

The July 13, 2022, Regular Board Minutes were approved on August 8, 2022, with a correction to the spelling of Kreuger.

MARCELL TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN-PERSON & ZOOM
JULY 13, 2022, 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- Karen Senger, Treasurer- Dennis Korte via Zoom, and Clerk-Tracy Chase
Others in Attendance- Domanick David, Tim Hagen, Clif Block

June 8, 2022, Regular Board Minutes – Motion to accept the June 8, 2022, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

June 15, 2022, Strategic Park Planning Public Meeting Minutes- Motion to accept the June 15, 2022, minutes was made by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0.

Treasurer’s Report- June 30, 2022, reconciled bank balance was \$492,995.70. Dennis gave a breakdown of the accounts. CD # 10130 was cashed to pay DEED. Discussion took place regarding the Business One Account and the need to have separate accounts for the pre and post DEED payoff. Dennis and Tracy will review this, as well as CTAS protocol.

Approve & Pay Bills – Motion by Karen Senger to approve and pay bills with General Checking Account Check #'s 9170- 9190; Business 1 Check #'s 1160-1162. Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU-2-0. Payroll- \$3,110.00 and Claims- \$237,082.08.

Road Report- There were two rounds of contract grading. Roads receiving additional work included Jack the Horse and North Little Turtle. T & T also completed tree cleanup on all township roads due to the recent storms.

Park Report- T & T gave an estimate for removal of the kiosk and the following playground equipment- jungle gym, merry-go-round, wooden structure with tires and chains, as well as the rotten railroad ties. Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to accept the estimate from T & T for \$2,200-\$2,500 for removal of playground structures, kiosk, and railroad ties realizing the sand cost may be different. MCU- 2-0. Motion by Diane Coppens and seconded by Karen Senger to purchase the swing/slide wear mat from Summit Supply Corp of Colorado for \$287.97. MCU-2-0. Domanick did tree cleanup in the park. The park restrooms have been pumped to facilitate a remodel into storage. The horseshoe pit board has been put back into place and the pits have been raked.

Hall Report- Domanick will look at purchasing a twelve-foot ladder for the hall. Cozy Air will be at the hall on Friday to hook up the dishwasher.

Cemetery Report- Until the rebar is located on the back portion of the cemetery, mowing cannot be completed there. The new flags have been received and delivered. Karen will write an article for the newspaper regarding a flag that Dennis was given that at one time was flown over the Capital Building in Washington DC. This flag will be flown at the cemetery.

Old Business –

Park Planning Public Meeting- Brief discussion of the meeting. Although not a lot of people attended, there was some public input that was generated.

Benches- Karen will purchase two benches for the walking trail.

Tennis Courts- Dennis reached out to his Fargo contact. His contact will be coming to Bemidji in the next few weeks and will hopefully be able to come and view the tennis courts firsthand. If not, Dennis feels we need to investigate having a different company come to view the courts.

Community Garden- Because the garden hose was pulled so tight, the fitting has been compromised. Diane will need to purchase a new garden hose.

New Business-

Elections- Resolution #7/13/2022 Resolution Appointing Election Judges was read and Motion by Karen Senger and seconded by Diane Coppens to accept Resolution #7/13/2022. MCU- 2-0.

John Linder- Tracy will send storm costs that the township paid because of the recent storms.

Storm Site- Owen's Campground- Due to the recent storms and the potential need for Owen's Campground to have a shelter/safe harbor, the township was agreeable for Owen's to use the hall during severe weather. Tracy will get a key to Kay Kreuger- Owen's Campground manager.

Committee Reports –

Karen attended the NIJPB meeting. Highlights include the Federal Forestry office opened as of June 9th; however, management is still working remotely; Scenic State Park, by Owens Lake, sustained a lot of tree/wind damage; the Bigfork Hospital had a financial loss for 2021; and the Bigfork Nursing Home was one of twenty that did not have a COVID case.

Diane attended a couple of Itasca County Township Association meetings. Highlights include the DNR will start pumping water out of the Canisteo Pit as of October 1st; Terry Snyder addressed the Huber Project; Julie Sandstede-District 6A Representative is urging the house to go back into session; Balsam will hold the next Annual Meeting; Shane Troumbly, Itasca County Public Health Educator, spoke about the public health survey conducted looking at suicide awareness in the community, as well as the new suicide contact number is 988.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM by Karen Senger and Diane Coppens seconded the motion. MCU- 2-0.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date