**Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting**

**August 8, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Radtke.

**ROLL CALL**: Biondo, West, Kramer, Bieganowski, Marek, McDonald & Radtke present.

**PLEDGE**: Was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**: Motion by Marek, supported by West to approve the agenda as amended, add Parks & Recs under postponed business. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**: Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to approve the consent agenda as amended, on page one (1), item #6, after facility add in Kingsley. Roll call vote: West – Yes, McDonald – Yes, Marek – Yes, Bieganowski – Yes, Biondo – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes. Carried, 7/0.

**REPORTS**:

CHIEF DARYL CASE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES: Chief Case explained the Stryker Stair Chair is needed to replace the current chair which will help the crew when moving patients. The cost will be $3,797.21 and has been budgeted. Chief Case reported Alex Johnson completed his EMT training and will be testing for the National Registry soon. Doug Straughen and Jeff Lenten both passed the written and practical portion of the paramedic program. They now have 264 hours of externship to perform in the next two months and then they will be off to the National Registry testing. There was a fire at the Camp Saki property which burned about two acres. The crew also had a water rescue on Ellis Lake, two people were rescued from the water safely. The board discussed the Stryker Chair purchase and per our purchasing policy and the fact it is a budgeted request, the clerk and supervisor can sign off on the purchase.

PENNY MORRIS, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Discussed the Senior Center, they will be receiving $7 million from the State of Michigan to build a new Senior Center. A big thank you to Wayne Schmidt, Jack O’Malley and John Roth who really worked for our region to that happening. They also helped procured funding in the amount of $3 million to Munson Medical Center for mental health care. Upgrades to the commission room to accommodate more commissioners this term, recently passed the language for mileages for the November ballot, Veterans Affairs, Commission on Aging, Animal Control, and the Senior Center Network programing.

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**REPORTS CONTINUED**:

Supervisor Radtke discussed his funding request to Grand Traverse County for pickleball courts at Memorial Park, in conjunction with the Senior Center and Senior Network who meet in Green Lake Township. He attended the County meeting a couple of weeks ago and has had discussions with Grand Traverse County Administrator, Nate and Deputy Administrator, Chris regarding this topic. He has made several attempts to request financial assistance on this project with no feedback. He wanted to reiterate our position on our request, anything would help.

HAIDER KAZIM, GRAND TRAVESE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Mr. Kazim introduced himself, his is the new representative for Green Lake Township. He stated there is not much to report on Green Lake Township, there are no paving projects scheduled for this year. There are a few MDOT projects that will be happening beginning in June 2023, proposed project to resurface U.S. 31 from Go Go Squeeze to Interlochen Corners – no fixed date for the start of this project, there is a road safety audit that is currently in the works with MDOT regarding Interlochen Corners, MDOT is currently performing studies of the intersection and roadway and looking into options for this intersection. The road safety audit will not be completed for another six (6) months.

Supervisor Radtke, Deputy Supervisor Volkening and Chief Case are part of the road safety audit. The team is looking at historical data, the trends, and many other things and at this point, they have not ruled out possibly putting in roundabouts.

DEPUTY MARK NOFTKE, GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER: Deputy Noftke reported he has had six (6) arrests, issued twelve citations, six (6) crashes, one (1) arrest warrant. He also noted he has been made aware of the larcenies from vehicles occurring in and around the Township. The biggest deterrent to prevent this from happening is to lock your vehicles and doors, make sure the area is well lit and if you have any shrubs in your yard try to keep them pruned three (3) feet and under and for any trees you have keep them pruned six (6) feet or higher. Speed signs have been up and are helping to slow traffic. He recently received a County issued cell phone and the phone number will be posted on the Township website. Concerts at the Interlochen Arts Academy have been going very well this summer.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

**POSTPONED BUSINESS:**

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS: Motion by Radtke, supported by Marek to stop any further proceedings of this dangerous building on Fashion Avenue and remove it from the agenda. Motion carried, 7/0.

OIL & GAS LEASE: Motion by Bieganowski, supported by Marek to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Oil & Gas Lease as presented. Motion carried, 7/0.

PARKS & RECS: Trustee McDonald followed up on receiving an estimate to have a masterplan prepared for parks and rec, to date, nothing has been received. Supervisor Radtke stated if an estimate is received and it is $5,000.00 or under, he, Clerk Kramer and Treasurer Marek will sign off on the estimate since it is a budgeted item.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

DONNA ROSS: ROGERS ROAD/TREZWOOD TRAIL: For the safety of drivers, could trees and overgrowth be trimmed along S. South Long Lake Road on either side of Rogers Road to help improve sight. Supervisor Radtke stated he has been working with Supervisor Lemcool from Long Lake Township and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission regarding the intersection of West Long Lake Road and S. South Long Lake Road looking at replacing some culverts so the two (2) Supervisors have been suggesting that area be aligned better and do some clearing along that section at no cost to Long Lake Township or Green Lake Township. The special assessment tax increase, the residence is in favor of having the special assessment district raised to 9% to help build up monies to continue taking care of the roads, this would take effect in 2023. Does any part of Rogers Road consider and ORV/ATV trail or road? Supervisor Radtke responded, the short answer, yes. Mrs. Ross indicated they have a concern with how fast traffic is traveling on that road. She asked who should she speak too regarding having a speed limit sign placed on their road? Supervisor Radtke stated there must be a request sent to the Grand Traverse Cunty Road Commission they will then make a request to the State Police who will do their studies and whatever the average speed is on the road, 80% of that is going to be the speed limit. Discussed how the road maintenance bidding is managed, runs for four years, runs with the election cycle. Can clay be added to the road if there is enough money in the account? Yes.

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**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**:

JANET UNZICKER: SHORT TERM RENTAL: Ms. Unzicker addressed the Board of Trustees asking to appeal the short term rental police power ordinance, she stated her sewer inspection states the capacity allows up to 14 people yet through the short term rental police power ordinance, she is only allowed a capacity up to 12 people due to her lack of an additional bedroom. Ms. Unzicker feels she should be allowed to have a capacity of up to fourteen people and asks that the Board of Trustees consider amending the police power ordinance for her. She stated they have been renting their residence out for ten years without receiving any complaints.

Supervisor Radtke added, let me put a synopsis on this, you are asking for the Township Board to authorize up to fourteen people to live in a single-family home in a single-family zoning district? Ms. Unzicker stated she is asking that the present license they have for short term rental rather than the license being capped at twelve people, it should be capped at fourteen people. Motion by Marek, supported by Bieganowski to take no action on this topic and remove from the agenda. Motion carried, 6/1. West voted no.

UN-CONSOLIDATION ORCHESTRA CAMP COLONY: PHYLLIS WELIVER: Ms. Weliver introduced herself to the Board of Trustees. They own property in Orchestra Camp Colony that was consolidated by previous owners into one property. She would like to take the lots and un-consolidate them so in the future they can build a home and retire in Green Lake Township. Summer cottage would stay on lots number 92 and 93 and build a winterized home on lots number 90 and 91. Trustee Biondo stated when an un-consolidation is approved, the homeowner pays the fees. Motion by Biondo, supported by Bieganowski to allow un-consolidation of the one (1) large lot to two (2) smaller lots consisting of lot number 90/91 and lot number 92/93 at the owners expense. Roll call vote: Bieganowski – Yes, Biondo – Yes, Marek –Yes, West – No, McDonald – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes. Carried,

6/1.

ZOA-22-002 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: The Board of Trustees reviewed the zoning ordinance amendments. Motion by Marek, supported by Kramer to adopt zoning ordinance amendment number ZOA-22-002 as presented with the change of fencing not requiring a permit if the fence is under seven (7) feet. Roll call vote: McDonald – Yes, West – Yes,

Marek – Yes, Biondo – Yes, Bieganowski – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes. Carried, 7/0.

**DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Radtke reminded the Board of Trustees that clean up day will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Clerk Kramer reported election went great. Absent voting was 87.95%, precinct voting was only 29.53%. A big thank you to the Board of Trustees for hiring a full-time maintenance person, maintenance set up all of the precincts which worked out great since the Clerk office was extremely busy the day before the election.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**: NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**: Motion by Kramer, supported by Biondo to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried, 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer

Green Lake Township Clerk