

Elmer Township Meeting
August 15, 2016
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Members Present: Marty Galbraith, Supervisor; Jeanie Smith, Clerk; Sue Stenson, Treasurer; Julie Hershberger, Trustee; Richard Ellis, Trustee

Number of non-members present: 6

Motion to accept July minutes, Julie/Sue. Approved as read. Treasurer report approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

The ‘Elmer Cook Shack’ is framed out and will soon be a nice area for residents to grill their food. Marty and Don Rix will recruit some help and see that it gets finished soon.

Concerning cemetery foundations that need to be dug at a much deeper level for heavier gravestones, it was decided that if the need for another deep foundation is needed in the future the supervisor and cemetery caretaker will consider the dimensions and work out a fair price.

Some of the new trees planted around the hall last year were starting to lose leaves and turn brown due to a dry summer. Recent watering seems to be helping. Raquel will continue to keep them watered through fall. She and Curt will also mulch the front flower bed which is looking good with a lot of new flowers in it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oscoda County receives a yearly MOA (Montmorency, Oscoda, Alpena) landfill reimbursement check from the state. This year the check included an additional \$10,000 to help support recycling programs. The county board decided to share the extra funds and Elmer Twp, along with the other five townships in the county each received a check for \$1,500.

Shades for the hall windows was brought up again at the last election when the workers discussed the advantages of being able to draw shades to keep the heat and glare down. Shades would also benefit anyone using the hall throughout the hot summer months.

Criteria is that the shades should be easy to use but sturdy, while not having long hanging cords that children might be tempted to play with. Since we’re towards the end of summer months there’s no rush at this point and the board will take some time to look into options for the windows.

Recycling was discussed – what is accepted and what is not, (glass is not). New flyers were copied for Curt to hand out.

Property donation: A gentleman on N. Galbraith Rd. would like to donate 13 acres of his property to the township. He would like it used for a township purpose but not re-sold. It has two small ponds.

Ideas such as a park or nature area were discussed but at this point the board is unsure of how it could be used and will continue to consider ideas before deciding whether to accept the gift.

The Community Potluck dinner is set as usual for the Friday after Labor Day. It is a lot of work to coordinate and Pauline Cournyer could use some help.

Sheriff Grace was present and reminded everyone about the ‘Badge for a Cause Run/Walk’ that is coming up on August 20. This is an annual fundraiser for cancer research.

Bills were presented. Motion to approve by Sue, second by Julie. Carried. Check #1160 through 1194.

Submitted by,
Jeanie Smith, Clerk