

MECOSTA TOWNSHIP BOARD

19729 11 MILE RD. BIG RAPIDS, MI

JULY 13, 2016 / APPROVED with corrections. 08-10-2016

- 1. Meeting called to Order: 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll call: John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Michele Graham, Susan Sikkema.
Absent: James Cain.**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the additions under Unfinished Business (D) Med. Marihuana, (E) Building Permits.
(James Cain joined the meeting 7:01 p.m.)
Motion was made by Sikkema, 2nd by Johnson.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made to approve the June 8th and June 28th minutes as written by Johnson, 2nd by Cain.**

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

- 6. Treasurers Report: Report accepted as given and entered into the official record.**
- 7. Approval to pay Bills & Payroll: Motion to pay bills & payroll in the amount of \$23,128.07 was made by Cain, 2nd by Johnson.**

Roll call: Cain – yes, Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes, Sikkema – yes.

Motion carried.

- 8. Brief Public comments: None**
- 9. Reports:**

- A. County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Tom O’Neal, stated that the Non-union and part-time staff was incorrect when reported in the Pioneer July 8th, 2016.**

Pioneer staff writer Meghan Haas stepped forward and introduced her-self to the Township board and stated Commissioner O’Neal was correct and that she did a correction in the Pioneer July 9th, 2016. It read “A motion to discuss a 2 percent cost-of-living increase to the wage scale at a future meeting was passed.”

Meghan is the new staff writer (Pioneer News Paper) for the surrounding area. She accepted the job four weeks ago. This will be replacing Adam Gac, who proved to be a gifted and honest reporter. Township wishes Meghan the best and look forward to her visits.

- B. Assessors/Supervisor: Graham stated she will be out next week working the field.**

Graham also stated the Lions Club would like the Township to present a certificate for the 50 years they have served the community. This will be on August 29th, 2016. The time has not been set at this time.

- C. Fire Department: Meeting is July 20th, 7:00 p.m. held at the Fire Barn.**

- D. Cemetery: None**

- E. Budget: Budget was accepted as presented.**

- F. Planning Commission: Motion was made to spend up to \$600.00 for MTA’s Planning & Zoning program workshop August 30th, 2016 by Cain, 2nd by Quinlan.**

**Roll call: Cain – yes, Quinlan – yes, Johnson – yes, Graham – yes,
Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.**

Cain brought to the Township board a motion from the Planning commission to have Atty. Scales to review changes and bring the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) into compliance. Also Zoning

Ordinance Amendment. Planning Commission would like to extend the Medical Marihuana Moratorium.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Review Audit: Township reviewed the audit and accepted as given.

B. Speed limit on 11 Mile (E. of NL Dr.)

Motion was made by Quinlan to have the state police to do a speed study on 11 Mile rd. 2nd by Cain.

Approved – 5

Unapproved – 0

Motion carried.

C. Site Plan: The Board reviewed the site plan for the Township property and will submit their ideas where tables – grills and children play area might be.

D. Medical Marihuana: Motion was made by Sikkema to extend the Moratorium on Medical Marihuana to January 13, 2017, 2nd by Cain.

**Roll call: Sikkema – yes, Cain – yes, Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes,
Graham – yes. Motion carried.**

E. Building Permits: Motion was made to double the building permits fee for work started without obtaining a permit. Motion made by Cain, Johnson 2nd the motion.

**Roll call: Cain – yes, Johnson – yes, Quinlan – yes, Graham – yes,
Sikkema – yes. Motion carried.**

11. New Business:

A. Zoning Ordinance Changes: Motion was made to proceed with the zoning changes as presented, except changes on #13 which Graham will work with Building & Zoning Administrator to clarify wording before sending to Atty. Scales. Motion made by Quinlan, 2nd by Johnson.

Approved – 5

Unapproved -0

Motion carried.

B. Junk Enforcement: Quinlan will get more information.

C. Noise Ordinance: Graham will check with other townships and see how they address an ordinance for noise and with MTA.

12. Brief Public Comment: None

13. Announcements/Correspondence: None

**14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Graham, 2nd by Sikkema.
Meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m.**

Susan Sikkema

Twp. Clerk