

**Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the
Brown Township Board
April 14th, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board at 7:03 p.m. on April 14th, 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, along with Andy Klein forester from PCA, Rob Carson from Networks Northwest and Chip Wood from the Brown Township Planning Commission.

3. Approve the Agenda

Tim Joseph motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; Paul Wondolowski seconded.

4. Public Comment

Andy Klein came to present a proposal for logging trees on the Brown Township property on Schneider Road. The proposal included Red Pine thinning, Aspen removal, oak thinning and Maple/Beech thinning. The financial value of the logging would be somewhere between \$15,000 - \$20,000. No action was taken on this proposal at this time. We will be receiving a contract from Andy Klein from PCA and then we will make a decision in the future. Rob Carson from Networks Northwest came to share what Networks Northwest can do for Brown Township on behalf of special use permits pertaining to Marijuana Licenses. See more in New business.

5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Joseph motioned to approve the minutes of the March 10th, 2021 minutes as presented. Paul Wondolowski seconded.

6. Reports

Supervisor –Paul Adamski reported that he received 2 phone calls about people wanting to buy property in the township to build homes/yurts to turn into Air B & Bs or Vacation rentals. Paul stated his concerns and it will be something that will have to be addressed and put into the zoning ordinance in the near future. There was 1 land use permit on the corner of Kettner Road and River Road for a barn with living space. The Board of Review met on March 11th and received 7 or 8 petitions that were either for poverty, veterans or principal residence exemption.

Clerk – Deborah Knutson reported that she met with Michael Morin from the Michigan Township Participating Plan who does risk assessment for our Insurance company. He gave a list of suggestions that could be a risk to the township, they can be completed at the townships discretion. She reported that she is starting to compile things for the new website. She also wanted to let the board know that she paid Scott Hughey on the Planning Commission for 2 meetings and should have only paid him for one. This will be adjusted in next month's paychecks.

Treasurer – Lani Millsap presented financial reports showing check #13758 to #13785 for payments. Total disbursements of \$11,142.41. Tim Joseph made a motion to pay April's bills; Paul Wondolowski seconded. The Treasurer's Report was received showing a current passbook balance of \$297,408.90.

Planning Commission – Chip Wood from our Planning Commission came and reported that he and the planning commission can be a great asset to the board and are happy to help in any way they can. He also mentioned topics such as aerial maps that could help the Planning Commission as well as possibilities of improving broadband internet in the township. The Planning Commission has reached out to Kaleva Telephone to learn more about what can be done to improve this in the future.

7. New Business

- a. Networks Northwest – Rob Carson came and explained how Networks Northwest could assist with special use permits pertaining to Marijuana licenses. He also noticed that one sentence needs to be changed in the zoning ordinance. He can take care of this and set up a Public Hearing for this change. Tim Joseph made a motion to hire Networks Northwest to amend the zoning ordinance and to assist with special use permits. Lani Millsap seconded; Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.
- b. Road Commission – Paul Adamski reached out to the Road Commission about Lyman Road. It doesn't appear that Bear Lake Township will be helping with their half of the road at this time. It would cost Brown Township \$131,750.00 from the boat ramp to the end of the road. Deborah Knutson made a motion to proceed with the engineering and design for Lyman Road from the boat ramp to the end of the road. Lani Millsap seconded; Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.
- c. MS Creative – Logo Proposal - MS Creative made up a Graphic Design Proposal for a logo for the township. The cost would be \$750 to create 6-10 logos for initial review and consideration. Lani Millsap said it wouldn't be hard for us to make up our own logo. Deborah Knutson made a motion to use MS Creative to create a logo for the township. It was not seconded. Motion failed.

8. Discussion Period

- a. ORV – Will be discussed next meeting because of time.
- b. First Responders for Brown Township – Will be discussed next meeting because of time.
- c. Website Content – Deborah Knutson is starting to compile content for the website. She asked for assistance in the next few weeks to start sending stuff to Mark from MS Creative. Paul Adamski will start taking some pictures, Tim Joseph is going to write a few paragraphs on the history of the township and Lani Millsap will find what financial statements should be put on the website.
- d. Andy Klein – Forrester – This was discussed earlier in Public Comment.

9. Upcoming Events - Next Board Meeting – May 12th, 2021

10. Adjournment – Deborah Knutson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.; seconded by Paul Wondolowski.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.