

**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**June 16, 2022**  
**BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL**

**PUBLIC HEARING – TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN - 6:00 P.M.**

Hearing called to order at 6:10 pm.

**PRESENT:** Booth, Coulon, Avery, Mundt, Commissioners Bondar and McCauley, Asst. Chief Wyrembelski, 7 residents

**ABSENT:** Stone

This hearing is to solicit input from township residents on what they'd like to see in the way of recreational development.

Discussed walkway from Pillars Park to the Forest Service trails on the East side of bridge.

Requested RAC money to build a pedestrian bridge from Pillars Park across the gulley west to the tailwaters

Booth – would like to make a walking trail from the township hall around the backwaters and back to the hall.

Would like to do a park in town. Look into purchasing some blighted properties in town for demo and build a park there.

Biking/hiking trails give people “something to do”.

Would like to do a trail on Deyarmond from Dairy Ace to Family Fare to avoid pedestrians using the sidewalk from the light north to Family Fare during the winter when it's icy..

Extend the Boardwalk in Luzerne or making a hiking trail to get to the boardwalk.

Toddler playground area in town

Playground/park in Mio

Hearing adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Call Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES – May 19, 2022**

**Coulon/Booth to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**LIST OF BILLS**

**Avery/Coulon to pay bills as presented with additions, totaling \$59,544.56. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

During the month, took in \$40,000 in marihuana license fees renewals, \$28,000 for federal road funds

Tire Recycle – Took in 885 tires, \$822 cash, and paid wages out of that for 5 helpers.

Account Balances: General Fund - \$494,743.69; Cemetery Fund - \$45,404.52; Parks Fund - \$47,479.80; Road Fund - \$565,578.48; Luzerne Fire Fund - \$179,724.19; Fire Millage - \$139,179.74.

**FIRE REPORT**

Maintained landing zone and road block, assisted Tri Town on a fire.

Discussed putting in a 6-8" well at Luzerne FD. Discussed putting in a Title III grant application for \$15,000 with a 50/50 match. Application needs to be made by the 24<sup>th</sup>. Luzerne is the only fire department in the county with no well for rapidly filling trucks.

**Booth/Avery to authorize Luzerne FD to apply for the Title III grant, knowing we may have to provide up to 50% match. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Fencing installed for the dog park at Comstock Park.

Radar signs for Luzerne are here; batteries just arrived.

**Coulon/Mundt to purchase a tablet (about \$100) to use with radar signs. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Three RAC grant applications were submitted.

Consumers Grant application has already been denied.

Met with EDC about possible grants.

MDOT going to redo M-72 from M-33 to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. They're starting engineering work now, they'll be putting in new sidewalks from the light to the school. The project is planned for 2026. Received engineering plans for Thompson Rd., C2AE is about ready to put the job out for bids.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Velda Kirby: Steiner served over 200 people at their pancake breakfast.

Have started excavation for addition to the building.

Quilt Show Oct 8 & 9.

### **BLIGHT OFFICER REPORT**

Bundoff requesting guidance regarding blighted situation on Park Rd. Booth will get more info for the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bids for cleaning up burned house on Popp's Rd. We have the deed from the county but the heirs have until July 1 to come forward and put a claim on the property.

Bid from Morse - \$4500

Doug Wellman - \$4500

Flip a coin: Heads – Doug, Tails – Morse. Coin Flip – Tails

**Coulon/Booth to award contract for demo of burned house on Popp's Road to Morse Concrete & Ex. All ayes. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- D. Morse re: use of Township Property on Klimmek Road – wants to drop gravel (6 gravel trains) there for a large driveway project in Luzerne. He'd put it in the driveway and draw from there.

**Booth/Mundt to authorize Morse to use property on Klimmek Rd. for temporary drop of gravel. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Noise Complaint – We can't enforce a noise ordinance because we don't have a police force.
- MTA Dues Invoice - \$2443.12

**Avery/Coulon to pay membership dues to MTA for next year. All ayes. Motion carried.**

- Insurance Invoice – Fire Dept. AD&D

Coulon talked to insurance co re: bids; Municipal Underwriters has a “monopoly” on this type of insurance. Kirtland Agency unable to write a policy.

**Coulon/Booth to pay Municipal Underwriters for the AD&D policy. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Coulon talked to Kirtland agency – could only save us about \$100 on Workmen’s Comp; Tokyo Marine kind of has an exclusivity with the State of Mi. and Kirtland Agency can’t really give us a quote to replace Par Plan. Coulon would like to follow up with other insurance companies on bids.

Mike Bowers – would like to use our building for cert team. Would like to use for the summer, one day per month.

**Coulon/Booth to authorize Emergency Management to use the building for their meetings. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Pressure Washer – Kevin will take the smaller one and leave the big one at the Fire Dept.

**Booth/Coulon to contribute \$500 to Luzerne Chamber and \$500.00 to Mio Chamber for Labor Day and Independence Day activities. All ayes. Motion carried.**

From Tri-Town, a request to contribute to the Fire Pup Education program for younger school kids.

**Mundt/Booth to contribute \$50 for Fire Pups program at Tri Town. All ayes. Motion carried.**

#### **MAIL:**

Natural Rivers Variance Application

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bondar – Mentioned to the commissioners about the amount of acreage in each fire department area and how the Title III money is split; they had no idea how little Federal land some of the fire depts. have.

Thanks Coulon and Avery for presenting info to the Commissioners about putting their Marihuana excise tax revenue into the County Park. The Commissioners agreed to do that (\$56,000+).

Library is now a District Library. Grand opening at Fairview is tomorrow, 6/17/22.

#### **BOARD COMMENT:**

Coulon – Would like to see us designate our 2021 Marihuana tax revenue to a recreation program (\$56,000+).

Booth – Should coordinate recreation development in Mio with Mentor Twp., the County, and the school.

Received bid from M33 access for internet. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Township Clerk