The meeting of the White River Township Board meeting was called to order in person and on ZOOM at 7:00 PM by

Supervisor Mike Cockerill with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mike Cockerill Supervisor, present; Patti Sargent Clerk, present; Deb Harris Treasurer, present; Laura Anderson & Trustee, present.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Sargent to add 4D Rob Ribbens to correspondence and approve agenda as amended, supported by Harris. All aye, agenda approved as amended.

1. Approval of June 8, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

Motion by Sargent to approve minutes as written, supported by Harris. All aye, motion passed.

1. Accounts Payable: Sargent

Accounts amount to $7,440.22. Motion by Harris to pay accounts payable, supported by Anderson. Roll Call: Anderson, aye; Sargent, aye: Harris, aye; Cockerill, aye. Motion passed.

1. Correspondence:
2. Drew Raynor West Michigan HWA coordinator Michigan DNR. Reviewed Hemlock infestation and methods of treatment. He will train citizens who would like to treat their hemlock trees. Cost will be $1.50 to $10.00 per tree foot. It is an effective treatment for 5 to 7 years. Contact Drew at work: (517) 231-8763.
3. Brenda Moore Muskegon County Drain Commissioner. Discussed Pierson Drain Issues. Land is owned by the Drainage District. A grant of $200,000 was secured with a match from the Federal government. The project will be closed out.
4. White Lake Beach Frontage. Are work permits required? A current White Lake beach front owner is filling in an area without a permit which has been reported to EGLE. They have been notified they need an erosion permit.
5. Rob Ribbens notified WRT of a Gypsy Moth treatment meeting. Wednesday July 14, 2021 at 2 PM at the Dalton Township Hall. Spraying will be done in the spring of 2022.
6. Reports:
7. Financial March 2021 report: Harris

Reviewed and noted.

1. Constable report: Cockerill

New building at Medbury Park moved to the north to afford handicap parking patrons a better view of the channel.

Complaints from resident regarding a property on Lifeguard Road and Sunset Lane.

A reminder that residents camping on their property more than 30 days need a permit.

1. Solid Waste: Harris

Budget $149,000. No subsidies will be paid by WRT this year. WRT Pride Days cost the Township $666.00. Recycling charges have increased with recycling shipped to Kent County.

1. WLEC / recent meetings: Anderson

CEIC and EGLE meeting held July 1, 2021. Next meeting will be in August at the WRT Hall. At the last meeting it was noted there are 2 buried tanks in WRT. A Chemours representative will attend the next meeting in August.

1. Climate Action Meeting: Kriesel

Meetings are monthly with an advocacy meeting alternating with a project meeting.

1. Recycling: Sargent

Exploring grant monies for recycling. Padnos on Ottawa Street in Muskegon will take some recycling including old refrigerators and metal. Please ensure everything that is to be recycled is clean.

1. Planning Commission (May Meeting)

The Ordinance Book will be reviewed, and changes made as necessary. WRT attorney to review ordinance language. A public hearing must be held for public input before the Ordinance Book can be changed. The Master Plan, not changed since 2004, will be reviewed.

1. Ambulance: Cockerill

There were 7 calls made to WRT last month. A letter will be sent to Whitehall City officials to encourage them to join the WLAA.

1. Fire Authority: Cockerill

Needs of the Fire Department discussed.

1. Public comment: Resident of Indian Point Road requested a WRT official to inquire at White Lake work site to make sure proper permits have been given. Zoning Administrator Dufresne will do so.
2. Unfinished Business:
3. Historical Scoiety meeting at Mouth Cemetery July 15, 2021 has been cancelled due to insufficient parking.
4. Collins property purchase update.

Title search good. Warranty deed scanned. Purchase has been completed.

1. Planning Commission hs requested the WRT Board review stand alone ordinaces
2. Review of Junk Control Ordinance 43-2005. All unlicensed vehicles should be removed from property. Civil infraction if not complied with in 90 days.
3. Review of Dog Ordinance 45-05. Strike out section 2 and 4. No more than 3 dogs over 3 months of age unless a kennel. No restriction on breed of dog.
4. New Business:
5. Letter of Interest for Trustee Position

George Dufresne interested in vacancy on board. Motion by Sargent to apporve George Dufresne as new WRT Board Trustee, supported by Harris. Roll Call: Anderson, aye; Cockerill, aye; Sargent, aye; Harris, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Harris to appoint Patti Sargent to be on Planning and Zoning Commission to represent the Township Board, supported by Anderson. Roll Call: Anderson, aye; Cockerill, aye, Sargent, abstain; Harris, aye. Motion passed.

1. Opening WRT Hall for rentals. Will not be opened due to Covid variants. To be reviewed monthly.
2. Signature of Deputy Treasurer. Harris moved to have Mary Kriesel, Deputy Treasurer, to be included as a signer and depositer at Shelby State Bank for WRT, supported by Sargent. All aye, motion carried.
3. Hemlock disease in Township. See Correspondance A.
4. Gypsy Moth invasion. See Correspondance D.
5. Summer Tax Bills. Deferred taxes can be paid at Township Hall. No cash is accepted.

9. Public Comment

A) Special exception for 61 Seabiscuit Lane discussed.

B) West end of Eilers Road and North 1000 feet a steel seawall project is proposed by 8 property owners. It would be 1018 feet long. Board will consider Special Exception request for properties on Seabiscuit Lane at August 10, 2021 Board Meeting. All Board members are encouraged to visit the property prior to next board meeting. Suggested that concerned citizens write to Ken Julka, Muskegon Road Commissioner and County Commissioner Cyr.

10. Supervisor Comments: None

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Graham, Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent, Township Clerk