

Regular Meeting
Oxford Township
January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Hagan. Roll call was taken with Sandy, Mike, Harlan, Peggy, and Linnea present. Minutes of the last meeting were read with Mike approving them, and Harlan Bellin seconding them. Peggy gave a treasurers report with an itemized list of bills paid. Mike made a motion to accept, and Harlan seconded it.

Roads

1. Typo Creek Drive
 - a. DNR forwarded the application for easement to the Fish and Wildlife services, and we will need their sign off before approval
 - b. Mike Miller asked Joe if the DNR will buy the land that we are vacating. Joe said that there is a Century Link communication line there now, and we most likely need the easement for the line.

Old Business.

1. Whispering Pines revised plat review- Jason Rud and Tom Carlisle present. Jason and Tom presented a revised plat where two building rights from the southern 40 are transferred to the northern 40 acres. This reduces the number of access points along the southern part of Baylor. Since Oxford township transfer of building rights requires adjacent properties, the supervisors have asked Tom to connect the southern 40 to the northern 40. In addition, Mike asked if Tom would be willing to contribute to the cost of improving Baylor. With the increased traffic, the northern part of Baylor will have to be improved. By partnering with the developer, Oxford township would probably have enough money to improve the entire length of Baylor. For plat approval, the supervisors will give preliminary approval once the property is connected. This can be short term until the building rights are transferred, then the property can be split again. Mike Miller made a motion to accept the plat presented once it is revised so that the two building rights are transferred to adjacent properties. Harlan Bellin seconded this motion and the motion passed.
2. IAJFD update-
 - a. New firefighters hired for Stations 1 and 2, but none for Station 3. Now that Station 3 is almost complete, they plan to have more meetings and classroom training sessions held at Station 3.
 - b. There was a question from Oxford residents as to what will happen with our fire service once Typo Creek Drive is finished. The supervisors said that the plan would be for Linwood and IAJFD to work jointly on covering the township.

3. Oxford Town Hall sign- Peggy brought new sign examples and the township voted on their favorite sign. A web photo cannot be used for the logo, so Linnea will send some horse photos for review next month.
4. Peggy reported that with Land and Trust taking over our bank, our interest rates went down significantly. Also, it has been difficult to reach someone to talk about issues she has had. Peggy has looked into other options and we can get a higher interest rate elsewhere. Mike asked Peggy to continue to investigate options if her concerns aren't addressed by Land and Trust. If necessary, the board can propose new banking options at the March annual meeting.
5. The MAT worker's compensation report is due on January 31, so Linnea will complete and send in before the deadline.

New Business

1. Darrick Wotacheck, Noxious weed Specialist and Wetlands Specialist for Isanti County was present for the meeting and brought a number of handouts on noxious weeds.
 - a. He discussed the responsibilities of the local weed inspector and gave the supervisors the SOP from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. He talked about specific weed problems within Isanti County, and stated that Oxford township is relatively weed-free with respect to noxious weeds. He cautioned the supervisors to bring in road gravel from reputable sources as weed seeds can come in with gravel that has not been inspected. Sandy told Darrick that we had purchased bio beetles for Knapweed control, and he said that it sometimes takes 6-7 years to see the results. Mike asked if Darrick could work with the supervisors this spring to inspect our townships and map out any weed issues. They will set an inspection date in May or early June.
 - b. Next Darrick discussed the Isanti County Water plan, Mike Miller is on the water committee, and the next meeting is January 16th.
 - c. Darrick left a letter for us to present for consideration at the annual meeting. They sponsor the 6th grade conservation field day. In the past they have received \$300-400 in support from other townships.
 - d. The county is looking for people to enter the Wetland Banking program. It is similar to the CRP program, but specific for wetlands. Information on the various banking programs was left for people who might be interested.
2. The Isanti County Township Officer's Association meeting is January 25
3. Precinct caucus is at Oxford town hall February 6th.
4. Report of Indebtedness is due February 1, 2018
5. February 15 is the St. Cloud Drainage and Water conference sponsored by Rinke Noonan. Cost to attend is \$95.00.
6. MN LTAP classes posted
7. ECE sent a right of way maintenance notice to the township
8. Mike Miller asked Joe to inspect Baylor for us and give an idea of what would need to be done with that road to support the additional houses that will go in as

part of the Whispering Pines development. Joe felt we would be looking at about \$160,000 of improvements, and that we should open it up for bids. Mike Miller made a motion to adjourn, and Harlan Bellin seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Linnea Lentz
Oxford Township Clerk
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