

Annual Meeting
April 1, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Supervisor Larry Niederstadt. Board members present were Larry Niederstadt, Kathy Eldridge, guest present Pat Gray.

Supervisor Niederstadt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Pat Gray expressed a concern over the labels to send out the newsletter. The clerk offered to call Deb Hill and check with Equalization on the label issue. It was suggested that the clerk write an article for the newsletter.

Approval of the minutes:

Motion made by Niederstadt, 2nd by Clerk Eldridge. Clerk will bring copy to the April Board Meeting.

Improvements in 2016:

Freedom Park: All the trails were completely re-chipped by Seeds workers with chips created from the storm of the previous year.

Heritage Park: The 2 dugouts that were destroyed on the small diamond were totally rebuilt. And a new riding lawn mower was purchased for township use.

Access Sites: All experienced spring cleanup. With several sections split rail fence replaced. Aarwood Bridge site had a split rail fence erected to limit entrance and scope of the parking.

Roads and Millage: The past summer over a mile of Aarwood Trail was wedged, capped, and new shoulders added just beyond the DNR launch. The next four tenths of a mile the road commission added up to 12" of gravel and a 2" cap. At public meeting held before the township road millage was passed, Baggs Road was designated the next road to be repaired in 2017. It will be a combined project with Clearwater Township, Whitewater Township, Kalkaska County and Grand Traverse. The other roads chosen during the 4 year millage include W. Plum Valley Rd., Wilhelm Rd., and Zimmerman Rd. which might need 60,000. In engineering. The township has not determined which of these 3 roads will be done next.

Township Cemetery: Received new signage.

Heritage Property: A contract was awarded for removal of damaged trees under supervision of the Antrim County Forester. Work was completed.

Township Hall: Planning was continued on the hall's need for office expansion, storage area, upgrading the kitchen, bathroom improvement and entrance area improvements.

Sandbar Committee: The committee met monthly. No parking was added from Torch River Bridge to Lake Street. Four large flags were placed at access sites for exit visibility. The township had water testing contracted, but the Health Department could not comply. The township added \$2,000. For marine patrol. And 2 dumpsters were added for the 4th of July weekend.

What is happening in 2017:

Paving Baggs Road with a cap

Continued development on Aarwood Bridge site

Continued Sandbar focus

Determine cost of potential changes to the township hall

Purchase a new truck

Removal of gym bleachers

Public Comment:

Pat Gray did ask about cost for pads for gym walls and cost of new bleachers. New trail signs for Freedom Park trails.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Eldridge