivertson were absent. Eight visitors attended.

Minutes: June 8 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$481,113.08 and request to pay bills of \$3,668.54. Security First Checking remains at \$39,892.86 and the Bond Balance at \$951,241.41. *MOTION by John W to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve payments; 2nd by Mike H. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim addressed several potential permits with one completed. The following were discussed:

- **Variance Request for Deck and Sunroom Additions – P Sund/Larson Beach:** Deck will be 40' to shore and sunroom 30' to shore; he owns the point so there wouldn't be loss of view to any neighbors. *MOTION by John W to approve the additions; 2nd by Mike H. VOTE-3 YES = CARRIED.*
- **Proposals for Improvements – Ekstrom & Foster/Solpers Addn:** A proposal to raise his boathouse and add a shed to replace what had been removed was prepared by Ryan Ekstrom; however Mike Foster said it would not solve the situations they have been dealing with. Foster presented a potential Boundary Agreement form for each party to sign which addresses the issues which have been in contention for some time, including drainage, fence and sheds for each and how cost is to be split. Mike H said the proposal appears to provide everything Ekstrom has said he wanted. Tim K and a board member or two will visit Ekstrom and seek his agreement with the proposal. Clerk will check with the assessor about ownership of the no-man's-land adjoining Ekstrom's plot so he could potentially add it to his lot.
- **Drainage Issue – Wondrasek:** A larger culvert placed nearby has caused more drainage that runs through the boathouse. Mike H will look at it to determine a possible solution.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Remove PortaPotty – M Wepler/E Shore Pk:** PortaPotty was removed as requested.
2. **Drainage Issue between Romsos & Bonebrake – Roadside Ranch/McCloud Addn:** Mike H said North Central Electric will move a power pole and the county will work with a culvert. Will probably be done in the fall.
3. **Roadside Ranch Gravel & Regrade for Better Drainage:** Project is basically finished, at a cost of about \$5,000.
4. **Boathouse Replacement Committee:** Tim said it works for now to just deal with each one as questions on boathouses come up, using what the ordinance currently addresses.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal to Develop Property on North Loon Lake – Chad Bullinger for Shirley Larson:** Larson is considering developing perhaps ten 1 to 2 acre lots on Loon Lake shoreline from Cobb Addition to Thompson Cove. Bullinger brought her questions to the board regarding how to proceed with road planning and development. Thompson Cove residents voiced their desire that this road coming off Hwy 43 should dead end and not connect with their plat. Cobb Addn residents have road concerns as well. Vern gave initial information on opening of a road and directed Bullinger to the Planned Unit Development section of the ordinance.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:50 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Weed Patches that Break off Shoreline and Float on Lake:** Mike H reported Jerry Heiser of the State Water Commission had only the suggestion to let the weed patches collect on the shore then load them into a truck and haul them off. Will check with Brian Johnson to pursue how it can be done.
2. **Install Removable Speed Signs on Rugby Pt Rd:** Still in process.
3. **Lake Metigoshe Cabin Road Paving Project:** Chip seal is complete; Progressive Estimate No. 4 from

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Mayo Construction is \$217,668.47 now due, with a note that fog seal quantities will be invoiced soon. Clerk has been informed that the 2nd pledged amount of \$100,000 from the county has been approved.

4. **SRT Fiber Optic Installation:** Hookups are now being done. Work is continuing on Svingen Road.
5. **Mowing Report:** Mowing is going well with adjusted equipment. Two employees are working with scheduling their times and locations.
6. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads** – Look good; there are areas of drainage issues to check.
 - **Rural Roads** – Blading is being done on problem areas. Mikkelsen Aggregates using Monson Pit on Svingen Road adds deep ruts to that road. Will send a letter to request they fill the ruts with gravel. Mike will pursue an estimate for matting to fix a problem area on 104th St NE east of 17th Ave.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Increase to County Estimate for Richard Olson Road Construction – Sec 30-31 N:** David T passed along the information that the project estimate was raised by the county by about \$2,000. Mike H will check with Ritch Gimbel, County Road Supt, regarding the cost and extent of work done that appears different than what was proposed. The road is reported to be done.
 - a. Joshua Corey expressed problems with the completed road and had an easement for a corner piece of property used for the road, which he said there was not agreement to sign it. Mike H will give it to Ritch.
2. **Added: Concern for “Little White Daisies” Spreading in the Area:** John W said these white daisy-like flowers are a prohibited noxious weed and should be eliminated, not mowed around. Matt Roland, township weed board representative, will be notified. John W agreed to write a letter to the Courant editor with this information.
3. **Added: Water Sampling Report:** Mike H gave the report on Nitrate and eColi sampling done recently. All numbers are well within acceptable ranges. The report is available on the township website.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- David T is away for a time in support of his son undergoing treatment in Rochester, MN.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer