

**Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the
Brown Township Board
May 12th, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board at 7:02 p.m. on May 12th, 2021 at Brown Township Hall.

2. Roll Call

Deborah Knutson conducted a roll call: Paul Adamski, Deborah Knutson, Lani Millsap, Tim Joseph and Paul Wondolowski were present.

3. Approve the Agenda

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14th, 2021 minutes as presented. Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

6. Reports

Supervisor –Paul Adamski reported that the Lyman Road project is underway. This year will be design and scope of work. The road work won't start until 2022.

There are a couple land use applications out but nothing back yet.

Clerk – Deborah Knutson reported that there will be an election on August 3rd for West Shore College. She is continuing to work on getting stuff to Mark at MS Creative for the website.

Thanks to Paul for getting pictures of Rainbow bend and Bear Creek Access. At some point it will need to be discussed which ordinances and forms should be put on the website.

Treasurer – Lani Millsap presented financial reports showing check #13786 to #13807 for payments. Total disbursements of \$8,317.85. Tim Joseph made a motion to pay May's bills; Paul Wondolowski seconded. The Treasurer's Report was received showing a current passbook balance of \$306,141.09. Lani Millsap brought up that we need to find a cleaning person who can come to clean before we start hall rentals. Deborah Knutson will reach out to Pam Tompke to see who was used before.

Planning Commission – Tim Joseph mentioned that it would be nice to have Jared Litwiller our Assessor come and speak at an upcoming meeting for an update. Tim reported that there was a meeting last night with the Planning Commission and they met with Rob Carson from Networks Northwest discussing the County Parks and Recreation Plan. Tim Shared one of the Planning Commission's dream to see a bridge connect to an island that is in Bear Creek and also to add more trails in the township. Tim also mentioned that there is a public access off of Lyman Road that we should keep an eye on for garbage and upkeep.

The Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Zoning Ordinance and wonder whether there should be a revision or to adopt a new Zoning Ordinance. Kurt Schindler has been very helpful in the process.

7. New Business

- a. Verizon – After some discussion of the pros and cons of getting rid of the Verizon phone line Lani Millsap made a motion to keep Verizon for the time being. Deborah Knutson seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Period

- a. ORV – Lani Millsap brought up that she receives many calls about ORV's. Paul Adamski agreed that he does too and that this is something that should be discussed at a Planning Commission meeting. Deborah Knutson will get in touch with Chip to see if this can be discussed in the near future.
- b. First Responders for Brown Township – Lani Millsap asked if residents of Brown Township could get involved with being first responders. Paul Adamski explained that this might be difficult for insurance reasons but that it would be great for Township residents to get involved by reaching out to the township's participating Fire Departments on how they can get involved.
- c. Building Inspections – Paul Adamski reported that the City of Manistee doesn't have their own inspector. They hire a private inspector to do this. They take all the fees and permits and get a certain percentage back from the state. If the board is interested in hearing a presentation, we could set that up and see the advantages of this service.
- d. Forrester Contract – We got a contract back from PCA to log the Schneider Road property. We don't need to make any decisions at this time and before we pursue this more, we should reach out to other loggers for estimates. Deborah Knutson mentioned a logger they used and she will be getting a hold of him to see if he can come take a look at the property.
Paul Wondolowski reported that he attended the MTA meeting last month and touched on a few topics that were discussed.

- 9. Upcoming Events** - Next Board Meeting – June 9th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting – June 26th, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

- 10. Adjournment** – Deborah Knutson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Paul Wondolowski. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.