

**Penn Township
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2024**

Board members present: Supervisor Oli Olafsson, Clerk Chelsa Greathouse, Treasure Paul Rutherford, Trustee Roger Leach, Trustee Lee Sparks

Supervisor Olafsson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Prayer was given by Trustee Sparks.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Olafsson took a moment to remember Joe Goosens

Sheriff Behnke gave a update on the new recruits and addressed the Drug Enforcement Task force milage renewal.

Commission Joyce Locke – Talked about early voting taking place at the CCRC July 27th-August 4th, 8am to 4pm.

Sue Heinrich from the Council of Aging (COA) talked about the their popsal renewl on the ballot this upcoming election. She also shared upcoming events that are talking place.

Trustee Leach presented the minutes from the June meeting, as prepared by Clerk Greathouse. Trustee Leach moved to approve the amended minutes. Trustee Sparks seconded, roll call unanimous yes and motion approved.

Park & Rec Report- was provided by Wendy Grace, as prepared by Lisa Fitzsimons.

The Treasures Report was presented by Treasure Rutherford, as prepared by Treasure Rutherford. Trustee Leach moved to approve the Treasures report. Trustee Sparks seconded, roll call- unanimous yes, motion approved.

Public Comments

Resident 1- Llyod Montgomery shared his concerns of road work on Hollow point and the transition from road to driveway.

Resident 2- Scott Peters introduced himself as a candidate for Trustee in the August 6, 2024 election.

Resident 3- Michael Plummer introduced himself as candidate for Trustee in the August 6, 2024 election.

Resident 4- Erikka Thalheimer feels that Penn is at its best version. She gave thanks to the board for their improvements.

Resident 5- Kathy King supports the Penn Twp board and gives them thanks for everything they are doing.

Resident 6- Mike Biesboer stated he support the marijuana grows but would like to look into limiting grow sites and favors setbacks. He stated FOPT supports the Fire Department.

Resident 7- Kevin Carright feels that the previous boards did great things for the area. He favors setbacks for marijuana grow sites from highly populated areas.

Resident 8- Deborah Chris appreciates the pickle-ball courts. She feels the smell has decreased and that marijuana isn't bad.

Resident 9- Jeanne Garber appreciates the sewer that was put in years ago.

Resident 10- Matt Harrington stated he feels the trustees have failed to uphold their promise to find a solution to the problems caused by the marijuana fields. He started introduced the members of the FOPT that are running as candidates for the upcoming election.

Resident 11- Cindy Peters feels the board is not protecting residents from the concerns of marijuana grows.

Resident 12- A grow from Alchemy Wellness feels he has tried to work with the concerned residents in return he has been harassed by the residents.

Resident 13- Joan High has 3 different marijuana grows near her property. She feels like she was not made aware of things going on or marijuana grows coming in.

Resident 14- Diane Meyers doesn't like that Donnell Lake is surrounded by marijuana grows.

Resident 15- (Name unknown) Feels that residents should buy the land so that marijuana grower can't use it.

Resident 16- Shelia Wittous feels that the hate mail received by Alchemy wellness is not necessarily from Friends of Penn Twp. She feels that the love of money is dividing the community.

Resident 17- Logan lives at a marijuana field and feels that they marijuana grows are providing jobs and bringing money into the community.

Resident 18- Scott Chris gave thanks to the board for the accomplishments the past four years.

Resident 19- Wendy Grace provided the history of her family in Cass County.

Resident 20- Jodi Bucher supports the Fire Department and local farmers. She stated that businesses and residents have been harassed because of the election signs in their yards.

Sheriff Behnke stated that residents CAN NOT register to vote at the CCRC. You must register with your local clerk.

Resident 21- Derby Bucher feels that personal greed as split the community.

Supervisor Olafsson closed public comments

New Business

Supervisor Olafsson visited Van's Lane and is working on possible solutions.

Supervisor Olafsson discussed the drainage problem on Filley Dr/ Donnell Lake Street. He has reached out to Joe Bellina to help address the concern.

Laura Walker had a question about who is support to maintain the fire hydrants.

Supervisor Olafsson discussed the installation of tile on the Village of Vandalia basketball courts is complete.

Supervisor Olafsson, Trustee Sparks and Trustee Leach discussed the One Room School House. Carl Sparks is the only remaining member. The church still maintains the property.

Reports

Clerk News- None provided

Fire Dept Report- Provided by Chief Bogue

Trustee Leach moved to seek legal council and if permitted move to purchase gravel for Van's Lane. Supervisor Olafsson second, roll call – unanimous yes, motion approved

CAUA Report- Provided by Trustee Leach, prepared by Diana McGrew

Assessor Report- Provided by Don Jollay

Building Report- Provided by Adam Dahlgren.

Zoning Report- Provided by Roger Leach

Board Comments

Trustee Sparks mentioned Joe Goosen.

Supervisor Olafsson talked about the zoning permit procedure.

The Bills were presented for payment by Clerk Greathouse. Checks 23364-23410 for a total of \$103,845.56 will be disbursed. Trustee Sparks motioned to approve the bills for payment. Treasure Rutherford seconded, roll call – yes motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsa Greathouse

Penn Township Clerk

Special Board Meeting

Approval of Election Workers

On July 10, 2024 a special meeting was held at 5:30pm to approve the list of certified election workers.

Present: Supervisor Olafsson, Treasure Rutherford, Clerk Greathouse

Lindsay Gorham- Chairperson Dem

Rose Kelsheimer- Rep

Kelly Hargrove- Dem

Alexis Millirans- Rep

Ryli Burk- Rep

Mackenzie Boyer- Dem

Nola Hawkins- Rep

Supervisor Olafsson motioned to approve the list of election workers for the August 6, 2024 election.
Treasure Rutherford second. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

Submitted by

Clerk Chelsa Greathouse