

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Grand Marais Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
August 14, 2001 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenworth
Sixteen visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:02pm. **Motion by Seibert and seconded to write a letter to Terry Minzey with the Alger Conservation District to support their efforts to pursue grants through the Federal Clean Water Act, to support efforts to reduce sedimentation in the Burt Township Watersheds and be willing to provide meetings rooms as available. 5 ayes. Motion Carried.**
Public Comment closed at 7:35pm.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Correspondence/Petitions/Appointments/Resignations: Correspondence was read. No petitions. Appointments: **Motion by Seibert and seconded to appoint Karl Wilson to the ZBA effective January 1st for a 3 year term. 5 ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seibert and seconded to appoint Jack Roberts to the Planning Commission effective January 1st for 1 year. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Minutes of previous meetings: **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept minutes of the July 10, 2001, Regular Board Meeting and the August 1, 2001, Special Board Meeting - 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor Durrwachter subject to audit.

Payment of bills: **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to pay bills as presented with one change – a power washer listed under Woodland Park should be paid out of the Township Improvement Fund - 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Monthly Reports: Woodland Park/Marina: **Motion by Seibert, seconded by Leavenworth that the Township pay for damages on the tent plus offer a certificate good for a couple days of camping. – 5 ayes. Motion carried.** Seibert to write letter to customer.

Refunds: **Motion by Leavenworth to refund 4 rental deposits, seconded by Seibert. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A) Woodland Park: Bathhouse/Destruction/Basketball Court. After discussion and review of information concerning removal of the sign at the Basketball court, destruction of electrical conduits at the Rec Center and noise and profanity complaints from neighbors of the basketball court, several options were suggested by Durrwachter: close the basketball court and pole barn facility for recreational use; provide adult supervision; hire a guard; or relocate the facility. Seibert mentioned that a year ago an agreement was made to upgrade the court and use soundproofing. Seibert said that the township had not held up it's end of the agreement made last year when township youth presented a petition. Savage stated that closing the basketball court is wrong – taking away the positive activities that the kids have because of the disrespect of a couple kids (maybe not even local kids) or the complaints of one family is unfair. In response to the complaints about destruction, Pam Hicks stated that she had to take away the Youth Center key from the Bayshore Market because unsupervised youths were destroying the center. Pam Hicks also supported the fact that local kids use the basketball court by saying that she believes the "Bell clan" uses the basketball court quite a bit and that very few summer kids use it. Seibert asked if the Township should do what they said they would – or shut it down. Seibert also explained that Park Money should not be used for recreation. Savage said that there is \$5000 allocated to recreation each year. Seibert said that it is not just for youth recreation. Leavenworth asked for input from local kids – maybe a meeting to ask them what they want. If they aren't interested why should anything be done for them. If there is interest, then the township should provide adult supervision. Savage asked if the board could have a meeting of the Township Board and the kids. Seibert asked what we will do in the interim – should we hold up our end and put down new asphalt and noise deferring backboards or shut it down. Seibert said he hasn't seen much interest. Savage asked where the lack of interest is? The kids use that basketball court every day – adults use it too. Seibert asked what should be done put up the new asphalt and backboards? Savage said that the township should do what they said they would. Leavenworth added that the township needs to provide supervision. Seibert said he thinks the board should shut it down and see if there is interest. If the parents are interested, he added, they can provide their own supervision – he didn't feel that the board should pay for it. Savage asked how the kids would find out about the opportunity to re-open the basketball court – if it is shut down? Seibert said there could be a meeting.

Because of concerns about content by members of the community, the minutes will be changed to include only what information is legally required:

A motion was made by Seibert and seconded to remove the basketball hoops and shut down the basketball court until such time as the youth of this community decide what they want and how they are going to cooperate with the township for their own recreation. 4 – ayes. 1 – nay. Motion carried. B) Bayshore Park Bathhouse – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS: A) Hospitalization Program: **A motion was made by Seibert and seconded to accept the change the health care coverage to Community Blue PPO Plan 2, with Dental 50/50/50, Blue Vision 24/24/24 and Rx Advantage Plus Prescription coverage, family coverage available for all elected officers, including trustees, and full time employees. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.** B) Beach Access Property Maintenance: No action. C) Alley Vacation Request: Catherine Reiss [CORRECTION: **should have said Catherine Goulet**] sent \$125.00 and requested that the alley near her home be vacated and property transferred to her. Rules of engagement require board to proceed using standard procedure.

Adjournment **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn. Time: 9:40 p.m.**
Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Approved: _____ / _____
Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor Date

MOTION BY Lois Leavenworth, SECONDED by Rose Benmark to accept the minutes as amended. 5 – ayes.