

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Gnesen Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Nelson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts-Michael Jenkins, Scout Executive-Voyageurs Area Council-Michael introduce himself and gave an update on the plans they have for the property they are leasing from Minnesota Power. Michael left a copy of the plans and will be working with our Planning Commission to make sure everything will be handled correctly. Supervisor Opack suggested that Michael gets a news article to the clerk about the project to include in our newsletter. Potential platting of Minnesota Power leased land-Matt Hagelin and Jim Atkinson came to discuss their proposal. They were asked to come back to us with the results of their survey with just a breakdown of Gnesen lease holders. Supervisor Opack suggested that they hold an informational meeting with the property owners and also put an article in the Gnesen newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

GCC projects-Jody Cooke has installed the alarm on the defibrillator.

Trails-Sarah did the walk through with the DNR and they were very impressed with what has been done with the trails and the disc golf. Sarah mentioned that some of the trail signs have been broken. Jody fixed the web swing. The DNR wants an ADA trail leading to the ADA swing and Sarah will work on getting that trail in. Sarah has purchased the "Trails closed during hunting season" sign and it will be installed soon.

Berg Road-No updates yet as the new attorney is looking over the files.

Zoning issue-No updates yet as the new attorney is looking over this file also.

MATIT Insurance coverage-Bruce Carmen was here and looked at the buildings and we mentioned the trails, playscape, disc golf and ice skating and he will send his recommendations as to whether we have enough coverage on all of these projects and our buildings.

CARES-Air Exchange-We will table this until next month to find out if the quote we received is for the whole building or just the gym.

Striping Island Lake Drive and West Pioneer Road-Table until next spring.

Waterline for the skating rink-It is marked and ready to go, we are just waiting for Gopher One to come out and do their marking and then Jody will install the water line.

Flag pole-Sarah has ordered the pole and Supervisor Opack and Jody decided where to have it installed. We will discuss later if we need to add additional lighting for the flag.

Installation/placement of the Waters of Life sign they donated to the Community Center-Jody will put some legs on the sign to make it portable and then he will place it on the property.

Front entryway-Sarah stated that the front steps have been replaced, the railing is being fixed, the doors have been ordered but are a few weeks out. Randy Larson is repairing the columns and they will be ready in a week or two.

Fuel tank nozzle and hose-Tom Haller has purchased them and installed them.

Tracy Road turnaround-Supervisor Opack stated he has no updates on this.

Old pull tabs from the Community Center-They have been shredded.

Automatic sanitizer dispensers-Sarah has purchased and Jody has installed all of them except the ones in the Community Room.

Signs-Vic Lund, St. Louis County, said that it is a township road and we have jurisdiction over whether we put up signs or not. The Board approved ordering two pedestrian and two next mile signs and make sure they meet the reflective requirements.

Woodland Beach property-Nathan H. will talk to our lawyer about how we go about selling this piece of property and report back to us next month.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan-The Planning Commission asked ARDC to come back with a draft Comp Plan based off of our survey results so the Commission can move forward with a Public Hearing to adopt our Comp Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snowplowing for the 2020/2021 season-Supervisor Opack will get some quotes and we will discuss this at next month's meeting.

Putting the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes and agenda on our website-We received a request to have the minutes and the agenda put on our website. It was decided that because the agenda can change right up until meeting time, to not put the agenda but to put the minutes on the website.

Port-a-potty-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to provide a port-a-potty that is ADA approved. Supervisor Opack asked Sarah to find out if we could change the location for the winter months to be closer to the warming shack and then closer to the trails in the spring.

Paying the lawyer to write a letter-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Nelson, and Board approved to have our new lawyer draw up a letter to Minnesota Power asking for a 60-day extension on their Variance request.

Resolution #20-11 appointing election judges-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to appoint the election judges that were presented in the resolution.

Attorney's fees-Nate L. sent an email with his agreement for Professional Legal Services and the Board approved his fees and Chair Nelson will sign the paperwork for this agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email about invasive reed threatening Minnesota waters-phragmites australis.

Email from Stephanie Hemphill asking to put articles in our newsletter about invasive plants and the Board approved letting her put articles in the newsletter when space was available.

Letter-From St. Louis County about clearing activities on the Howard Gnesen Road.

Upcoming meetings:

Town Board Meeting-October 12, 2020-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-October 21, 2020-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-October 26, 2020-8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Michael Jenkins, Matt Hagelin, and Jim Atkinson. Employees present Nathan Horyza. Employees absent: none