

**GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

February 27, 2017

The Grand Rapids Township Trustees met at 7:00 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Fire Hall. Roll call was answered by Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. There were seven guests present.

Eric Flora moved to approve the minutes and dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meeting as copies were made available to guests. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Punches. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$9,234.91 were presented for approval by the Fiscal Officer. Tracy Punches moved to pay all bills as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Richard Keifer reported fire runs 18-22.

Cory Johnson updated the board on zoning issues in the Township.

Marty Overholt from the Metroparks attended the meeting to explain the “Maumee River Water Trail” project to the board and the grant that the Metroparks is applying for. He also requested that the board sign a letter of support for the project.

Eric Flora moved to sign a letter of support for the “Maumee River Water Trail”. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Punches. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Shawn Toth attended the meeting to discuss the tree that was cut down in his front yard. He stated that he did not want the contractor to come back to remove the stump since it is no longer a hazard. He also mentioned that large branches were dropped over his septic tank and onto a bird bath and wishing well. Tracy Punches tabled the discussion until Rita Foos was present since she has more information on this project.

Tracy Punches moved to approve the Townships Annual Appropriations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Flora. Roll Call YES: Eric Flora and Tracy Punches. Motion carried.

Rita Foos entered the meeting.

The tree discussion was continued with Eric Flora expressing concern about leaving the trunk of the tree because it is in the township’s right of way because the trustees would be liable if someone would run off the road and hit it. Tracy Punches stated that there is no way to transfer liability from the township to the property owner. Tracy Punches stated that he will contact the county for guidance on the issue. Rita Foos to contact the contractor in regards to the damage to the wishing well and bird bath. Shawn Toth was invited back to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Trustees

Fiscal Officer

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