

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Community Center

Grand Marais, Michigan

April 15, 2005 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth

Board Members Absent and Excused: Jim Seibert

Public Attendance: Four visitors

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to approve agenda. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

Current Business:

- **Woodland Park Upgrade Plan**

Tim Burkhardt requested that the Board amend the Woodland Park Upgrade Plan to include construction of a small pole barn. According to the proposal Burkhardt developed for this project, park road repair would cost \$15,300, a bathhouse door replacement would cost \$250, and the pole barn construction plus concrete would cost \$5742. The Board had already secured a loan from Peoples State Bank in the amount of \$20,000 to cover the cost of road repair and the new bathhouse door. Burkhardt's proposal increases the cost of the project by about \$1500.

Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the Woodland Park Upgrade Plan as amended by Tim Burkhardt to include repair of all roads in the park, replacement of the door in the old bathhouse, and construction of a small pole barn near the park office. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Kniss – aye; and Savage - aye. Motion carried.

- **Overtime for Clean-Up Weekend**

Mike Beek requested that the DPW employees be allowed to get overtime pay during the 2 clean-up weekends instead of taking time off during the week to compensate and prevent overtime. Savage stated that since the Board empowers Beek to be in charge of his own budget, she suggested that the board allow Beek, as DPW Manager, to determine whether or not there were funds available to pay overtime. If he is going to be empowered to run his budget, then he should be able to demonstrate his ability to live within it.

Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to allow overtime for the DPW during the 2 clean-up weekends as long as the DPW Manager feels there is money in his budget to cover them. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye; Kniss – aye; Savage – aye; and Durrwachter – nay. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mary Capogrossa and JC Ogden asked if the Woodland Park upgrade would cause any further cutting of trees.

Durrwachter stated that there are no plans to cut any more trees and that only tree planting is in the Boards plans for the future. Marc Oglevie asked why the Board decided to hold this meeting when the Treasurer was unavailable. Savage said that Seibert was aware that the meeting was being held today – and said that he would not be available. He did not object to the meeting being held during his absence and had spoken with each board member individually to share his feelings about the topic being discussed. Marc Oglevie said that Seibert would have voted against the requests.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____, 2005

Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

These minutes are unapproved until approved by the board and signed by the Township Supervisor.