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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Sept 14, 2022**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Anne Kennedy, Diane Akright, Tom Wybranowski, Brent Sharpe, Keri Viers  
Agenda was reviewed and accepted as is.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to accept minutes for 8/10/22 as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-86 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Viers to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-87 carried.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** Runway rehab has been completed. We had an inspection last week. Final report has not been received, but the inspector was very pleased and complimentary. There has been a fair amount of traffic in and out of the airport with use of the camping facility there. Note: It looks like GLA won't be servicing the island this year. There is no answer when you call. Only a recording that the office is closed and that they will not be doing air taxi, only air charter flights.

**Fire:** had some calls, but nothing major. Doing some minor repairs and maintenance. Stumbled onto a blocked covert over by the airport. Would like to use it as part of their training and clear the covert.

**Marina:** Traffic slowing. Flag has been removed. There is a replacement on back-order. Still trying to work with the sail place to get the repairs done to our existing flags over the winter.

**Law:** Everything is quiet. Summer has been good overall.

A new lease agreement was presented for law housing for September through December 2022. The board reviewed and motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to approve the lease with the removal of the Commercial liability requirement of item 10. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-88 carried.**

**Cemetery:** There is nothing pending at this time.

**Parks and Rec:**

Letter of resignation was received from Missy Phillips. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to accept with regrets. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-89 carried.**

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Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to post for the opening on Parks and Rec. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski , B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-90 carried.**

The following updates were shared:

Bright Water Park – we have a signed extension from MDARD until the end of February to complete all work. We have a first draft submitted and will be receiving part of the grant money disbursement. The extended time on the grant should allow for us to have the feasibility study completed as well.

North Shore Vaulted Toilets:

Communication with Lucas Merrick in Gaylord confirms that our land use permit was apparently not received. All documents will be scanned and e-mailed to him. The DNR is going to waive the land use permit fee. There is no anticipated issues and he will send us a letter if needed so we can proceed with a test hole and our permit with LMAS.

Nichols Point Property:

Parks and Rec spent most of the summer at the Farmer's Market trying to spread the word about the different park projects we have in the works as well as the opportunity presented by the DNR property at Nichols Point. We have managed through simple donations and silent auction baskets etc. to raise about \$2000 for Parks & Rec. We will continue to move forward with seeking out additional funding and corporate sponsors. We have also contacted the bank in St Ignace for some preliminary discussions about possible loan opportunities. This is also promising and further submission of financials etc. will need to take place. We are doing everything we can to secure the \$63,000 to purchase.

Last, a letter was submitted to the board for review/approval, to be mailed to all Bois Blanc Township property owners requesting funds of support. This would be primarily for the Nichols Pointe purchase, but really for support of Parks and Recreation projects overall. The letter was reviewed. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to approve the Parks and Recreation Letter to be mailed to all township property owners. ....Discussion It was determined that paragraph 9 be revised to insure all know they can donate directly for Nichols Point Park, or to Parks & Rec in general and that the donor form be revised accordingly as well. Original motion was rescinded. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy that we approve the Parks & Rec letter with the adjustments discussed be sent to all township property owners. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski , B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright, Nays: none **Motion 2022-91 carried.**

**Planning:** Planning Commission met on Monday. They are going through the Master Plan. The census information has been updated and they are currently working through things chapter by chapter for review. Next meeting is Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Transfer Station:** No one has applied for the back-up attendant's position yet. We are working toward getting things ready for winter. Larry Phillips noted that the last time we had a trash pick-up there was a trail of liquid, glass and nails that had to be cleaned up all along the causeway. Contact will be made with Matt/Richard to make sure GFL closes their drain before leaving the Transfer Station property.

**Zoning:** Tom has been working through the applications the last couple of months with Damien. (4 ins Aug and 5 in Sept) Damien will not transition to the ZA and continue to utilize Tom as necessary for back-up.

**Maintenance:** No report – still have an open position.

**Health Committee:** No report

**Old Business:**

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- **A proposed policy for contacting the attorney was distributed for all board members to review and will be discussed further at a later meeting.**
- **The PIE&G liaison meeting in Onaway was discussed. All meters on the island should be updated to the smart meters before the end of the year. They should also have linemen out to do some tree clearing along the power lines. Tom Sobek, PIE&G President and CEO would like to be present at one of our meetings. (will try for October)**

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

**Correspondence and Meetings :**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk