

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2018

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jim Mortensen, Terry Croft, Diana Lowe and Jean Ledford. Also present were Township Manager, Michael Archinal and five persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Jason Forcier – A public hearing for the D.E.Q. request for a permit to build an additional dock and add a 60' x 60' of beach area to Perri Island (aka Toomi Island) was held on Sept. 26th. This request is excessive. The zoning is LRR and this permit will impact Oak Pointe and the lakes. The county controls the lake level and provides water to the Oak Pointe Golf course. In 1987 a 33' easement was granted to allow access to Perri Island. The same property controls a weir that is controlled by the county. Today access to that property is marketed to people as a vacation resort with anywhere from 8 to 40 vehicles being parked in that easement. The problem now is trespassing onto my property because they believe my dock is the access point to the island. People renting the facility have no boating experience. Pontoons are being packed with perhaps 20 persons including children. We appreciate the Township's letter requesting denial of the permit.

Brian Ahmedani – I live right across from the easement dock. I have seen as many as 20 people on the pontoon transporting people to and from the island. There is a real danger here with inexperienced boaters and it is not safe for my children. I am asking for the board's support because of a significant danger to people on the lake. Archinal - We have turned this matter over to the Township Attorney for review of the Township Ordinance and Mr. Perri's use of the island. Forcier- This is a commercial enterprise. I have two docks on my property and will be happy to get rid of my second dock under the guidance of the township ordinance.

Todd Walker (president of the Oak Pointe Marina Association) – Short term rentals constitute a commercial use and not a residential use. Reference was made to HB 4503 and SB 329. Reference is made to an unpublished opinion of the Michigan Court of Appeals, issued September 19, 2017 (Docket No. 332643). Most rentals on the lake are long term. Archinal – We have referred that information to our attorney.

Forcier – We are not here to say that no one can rent this house. It needs to be done respectfully of neighboring property owners.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve the Payment of Bills under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously

1. Payment of Bills.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the addition of the Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: September 17, 2018

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve the minutes of the Sept. 17th meeting deleting the 2nd sentence regarding the receipt of the audit. The corrected minutes were voted and approved unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding Genoa Township park property.

Archinal – A 90 acre parcel adjacent to the township hall will no longer be considered for development as the land does not perk. The modular home on the property the township owns has been discussed by the Administrative Committee. We will make a recommendation as to disposition of the home along with additional walk paths within the township park area and possible exercise equipment and basketball courts. The board expressed no opposition and encouraged the Administrative Committee to move forward. No formal action was taken by the board.

Member Discussion:

Archinal – I am working with property management concerning the small garages and the size of the refuse and recycle bins. Advance has been cooperative solving the issues with condominiums as well as areas that don't allow turn around access for the carrier. The cost for an additional recycle bin is \$5.00 a month.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
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