

Special Meeting of Lapeer Township Board
Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building
1500 Morris Road, Lapeer, Michigan 48446
March 19, 2008

Supervisor Jarvis called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

PRESENT: Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, and Trustees Howard Stack and John Rutzen.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS:

Stephen Estey, 39577 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills – representing Landex, Inc.
Michael Jastifer, 21001 Van Born, Taylor – representing Landex, Inc.
Weston Wickham, 2517 Clark Rd. – resident
Janet Heiser, 2553 Metamora Rd. – resident and representing Chuck & Judy Erkitz
Frank Gyomory, 1810 Higley Rd. – resident

Howard Stack entered at 11:18 a.m.

PARK &
RECREATION
PLAN
R-003-08:

Trustee Rutzen opened the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan discussion by pointing out on available maps the changes made to the plan at the March 17, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. These encompassed changes to the walking path maps and text amendments removing Sutton road as a walking trail in the Park, Recreation and Open Space plan.

The Lapeer Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan at their March 17 meeting.

**Recreation Plan
Resolution of Adoption
Lapeer Township Board of Trustees**

Board member Walker offered the following resolution, supported by board member Rutzen.

WHEREAS, the Lapeer Township Planning Commission has undertaken the process to develop a five (5) year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreational facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2008 and 2013.

WHEREAS, public comment sessions were held on January 21, 2008 and March 17, 2008 at the Lapeer Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer Township Planning Commission has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meetings, the Lapeer Township Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Lapeer Township Recreation Plan to the Lapeer Township Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, the Lapeer Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt the Lapeer Township Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lapeer Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Lapeer Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lapeer Township.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted:
Yeas: Walker, Rutzen, Stack, Taylor, Jarvis.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Stephen Estey and Michael Jastifer departed the meeting at 11:30a.m.

High Speed:

Clerk Walker opened discussion with the board on the status of current findings regarding implementation of high speed internet access within the borders of Lapeer Township.

Janet Heiser and Frank Gyomory departed the meeting at 11:40a.m.

Brush Axing:

Supervisor Jarvis opened discussion regarding brush axing throughout the Township. Chief Marshall and himself did a drive through the Township and at this time could not recommend any areas for brush axing.

BUDGET
WORKSHOP
M-031-08:

The board discussed the upcoming budget for the 2008-2009 year. Salary and wage history reports were supplied to all board members. Much discussion followed with the board noting that over the years a flat percentage rate increase has created an unsubstantiated gap in the pay scale. Current raises are based on an average 2-1/2 percent increase. The following raises were discussed and tentatively agreed upon for budget purposes to be effective July 1, 2008.

Salary resolutions for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer - \$815.00 per year increase upon approval at the annual meeting.

Increase for Police Chief to be \$815.00 per year.

Cemetery Sexton	\$ 10.70 per hour.
Office Assistant	\$ 14.18 per hour.
Custodian	\$ 584.00 per month
Police Sergeant	\$ 19.10 per hour
Police Officer	\$ 17.25 per hour
Crossing Guard	\$ 8.50 per crossing

Discussion on changing the bylaws for the planning commission to stipulate that the planning chairman receive 15% more than planning commission members. This is one of the positions that has seen a large gap because of giving a percentage raise every year.

ADJOURNMENT: ***MOVED*** by Walker, support by Stack to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was unanimously adjourned (at 1:40 p.m.).

Dawn M. Walker
Lapeer Township Clerk