

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Township Office
Grand Marais, Michigan
March 7, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss

Board Members Absent and Excused Lois Leavenworth

Citizen Attendance: 5

Public Comment: Opened at 9:01 a.m. **Discussion was about the Greenspace and included:** Ed Bowen, Chairman of the Greenspace Fundraising Committee, said that the terms of the land contract need a clearer interpretation and should be consistent year round. Ed also supplied those in attendance with the definition of the word "incidental" as found in the Webster's New Collegiate dictionary. Incidental – occurring merely by chance or without intention or calculation. Being likely to ensue as a chance or minor consequence. The new owners of the Sportsman Restaurant, Walter and Lois Hassenzahl were present and asked for a clarification of which property the term "Greenspace" refers to. The Greenspace is the collection of five lots located between the alley behind the Sportsman Restaurant and the road running along the Bay to the east of the alley. Closed at 9:23 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

Current Business:

Greenspace Threats: Clerk read the letter forwarded by Rosie Meldrum and written by her attorney, Robb Ferguson in which Mr. Ferguson states that he will be pleased to represent Mr. Warren in an action to either specifically enforce or foreclose on the Greenspace land contract. Clerk read letter from Attorney Kirt Harmon written to Attorney Robb Ferguson in response to his letter stating that the township has not designated any of the Greenspace property for parking of anything and that the township has no obligation under this contract to make the property no parking or to police or enforce a no parking ban. Clerk read fax received on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. from Rosie Meldrum concerning her warning that she intends to continue to police the property to see that the contract conditions are adhered to. She will continue to keep the seller abreast of her findings.

Durrwachter recommended that our attorney make all future contact with Mr. Warren. The annual payment of \$10,000 will be made on the Greenspace by the Board as scheduled by the contract – March 30, 2006.

The Board agreed that there is a parking problem during certain times of the year in Grand Marais and that a plan needs to be developed to accommodate the increasing traffic. The Board will assign the Planning Commission to develop a plan and make recommendations to the Board.

Pilt Payment: Durrwachter mentioned that he had received notification that the Pilt payment may be received after the end of our fiscal year creating a possible budget shortage end to this fiscal year. The supervisor will talk to the auditor about any management reporting this may cause.

Adjournment: Motion by Seibert and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____, 2006

Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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