

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at **4:00 p.m.**

Present: John Schwalm, Michael Bosch, members; Jim Wierenga, alternate

Absent: Carol Scholma

Also present: Daniel Carlton; Superintendent

#190509-01 - Approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 Services Committee meeting.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Michael Bosch, to approve the Services Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#190509-02 – Wetland Creation at Maplewood Park

The committee reviewed ideas for creating a wetland area, along with surrounding trail, at Maplewood Park along the west side of Maplewood Lake.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Michael Bosch, to direct the Superintendent to investigate opportunities to develop the wetland area, as well as a perimeter trail, at no cost to the Township.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#190509-03 – Resolution for Idema Explorers Trail

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Michael Bosch, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the following resolution.

**GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION
FOR MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT
APPLICATION FOR THE IDEMA EXPLORERS TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Board of the Township of Georgetown stands firmly committed and supportive of the Idema Explorers Trail in Ottawa County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is excited about the project and is so strongly supportive of the expansion project because there is great value for the Township residents and residents of neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Township Community welcomes the new opportunities for the Township residents who will enjoy this trail and have new recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Charter Township of Georgetown stands firmly committed to supporting this project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Board acknowledges that if the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the Idema Explorers Trail – Jenison Mill Segment - is selected for award, Georgetown Township will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Ottawa County that acknowledges a grant encumbrance on parcel 70-14-13-200-022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#190509-04 – Discuss Crossing Guards

The Superintendent discussed the current status of the crossing guard pool of employees and stated that it is getting difficult to find workers.

Moved by John Schwalm, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to direct the Superintendent to explore ideas for recruiting new crossing guards and substitute crossing guards.

Yeas: Jim Wierenga, John Schwalm

Nays: Michael Bosch

MOTION CARRIED.

#190509-05 – Discuss Asphalt Maintenance and Striping at Township Parks

After reviewing the estimate, the committee directed the Superintendent to proceed with asphalt maintenance and striping at the Township Parks.

#190509-06 – Communications, Letters and Reports

[Letter](#) from Jenison Public Schools regarding youth access to digital collections

#190509-07 – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#190509-08 – Other Business

#190509-09 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.