

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, August 8, 2022
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order at 7:00 p.m. August 8, 2022, in the Quilt Inn meeting room by Chairman Vern Jacobson with Supervisors Mike Hall, David Thompson and Michael Sivertson, along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. John Warberg was absent. Eight visitors signed the register.

Minutes: July 11 Board minutes were approved as written. **Treasurers Report** was presented, with Cash/Fund balance of \$559,194.91 and request to pay bills of \$8,984.60; clerk has \$150 to deposit for RV permits. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report as presented and approve bill payments, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE: 4 YES=CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim presented several building permits plus two new RV CUPs. Discussions were held on the following:

- **Request for Deck at 25' to Shoreline – Robillard/Firepit Addn:** Deck will be in line with adjacent decks; neighbors have signed the variance. *MOTION by Mike H to approve the variance for 25' from the shoreline, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Request for Covered Ground Level Deck at 38' to Shoreline – Erdmann/Hahn's Bay:** After confirming with owner that the deck would be covered but not enclosed, *MOTION by David to approve the variance at 38' from the shoreline, 2nd by Michael S, VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.*
- **Proposed 40x60 Storage Shed w/2nd Story Living Quarters – Mike Macman/Sq Pt:** Owner requesting two-story shed with living quarters above, with side walls of 22', on the back lot. Mike H said it would be like a house with garage below as in another nearby; the sewer line would be on a gravity line to the basin. After much discussion, *MOTION by Mike H to approve the permit as in a home with a garage below, 2nd by David. VOTE: Mike H-YES, David-YES, Michael S-YES, Vern-NO. CARRIED.*
- **Expired Permits to Extend:** Board confirmed that an unfinished deck would need a renewal permit and a change of dimensions to a house permit would need a new permit, expired or not.
- **Cement Handicap Ramp Close to Road/Westergard:** A handicap ramp for access to the garage was poured starting close to the edge of the road which could likely be a problem for the blade when clearing snow. Board will look it over and have Ritch Gimbel also check to see if an adjustment might need to be made.
- **Disputes Continue - Foster-Ekstrom/Solpers Addn:** Mike H was called to check on some dirt or gravel being dumped by his neighbor, also to check on an odor that may be a 1st District Health issue. Vern suggested problems have related to a drainage issue and the township could arrange a fix for them to pay for, as has been done in other situations; however, that still leaves the board with a liability. David said it appears they will never be satisfied and prefers to leave them alone to work it out. Further discussion followed, see end of General Business.
- **Potential Plan – Harris/Birchwood Area:** After discussion of past construction experiences, board agreed to issue no permits to Mr. Harris until the condos already built are brought into compliance.
- **Permit for Canadian Owner – Lands End:** Canadian owner who has adjoining lots in Canada and U.S. is planning to build on the U.S. lot. Board agreed that with no sewer service, the permit would have to note in writing that a holding tank is required.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Vegetation Repair Project – N Lake Pk Rd:** Mike H has had continued discussions with Brian Glinz regarding what he now believes will work for the proposed repair, hopefully to be completed soon.
2. **Change to Non-conforming Twin Oaks Sign – Donnet Sivertson:** The County approved changes within limits to the grandfathered sign.

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NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **ADDED: Fire Department & EMS Road Concerns – Jeff Soland:** Jeff shared problems with access for emergency vehicles when cars park on roads and leave little or no room to pass by. Rather than wait for a problem that escalates if they can't respond in a timely manner, he is requesting assistance such as prohibiting parallel parking on both sides of narrow roads. Board also experiences access issues and agrees with this need for safe passage. Suggested remedy is to install signs where needed that prohibit parking to allow room for Fire and EMS vehicles. *MOTION by David to prohibit parking on roads to allow passage by Fire and EMS vehicles, 2nd by Michael S. VOTE-4 YES=CARRIED.* The letter sent to all property owners in the spring needs to include this parking change. Owners may have to get creative about parking visiting vehicles.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:55 p.m.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Road Change – Steve Fritel/Burnetts Addn:** Fritel was not in attendance.
2. **Squaw Point Name Change Consideration - Jesse Kist:** Jesse spoke with Mike H after talking with an employee in the Federal Task Force. He reported that the name of Squaw Point on the USGS map will be changed in the next couple months, but they don't change road names or plat names. It is possible that keeping the road name could affect grant funding in the future; if changed the cost would involve making address updates and changing three road signs. According to the usgs.gov website, candidate names listed are Turtle Mountains, Metigoshe Lake, Masonic Island, Lake McDonald, and The Narrows, apparently names to choose from. It also shows that squaw was used in 665 U.S. place names. Mike stated that we had received no notification of the name change and the time period for comments is long past. David said the name is part of heritage and nothing derogatory was intended when it was named. Clerk noted for the record there are 75 owners of 98 parcels in Squaw Point Addn. The township at this time has no action to take.
3. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Cabin Roads:** An area in Westergard has long grass to be cleaned. Potholes on Highland Rd were mentioned as a problem; Mike H reported that Jerry Sivertson had provided fill for a large hole.
 - **Rural Roads:** A request was made for new gravel with a new culvert on a section line road but was denied since the road has not yet met standards to be accepted by the township.
4. **Mower Update:** Wendell reported the mower needs a new tire; board gave the okay to replace it.
5. **Smaller Size Road Weight Limit Ad:** The cost went from \$60 to \$34; clerk will look into the option of moving it to the Business Page, to run spring through fall.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **ADDED: Suggestion for Disputes between Foster & Ekstrom:** Since previous meetings haven't proven fruitful, Vern would like to schedule a Special Zoning Meeting with the three adjacent affected parties, an attorney, and a sheriff's deputy to work out an agreeable plan in a safe setting. Clerk to contact Atty Hankla. If there is agreement to proceed clerk will send a letter to all parties to meet Monday, August 22, 7:00 p.m., Quilt Inn meeting room, with the request to attend or the issue will be considered resolved.

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

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Schedule meeting with RSD for RV discussion, also set up committee for Ordinance revisions.