

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, October 12, 2009
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ZONING MEETING of the Roland Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm October 12 in the Quilt Inn Meeting Room by Chairman Richard Gross with Supervisors Rick McGee, Vern Jacobson, John Fulsebakke, Lyle Lamoureux, and Clerk Glenore Gross in attendance. Zoning Administrator Terry Volk was absent. Five visitors attended, including Assessor Addie Berg.

MINUTES of the September 14 meeting were approved as presented. TREASURERS REPORT was accepted as presented, with approval to pay bills as listed, including Jim Dignan's bill received at the meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Richard presented three new permits, one with Variance approved last month (Ekhart/Lake Met Park garage); permit for Deschamp single family dwelling on Hahns Bay needed no Variance but permit notes that the deck as designed will need a Variance when that permit is applied for; board voiced concern with apparent assumption of receiving the Variance.

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS

1. Storage Shed Close to Road –Steve Fritel/Burnetts Addn: Rick said the building has been moved farther east and suggested Terry check it out for compliance.
2. Land's End Values Update: Addie reported that just two current commissioners were on the board which approved the discount for Szoradi and they don't recall the reason for allowing the discount; the minutes offer no details. Lenny McGuire told her that in his opinion the land is like any other land on the lake, it gives the owners a front or back yard with views to the water; Addie suggested if comparable discounts were given to the other 6-7 lots the board could be setting itself up for trouble with future requests for similar discounts elsewhere. She requested re-visiting this in February or March to give her more time for research on the land; board agreed.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS

1. Sign for A-Frame (Oaks Bar & Grill) on County Road: Alison Shultz showed the plan for a sign to be on the edge of county right-of-way near the sign for Twin Oaks. They have agreed with the county to take the sign down if needed during road construction. The 4'x8' size is within township guidelines. *MOTION by Vern to approve the siting as OK'd by the county, 2nd by Lyle, CARRIED.*
2. Larson Beach – Sund Plat/Brad Robertson-Wold Engr: Brad presented a new subdivided plat with rearranged lot lines following the road vacation agreed to last month, clarifying the easement for a 16' wide road for the benefit of Lots 3 & 4. *MOTION by Vern to approve the plat with road easement and authorize Richard to sign the document for recording, 2nd by Rick, CARRIED.*

GENERAL MEETING was convened at 7:55 pm by Chairman Richard Gross, same attendance as above.

GENERAL OLD (Unfinished) BUSINESS

1. New Addressing & Signage-Update/Terry: No new report.
2. Chip/Seal of Cabin Roads/Repairs/County Funding -Update: Richard and Lyle said the County Commissioners have approved contributing 50% of the \$200,000 estimate for cabin roads and \$67,000 additional [*per January 2008 minutes, \$66,000 for Lake Loop past Dockside and Lake Loop to Birchwood*], plus they will be asking for additional funds from a Special Road Fund. Lyle suggested sending a letter of appreciation.
 - John reported finding sewer construction damage and manhole covers that still need repairs prior to chip/seal, leading into a discussion of responsibility for repair of asphalt when damaged during new construction sewer hookups. Board agreed owner is responsible; perhaps it could be noted on our permits; if township is charged for repairs, owner should be sent a letter to request reimbursement. Rick felt there should be some agreement in place that a road will be fixed if it is cut through. Richard will discuss this with Clay Pettys of LMRS.

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3. McCloskey Driveway Non-compliance/Rugby Pt.: Richard was unable to contact McCloskey by phone today; Rick said there is now a yellow caution tape across the driveway and along the yard; Lyle said his mailbox is now in line with the driveway on the north side. After discussion, *MOTION by Rick to send a Certified letter advising him he has until the November 9 meeting to sign the Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement previously sent, after which the township will contact an attorney to take the steps necessary to enforce our zoning ordinance, if needed; 2nd by Lyle, CARRIED with 4 Yes and 1 Abstention (Vern).*
3. Other Road Issue Updates: The Nelson section line road was graded but it rained before gravel could be delivered and is now rutted again.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

1. Return of Leased Tractor: Jim Dignan has put 100 hours on the tractor for mowing, he could use it 3-4 hours more if weather cooperates; Lyle will contact Ron Wyman for instruction on returning the tractor and find out if the lease program will be offered next year.
2. Question on Sheriff Protection Increase for Township: Richard questioned the Commissioners on a note included in City Council meeting report regarding Roland Township paying more for sheriff protection; was assured that there would be nothing different to pay unless the township chose to have special protection over and above what has been provided.
3. Access Problem on Aspen Ave/Virgil Borman: Richard responded to a complaint of a pontoon parked on the public access way; owner moved pontoon, and said he had heard the access would be graveled by the Rec Service District; Clay confirmed that it was not planned.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- > Clerk suggested planning for a social meal together prior to the December 14 meeting, with spouses and recent past supervisors invited; will be no-host, with a notice in the paper to comply with open meeting law.
- > No January meeting will be scheduled, due to planned absence of Clerk and Chairman.

With no further business the board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next meeting November 9, 2009.