

The May Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved on June 9, 2021.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING- IN PERSON & ZOOM

MAY 12, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 and Tim Hagen

Others in Attendance via Zoom- Tim Johnson

Tim Johnson, Community Coordinator with the Hwy 38 Leadership Board, showed two tourism videos for our area- from several videos that were created to showcase the Hwy 38 Scenic Byway. One of the videos shown specifically referenced Marcell and the other video referenced the Hwy 38 Scenic Byway. Tim will post the Marcell video to the website and link the other videos regarding the area. The videos-one full length video showing the Hwy 38 Scenic Byway in its entirety and several that are tailored to each community along the byway- were made possible by joint dollars from the NIJPB, Bigfork Valley Community Foundation, Hwy 38 Leadership Board, Edge of the Wilderness Lodging Association, Visit Grand Rapids, Blandin Foundation, and IRRR. The videos have digital mapping and allows the viewer the opportunity to do a virtual tour of the Scenic Byway.

April 14, 2021, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the April 14, 2021, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report -April 30, 2021, reconciled bank balance was \$579,547.17. Dennis gave a breakdown of the fund balances. There is one outstanding check. A brief discussion regarding CTAS- the township’s accounting system- took place. Dennis and Tracy discussed some of the issues with the program.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Diane Coppens to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account check numbers 8943 to 8960. Karen Senger seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0. Payroll- \$2,265.01 and Claims- \$10,642.88.

Road Report- There was a plugged culvert on the Smith Lake Road that was dealt with. The stumps in the park, as well as the trees at the cemetery, will be worked on sometime after Memorial Day. The Road Review took place on May 8<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Point and Smith Lake Roads are the priority for the year. Cedar Point Road needs gravel and the Smith Lake Road needs gravel and ditch work. Twenty-eight roads were reviewed and unless something major happens, 15 roads will receive gravel, eleven roads were okay as is, and two roads will need to have additional type of work. T & T will also reestablish the parking lot areas at the Town Hall.

Park Report- The Park Review took place on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and several projects were discussed. In addition to the stump grinding of the trees and bringing the parking lot back to size, painting/staining were the major projects. Domanick will price and purchase railroad ties to replace the ones that have rotted. Mowing has taken place and trees have been from the walking trail. Karen will reach out to the Pickleball group to let them know we will not be spending more money on the fence around the tennis courts.

Hall Report- Karen will measure and purchase blinds for the room that is being rented.

Cemetery Report- A discussion took place regarding the response the township received from Rowe Funeral.

Old Business –

Tax & Equalization Meeting- The Tax & Equalization meeting went well. There were only a handful of parcels to be discussed.

Community Garden Update- The Community Garden is shaping up. The black dirt has arrived and has been tilled into the garden and the garden boxes have been filled. There will be a Community Garden meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM, at the Town Hall. A thank you needs to be sent to Thistledeew and Joe Martire for the work the crew did in putting the fence up.

New Business-

Playground Equipment- Sandy talked with Sue and Keith Liljenberg, owners of Haislip’s, regarding playground equipment. Sue used to work with Landscape Structures, Inc, a business whose emphasis is playgrounds. Sandy called Landscape Structures, Inc, and they referred her to Flagship MN, to find out who the contact is for this area. Sandy will request a catalog for the supervisors to look through. The company does not require that they do the installation. However, they do have a hotline for questions. Diane will reach out to Terry Snyder and Tim Johnson regarding grant opportunities for playground equipment, as well as the ice rink.

Committee Reports –

Karen attended the Annual Hwy 38 Leadership Board meeting, the Hwy 38 Leadership Board meeting, as well as the NIJPB meeting. A few things noted were Hwy 38 will be repaired in Bigfork and there was a meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss how this would take place; Terry Snyder said the Itasca County Jail is on track and the businesses have been relocated; the Discovery Center opens May 14<sup>th</sup>; the area campgrounds will be open for 2021 and a host is needed for Club House; and Arcadia Lodge wants to leave the Edge of the Wilderness Lodging Tax Association.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM was made by Diane Coppens and Sandy Lyytinen seconded the motion. MCU- 3-0.

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_