

## JOINT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PARKS & RECREATION 5 YEAR PLAN 2020-2024 AND REGULAR COLOMA TOWNSHIP MEETING.

November 13, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00pm Clerk Sandy Kraemer stated Ken Parrigin, Township Supervisor, had surgery and was not able to attend these meetings and appointed Jim Fulton, Treasurer to preside over these meetings. Board members present at the meetings were: Clerk Sandy Kraemer, Treasurer Jim Fulton and Trustees Bryan Duffield, Rob Harper, Jerry Willmeng, Bob Howell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Brian Duffield.

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Treasurer Jim Fulton opened the Public Hearing and asked Cindy LaGrow, from LaGrow Consulting, to present the plan for the Parks & Recreation 5-year plan from 2020-2024. She did her presentation informing everyone this is like a “wish list” that the Parks & Recreation Committee had put together from a survey that was sent out, people writing letters, verbal speaking with people as to what they would like to see happen in the next 5 years. The committee has submitted the plan into 4 sections: Coloma Charter Township; Helen Street Beach; Washington Park; Coloma Charter Township River Park. She went through each section reinstating this is a “wish list” and Coloma Charter Township had not committed to anything on the list as of now. After her presentation she stated the community has 30 days to respond. The next meeting would be on December 11, 2019, at 7:00pm, before the Regular Township Meeting. Jim Fulton, Treasurer, asked the Board and audience if there were any other questions. There being none he asked

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### Public Meeting Con't

for a motion to close the Public Meeting at 7:38pm. Trustee Rob Harper made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brian Duffield, to close the Public meeting. VOICE VOTE: 6 Ayes. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

## **OPEN REGULAR COLOMA TOWNSHIP MEETING**

### Consent Agenda

Treasurer, Jim Fulton, stated the Finance Committee met and approved the bills for the month of October. There was no check register presented due to an emergency in the family of our Deputy Clerk. There were no unusual bills for the month and we will have two check registers for the December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. The months of October and November, 2019. He made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, to approve the October bills, Board minutes for October and consent agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes. 6 Ayes. 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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### Presentations and Announcements

Clerk Kraemer stated our assessor, Kevin Kutscher, was on the agenda but had a death in his family and she didn't think he would make it. Kevin did make the meeting so he was put back on the agenda. He presented two resolutions to sell vacant backlot properties. By selling these properties they would be put back on the tax roll and the Township would no longer be paying them. He needs approval of these resolutions by the Board. Trustee Bob Howell, seconded by Trustee Bryan Duffield, made a motion to approve the sale of these two vacant backlots properties. ROLL CALL VOTE: Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Kraemer, yes. All Ayes MOTION CARRIED.

Wightman presented the final report on the SAW grant and a report will be at the Township if anyone would like to see it.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clerk Kraemer reported she and Trustee Bryan Duffield have been working on an updated employee handbook and hope to present it to the employees then send to Attorney for approval.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS CON'T

Chana Kniebes, from North Berrien Community Development, gave each Board member a “thank you” for Halloween in the Park and stated it was a very wet day but still had many trick or treaters. She announced on December 12, 2019, the Annual Community Appreciation Tribute/ Business Recognition dinner will be held at Blackbird Waterhouse Restaurant in Coloma, from 5pm to 7pm. She does need an RSVP.

Trustee Jerry Willmeng informed everyone with all the water the area has had lately the Wastewater Treatment Plant has had an increase in total flow.

Trustee Bryan Duffield reported the Road Committee will be meeting with the Berrien County Road Commission on December 12, 2019, to go over the issues with Van Road and plan for the Spring of 2020.

Police Chief Wes Smigielski reported there were 246 total complaints for the month of October. 21 Arrests, 15 Citations issued, 57 traffic stops, 42 traffic warnings. 120 Business Property checks, 3 breaking and entering which were caught. He announced you might see some of our police officers with beards this month as they are participating in the “no shave November”.

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Trustee Rob Harper reported the Fire Department had 22 calls for the month of October. Working on 2020/2021 budget. Auxiliary held a quarter auction in October. Public Education visits are completed and no other ones are scheduled. Specifications are almost complete for the new engine. Audit has been submitted to the State of Michigan by the auditors.

Trustee Bob Howell informed everyone the Water Advisory Committee continues to have meetings to work with the City of Coloma and get the updates done.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Wes Smigielski presented a copy of the State of Michigan Fireworks law. Treasurer Fulton stated we should set up a Fireworks Committee to research it. Treasurer Fulton, seconded by Trustee Bob Howell, made a motion to appoint Police Chief Smigielski, Trustee Bryan Duffield, and Treasurer Jim Fulton to the Fireworks Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE: Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes; Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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### NEW BUSINESS CON'T

The Township Board needs to approve the public meeting for the December 11, 2019, Parks & Recreation 2020-2024 plan.

Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, made a motion to approve a public meeting for Parks & Recreation 2020-2014 plan on December 11, 2019, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kraemer, yes; Howell, yes; Duffield, yes; Harper, yes; Willmeng, yes; Fulton, yes. 6 AYES 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Some of the committee from the Softball/Baseball Association were in attendance to let the Board know of some of their improvements at the Washington Park. We all want to work together for the children in our community.

Berrien County Commissioner, Dave Vollrath, informed everyone he worked on the grant committee for Berrien County to receive a grant for 800mHz and pagers. He received word the grant was denied. They will work on a plan going forward. The County has agreed on a budget. There is a possibility of raising the Parks mileage a small percentage for the County parks.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bryan Duffield, seconded by Trustee Jerry Willmeng, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

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Respectfully Submitted

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Sandra Kraemer, Clerk

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Kenneth Parrigin, Supervisor

Date approved

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