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Town Board Regular Meeting

Township Hall

February 26, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** by supervisor Manigold at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call:** Achorn, Wunsch, Sanger, Wahl, Manigold, Chown
Absent: Bickle, Attorney Meihn
Also present: Christina Deeren, Director of Zoning
4. **Brief Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)**

Betsy Coffia, Grand Traverse County Commissioner for District One, officially introduced herself to the board and informed them that she will be attending meetings from time to time.

John Matz, 12142 Peninsula Drive, expressed concerns with road closures due to the proposed race for the National Cherry Festival as his wife has advanced dementia and requires a care giver. He wanted to ensure that the road closures will not impede the care giver from accessing his property. Matz stated that the board of trustees should limit the number of races that are held on the peninsula.

Garrett Bursaw, 2155 Winter Ridge, East Bay Township, works with the Cherry Festival. He expressed that by the time the care giver needs to arrive, the race participants should be past this road and there should not be any issues with being able to use the roads.

5. **Approve Agenda:**
Moved by Sanger to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wahl.

Roll call:

Passed unan

6. **Conflict of Interest:** None
7. **Consent Agenda**

Any member of the board, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion.

1. Invoices (recommend approval)
2. Reports
 - A. Code Enforcement Officer Report for January 2019
 - B. Treasurer's Report for January 2019

3. Transcribed minutes from November 27, 2018, and December 17, 2018, regular township board meetings
4. Correspondence from Benjamin Marentette

Moved by Wunsch to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sanger.

Roll call:

Passed unan

8. Business

1. Public hearing on proposed Jolly Pumpkin 5K Run to occur on May 19, 2019

Manigold: closed regular scheduled meeting and opened public hearing for the Jolly Pumpkin 5K race.

Deeren: presented Large Event Permit No. 2019-01 for 2019. This new marathon event to take place on May 19th is proposed to go up Hedden, Devils Dive, Seven Hills, and then down Bower's Harbor Road to finish at the Jolly Pumpkin. Corrections to the website were made regarding issues involving the use of a tent and outdoor beverages, concerns that the facility would not hold the proposed thousand individuals, and parking issues with parking on site. The ZBA had put a conditional use permit in place on the Jolly Pumpkin building given the restrictions that were placed on this structure. Prior to the public hearing, a pre-meeting was held with staff and the applicant.

Sanger: briefly reviewed the history of the property as he was chair of the ZBA at the time the historical conditional restrictions were placed on the property. The property is zoned residential but a commercial use has been allowed in this residentially zoned district. There is a historical easement recognizing the historical value of the site. He expressed concerns that holding this event at this site would violate this historical conditional use permit. He read out loud the conditions placed on this property per the ZBA decision of 2008.

Alan Whitehead, Kona Running Company, met with the owners of Jolly Pumpkin in Detroit to discuss holding a race on the peninsula. He expects the race to be smaller than originally anticipated. He suggested starting out runners at different times and spacing out the finishers. He explained that each participant will receive a token that is good for one free drink at the Jolly Pumpkin. He would be willing to bus race participants up from the High School. This is only a 5K run and Kona Running Company is willing to make a donation to the peninsula. He is willing to have everything contained inside with no outdoor tents, beverages, or food.

Board discussion: the board expressed concerns with road closures and route of the race and the date and time of the proposed race. A suggestion was made that the route utilize Bowers Harbor Park or the Lighthouse trails or other alternative places away from residential areas.

Manigold: closed public hearing for board discussion and vote.

Moved by Wunsch to table until March 12, 2019, Regular Township Board meeting to entertain amendments to the proposed race route, seconded by Wahl.

Roll call:

Passed unan

2. Public hearing on proposed Bayshore Marathon to occur on May 25, 2019

Manigold: closed regular scheduled meeting and opened public hearing for the BayShore Marathon.

Deeren: presented Large Event Permit No. 2019-03 for 2019, for Traverse City Track Club/BayShore Marathon. This is the 37th annual Bayshore Marathon. This event is scheduled for May 25th, and a pre-meeting to the public hearing was held with staff and emergency services. The only proposed change for this year's race is to add another tent at the township office building for non-emergencies, but the remainder of the courses will remain the same as previous years.

Daniel Sideman, Traverse City Track Club, explained that this is the 37th year for this event. He said that a few changes have been made on the emergency services side, including adding an additional site for emergency services.

Monnie Peters, 1425 Neahatawanta Road, has been a participant in this race for the past twelve years. She supports this race and feels it runs smoothly.

Manigold: closed the public hearing for board discussion and vote.

Moved by Wahl to approve Large Event Permit No. 2019-03 for 2019, seconded by Wunsch.

Roll call:

Passed unan

3. Public hearing on proposed Festival of Races/National Cherry Festival to occur on July 6, 2019

Manigold: closed the regular scheduled meeting and opened the public hearing for the Festival of Races/National Cherry Festival.

Deeren: presented Large Event Permit No. 2019-02 for 2019 for the National Cherry Festival. Explained that an updated race packet was received earlier in the day and that the race course remains the same as in previous years. No pre-meeting was held as applicant and staff could not find a time to meet prior to the public hearing.

Alexis, Operations Director of the National Cherry Festival, has spoken to Deputy Abbring and Fire Chief Gilstorff. The road closure was done last year per the request of staff and emergency services; no issues were raised last year. Explained that they have an approved document from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission for the road closure for Peninsula Drive.

Mary Lyon, 2211 Island View Rd., commented that she lives on the most beautiful farm on the peninsula and would like the board to approve this race as in years past. She thanked the board for all the times they have allowed this race as she enjoys watching the runners come through her family's farm.

Board discussion and questions with regards to hard road closures. Clarification from Garrett Bursaw on the route and the road closures.

Manigold: closed the public hearing for board discussion and vote.

Moved by Chown to approve Large Event Permit No. 2019-02 for 2019, seconded by Wunsch.

Roll call:

Passed unan

4. Public hearing on proposed Traverse City Triathlon to occur on July 28, 2019

Manigold: closed regular scheduled meeting and opened public hearing for the Traverse City Triathlon to occur on July 28, 2019.

Deeren: presented Large Event Permit No. 2019-04 for 2019 for the Traverse City Triathlon. Explained that a pre-meeting to the public hearing was held and that this is the same race and course that has been held in the past. The only change to this event is the date from August to July.

Tricia Davis, Endurance Evolution, explained that this is the 11th annual triathlon; the date was moved due to the Iron Man race, which is to occur in the city.

Monnie Peters, 1425 Neahatawanta Road, said that this is another race she participates in and that she is in full support of this race. She said that there are very few complaints from neighbors with regards to this event.

Manigold: closed the public hearing for board discussion and vote.

Board discussion and questions with regards to attendance of this race and cyclists possibly needing protection from vehicle traffic.

Moved by Wunsch to approve Large Event Permit No. 2019-04 for 2019, seconded by Wahl.

Roll call: **Passed unan**

9. Citizen Comments: none

10. Board Comments:

Wunsch: suggested that the board look at the races and what the real challenges are to residents during the races that are approved to help manage some of the conflict in regards to these events. He explained that the planning commission chose Susie Shipman and Todd Oosterhouse to be their representatives on the steering committee and suggested that another township board member be added. Cindy Ruzak made a presentation on the maximum of rooms per acreage owned. The PC would like authorization to look at the number of rooms on a sliding scale basis.

Sanger: Was encouraged at the thought of using the park and the trails at the Lighthouse so that there are not duplications of races occurring on the peninsula. He said that the RPF for the PDR audit is out and due on the 2nd of March.

Manigold: eight or nine people have applied to be on the steering committee.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Wunsch to adjourn, seconded by Wahl.

Roll call: **Passed unan**

Adjournment time: 7:58 p.m.