

Highlights of October 14, 2009, Park Township Board of Trustee Meeting:

Supervisor Joe Eichorn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present were Cindy Fenwick, Ed English, Bob Butz, Joe Eichorn and Pat Henderson.

Assessor Jaime Hutson stated there were no new land divisions this month. His office is looking at all new construction in Park Township so it can be included in the tax roll.

Enforcement:

Doug Kuhlman our enforcement officer gave his report on the inspections he has done for the township this last month. There were no new investigations, two open investigations with one of those a dangerous structure and one owner has requested an extension, three citations were issued and seven investigations were closed. Doug will take the house that we have listed as a dangerous structure back to a hearing for dangerous structures to be held at Lockport Township Hall on October 20, 2009 starting at 6:00 P.M.

Fishers Lake Sewer:

Supervisor Joe Eichorn stated there is no change on the sewer issue from last month. The City is still doing an analysis on their sewer system and we are on hold at the present time.

Outdoor Burning Ordinance:

Tabled from last month was an outdoor burning ordinance. Supervisor Joe Eichorn explained that many of the rules of what can be burned and what can not be burned outdoors are already in the state code. Ed English stated: "You should be able to ask a neighbor who is burning something that has a terrible smell, to stop burning." There also is the issue of how to enforce the ordinance. Bob Butz suggested that Ed English, who is on the fire department board, ask the fire chief Scott Roderick for his recommendations on outdoor burning. Joe Eichorn suggested we talk to our neighbors about this issue and bring the comments back to the November meeting for discussion.

If anyone would like to share their views, please contact one of the board members.

Driveway and Parking Lot:

The driveway and parking lot at the township hall have been sealed and it has made a big improvement when you drive into the township lot.

Board Reports

Fire Department:

Ed English reported that Scott Roderick is the new fire chief and Tim Judsen is the assistant chief. Three new firefighters have passed their Firefighters-One classes. Three bids were

received for snow plowing the driveway and parking lot at the fire station. The response time was checked by 911 from the new fire station and it is 2 minutes and 18 seconds longer, than the time from the old fire station.

Library:

Cindy Fenwick reported the library had 16,495 visitors for the month of August. That was the highest count ever for one month. Almost 4,000 of those were internet users.

SCMCCI:

Bob Butz reported on a class some board and committee members had attended that was put on by SCMCCI for planning commission and zoning board of appeals members. There were many ideas and comments that Bob Butz shared from the class. One of the main items that was stressed by the instructor was the need for good communication among all township boards.

By mutual consent the meeting was closed at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Henderson, Clerk.

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