GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
July 6, 2010

Special meeting called to order at 9:05am.
Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Valentino, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Long. Others Present: 19 citizens, Chief Hill, Chief Patchin, Assistant Chief Lippert

Public Comment: Opened at 9:20am. 1) Concerns expressed regarding management of Gerrish Township Park, especially over Fourth of July weekend. Citizens presented testimony of drunkenness, inappropriate public displays of affection, parking issues and general non- family oriented behavior. 2) Statement that park is "out of control" and Board is not properly funding or staffing Gerrish Park as opposed to Community Park and Marina. 3) Request that Board establish a capacity limit at Gerrish Township Park. 4) Appeal to the Board that they reestablish the Gerrish Township Park committee to improve communications and establish a plan for the park that would be beneficial for the community and neighborhood. 5) Request for brining or eventual paving at turnaround on Carlos Ave. 6) Would like to see either police presence or park attendant on busy weekends, roughly 1pm – 5pm, to help control issues and overcrowding. 7) Statement that police did not respond to issues at Gerrish Township Park over Fourth of July weekend. 8) Presentation of items for consideration from Mr. Brian Lewis, 120 Carlos Ave, for purchase of Township owned neighboring lots, possible removal of Gerrish Township posts and request for preservation of frontage if the township ever chooses to turn lots into parking area. 9) Statement that residents of Sovereign Park are also taxpayers and do not feel that they are able to utilize the park despite their proximity 10) Concern expressed for Kelly Beach area and question in regards to Township's possible petition to Road Commission for ownership. Closed at 10:22am.

Motion by Homola, second Link: CARRIED
that the Board authorize Clerk Valentino to issue a letter to the Roscommon County Commissioners requesting that they include discovery of best water level for Higgins Lake in their proposed Spicer Group study of the Higgins Lake Dam.

Discussed:
- Proposed SOP change for Fire/EMS re: scheduling of work assignments
- Higgins Lake Summerfest
- Police and Fire/EMS work session for 2011-2012 budgets
- Review of July 4th weekend police activities
- Additional parking as attempted at Gerrish Township Park
- Gerrish Township Park conditions and upkeep
- County Commissioners proposed study of the Higgins Lake Dam
- Ribbon cutting ceremony at Community Park scheduled for July 25th
- Community Park railing update
- Recycling conditions and possible solutions to increased usage
- Condition of roof over storage garage
- Proposed changes to permit fee refund policy
- Review of proposed updated job descriptions
- Proposed policy "Evaluation of Employee Driving Record"
- Request of neighboring property owner concerning lots 33&34 Henry Ave. and lots 59&60 on Carlos Ave.
- Possible petition to Roscommon Road Commission for vacation of Lake Dr. in front of Gerrish Township Park

Donation from Bob and Norma Boyle to paint Community Park office buildings
Review of procedures concerning discipline of Township employee
Sandra Klein, Deputy Treasurer, and Amber McKay, Deputy Clerk, proposed hourly rates
Update on Roscommon Area District Library activities

Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

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Jodi Valentino, Clerk

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Frank Homola, Supervisor

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Approval