

The July 14, 2021, Regular Board Minutes were approved on August 11, 2021.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN PERSON & ZOOM  
JULY 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Diane Coppens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present– Chair-Diane Coppens, Supervisor- Sandy Lyytinen, Supervisor- Karen Senger, Treasurer- Dennis Korte, and Clerk-Tracy Chase

Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Tim Johnson-Zoom

Tim Johnson, Community Coordinator-spoke on behalf of the Edge of the Wilderness Lodging Association (EOWLA). EOWLA is a 501 C-6 non-profit organization made up of 11 lodging properties located within the Edge of the Wilderness area. It is an official State of MN Destination Marketing Organization. The organization promotes the area to visitors through advertising and public relations and acts as an advocate and proponent of tourism. Advertising and public relations used for marketing primarily consists of radio, print, digital, website, and social media. The EOWLA receives funding from lodging tax, grants, and partnership contributions.

June 9, 2021, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the June 9, 2021, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -June 30, 2021, reconciled bank balance was \$546,918.85. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. There was one outstanding check, however, it has now been cashed. Discussed CTAS and Investment module. Clerk and Treasurer have balanced in CTAS. Discussed CD maturity dates.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 8976- 8991. Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$2,295.13 and Claims- \$14,790.44.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contracted grading. Mary Alley received gravel in the low area. Gravel on all of Mary Alley will be reviewed at next year’s Road Review. The stump removal for the cemetery is postponed until next spring. The Town Hall parking lot will be enlarged at the same time T & T are removing the park stumps. Tim Hagen updated the board on Mckenzie Island Road. Completed gravel work on Little Smith and Ridge Roads. Tree removal on West Johnson Lake Road as well as extra grading on West Johnson Lake and Becker Roads took place. This month work will be done on North Little Turtle Road.

Park Report- Sandy has reached out multiple times, with no success, to Flagship MN. She still has not received the playground catalog. Domanick will wait to mow and will only mow areas of need, including where there is small tree growth. He will put more lye in the outside restrooms. A concentration of Round-Up was used on the tree roots. It does not appear to have destroyed the roots; many small trees seem to be emerging.

Hall Report- Karen is checking with the Minnesota Department of Health as to the need for a 3-hole sink. She has not heard if the hall needs to comply with this mandate.

Cemetery Report- Sandy received a quote for the cemetery sign. Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to approve the \$1500.00 sign quote. MCU- 3-0.

Old Business –

Tennis Courts- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the tennis courts and the issues with the cracks and roots. Dennis reached out to a company in Fargo for information. Diane reached out to the Tennis Doctor; to seal the tennis court cracks using sand filled acrylic crack application would cost \$4,700. Diane will reach out again to see what the Tennis Doctor would do for the raised areas. It appears the cause of the cracks need to be addressed before a fix should be done. Dennis will research how to deal with the root issue. It was decided to table this topic until the August meeting.

Pickleball Net- Domanick will set up the Pickleball net.

Garden Update- The top strands of wire are up. A couple of people are interested in three more plots for next year. There has been a lot of inquiry surrounding the garden.

Itasca County Grant- Tim Johnson is working on a \$10,000 grant to be used for the park. The dollars can go towards purchasing playground equipment, tennis court improvements, or the ice rink. These dollars would be available in the 2022 budget year.

New Business-

Charitable Grant- The Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant has been applied for.

Signs- Four signs are being made for the park. The signs are for the tennis court use, no alcoholic beverages/motorized vehicles in the park, no household garbage dumping, and handpump use.

Committee Reports – Diane attended two Itasca County Township Association meetings and one NIJPB meeting. A few things to note are as follows- there has been a 0% increase to the County budget; Canisteo Mine Pit is close to overflowing; the new site for the jail is two million under budget so far; MAT wants all cities and townships to apply for the ARPA grants; the County has received a grant to pay the overage from the Enbridge issue; there was a three-acre fire at Scenic State Park; and the Effie School had an online auction to sell memorabilia.

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM was made by Sandy Lyytinen and Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

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Chairperson

Date

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Clerk

Date