

September 6, 2022 Felch Township Regular Board meeting

Supervisor Mattson called the regular meeting of the Felch Township Board to order at 6:00 pm. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was conducted and board members present; R. Mattson, M. Steinbrecher, D Dixon, G.Wille. D Oman was absent due to hospitalization. Present at the meeting: John Benzie, Ryan Wille, Chris Moore of Circle Power. Also in attendance were members of UP Patriots group: Rene & Skrumbellos of Iron Mountain, Jesse Fairchild, Carlene Kavelaris, Vicki Jakel, Barb Broullire, Ray Brouille, Paul & Donna Domitt, Pamela Trask, Darlene Macroft, Teresa Macroft.

Citizens time offered:

John Benzie addressed the board, Reflecting on the Labor Day Tournament, of which he played a huge part of its organization. He presented to the board checks in the amount of \$11,000 from proceeds & team entry fees. He mentioned the advertising banners also brought in over \$7,000 to the township. The Nordic Senior class cleared over \$2,000 in concessions and how much the local businesses have profited over the weekend. He again said how much work Jeff Anderson & Brian Phillips did, along with other volunteers who pitched in. John is requesting Felch Township allow him to order a truckload of DuraEdge for the Infield, so it'll be done this fall. They would also like to begin work on the little league field dugouts. He also again stated the importance of having water at the field, and lighting was also discussed. He said the field is only going to be used more, possibly add'l tournaments & ND School will be starting High School Baseball. John was thanked by the board for all his hard work & planning.

Chris Moore had handouts in regards to the Groveland Mine Solar Farm Plans, with project highlights & info. He suggested the supervisors of the 3 involved townships get together & hire an attorney could be hired to represent the townships, so there would be a single point of contact.

Many of the members in attendance from the UP Patriots group had many questions & concerns regarding the Solar Farm, and their apparent disapproval. Chris Moore handled all questions the citizens had, much lengthy discussion.

Review & approval of agenda with addition: Ball Field DuraEdge purchase & ball field dugout request.

Approved the regular meeting minutes of August 1, 2022, on a motion from D. Dixon & supported by G. Wille. All in favor.

Treasurers report was reviewed. A couple questions regarding add'l worker for community center & lawn care, not certain if it was during a time when John F wasn't available? D. Dixon made a motion to accept the report as written and place on file, supported by G.Wille. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Motion was approved.

Review & payment of bills. Moved to pay bills, if anything out of ordinary, will have a special meeting to approve.

Fire Dept Report- None

Custodian Report-None

Cemetery Report-None

Parks & Recreation Report-R Wille stated some electrical repairs are needed at Norway Lake Park on Site #16. Bob will talk to MJ Electric.

Sign regarding recognition of Anderson family donating property for baseball fields. No discussion.

The Daily New contacted township for approval to again place ad when Our Town Edition is run. R Mattson made motion to approve, supported by G Wille. All in favor.

Bob has Millage request report that needs signatures, since Darrell is absent, he'll contact him & take care of this as soon as possible.

Grant writing proposal & Land, transfer/purchase, by ball field/comm center, both on agenda will be tabled as Darrell is absent if he'd have any info for discussion on these items.

R. Mattson met with Travis Woodward & went over sidewalk spec's, etc. Travis will also be doing ambulance apron & other concrete needed

R. Mattson presented members with letter from Jim Harris, Dick Co Road Commision, regarding the Six Mile Lake Road, hoping to possibly get the 75/25 percent better in favor of Township, by doing more work themselves. Communication to follow.

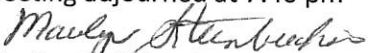
Discussion on the Ball field request to approve purchase of DuraEdge for infield. The amount for this project is \$5,340.00. M Steinbrecher made motion to approve, D Dixon supported. All in favor. Jeff Anderson will be contacted with approval to move forward with new dugouts for little league field, with motion from R Mattson, support by D Dixon. All in favor.

Board Member privilege:

Darwin stated Goober should be contacted that flowers can be removed from cemetery. Jacob Lox should also be instructed to try get Norway Lake park leaf clean up done this fall, so not such a mess in the spring.

No other business before the Board, D Dixon made a motion to adjourn, support by G Wille. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm


Marilyn Steinbrecher
Felch Township Treasurer