

Annual Meeting
March 28, 2015

The annual meeting of the Clearwater Township Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Supervisor Niederstadt. Board member present was Larry Niederstadt. Also present was Deputy Clerk, Pat Gray and one guest, Tina Fields.

Supervisor Niederstadt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Niederstadt, seconded by Gray to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2014 as presented. Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

Tina Fields spoke about her desire to see a foundation started to provide funding for any of our county's high school graduates who desire higher education. She feels strongly that every youngster should have the opportunity to attend a college, university or technical institution. If members of the community would come together and put in just a small amount of money, it wouldn't take long to establish a fund that could enable a young person to acquire higher learning.

End of Fiscal Year Report: Niederstadt reported the following accomplishments:

Heritage Park:

Lights on the American Flag.
Completed two dugouts & saved \$14,000 from an estimated cost.
New soccer nets

Freedom Park:

Added light to the American Flag
Replaced much of deteriorating split rail fence

Cemetery:

Added lighting to American Flag
Added new sign for Veterans
Removed several dead trees
New directional signs placed on Valley Rd.

Community Center & Twp. Hall.

Lighting to the American Flag
Formed committee to study improvements for Township Hall

Road Improvements:

Wedged and capped Morrison Rd. for one mile, plus shoulders

Access Sites:

Lake St. – removed overhanging tree and brush.
Pine St. – Rocks, sand and a new bench were added

Accessing:

Total reassessment of the township was completed

Township took control of property with approximately four acres on the Rapid River at the Aarwood Bridge with a 99 year lease from the Kalkaska County

Road Commission to be used by fishermen, kayakers, etc. Parking, steps to river, etc. will be added this year.

The Aarwood Trl. boat launch is being increased in size. This is being done by the DNR.

A five year Parks & Recreation Plan is being worked on and will be submitted to the DNR later this year after approval by the Township Board.

Fire Department:

Purchase of a pickup truck to be used for transporting fire fighters to classes and also equipped to fight brush fires.

Planning Commission:

Completed five year Master Plan that has been approved by the Township Board.

Public Comment:

Fields stated the Parks & Recreation plan can be considered an update since we have maintained a historical construction of the committee since the first plan was written. Also we had two scheduled meetings this year on the plan and she feels we need to schedule another to go over the document and solicit any additional information from the public prior to submitting to the DNR later this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Gray