TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WITH CORRECTION 4-0

JUNE 2, 2020

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS TO WORK ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. OTHER ISSUES WHICH WOULD NORMALLY COME BEFORE A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL ONLY BE ADDRESSED IF THE FULL BOARD IS PRESENT AND THERE IS A NEED FOR URGENCY.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Martel, Schultz, Cook, Petersen and Windiate were present. Audience 9. There was no Public Comment.
2. Changes to the Agenda: None

3. Fire Works: Presentation by Mr. Bruce Tyree, who is requesting a fireworks display permit for a client of his. He gave details of the display, which would include 4-5 barges anchored on Torch Lake off of West Point Road on July 3rd, weather permitting, or July 4th or 5th as alternate dates. He would be shooting off different shells, from 3” to 5” diameter, with the display lasting approximately 20 minutes. Torch Lake Township’s Fire Chief, Kevin Lane, has been working on this request with Mr. Tyree since he heard of it from Zoning Administer. The Chief would oversee the transport, storage and loading of the shells. The night of the display a safe zone of 70’ for every 1” of shell would need to be maintained or 350’ radius for 5” shells. He would be in charge of keeping West Point Road open for fire equipment and the Chief would have the authority to cancel the display if dangerous conditions exist. Concerns from the audience included debris in the water and washed up on shore, along with debris left by any spectators and boaters. Who would clean it up? Bob Spencer lives close to this site and is concerned that no one contacted him about the event. Also, with riparian rights considered, on who’s property would the barges actually be anchored? Email received from Lee Scott was read, outlining his suggestions for the event. Costs to the Township would need to be considered, as extra fire fighters and EMS would be needed. And if it is a private event why should the township incur those costs? During discussion, the Board felt that if we approve this application, we would have a good base line or starting point for creation of any future ordinances. The **Motion** by Schultz to approve the application of R. Brown for the July 3rd fireworks display, with alternate dates per application, and carrying out the conditions as listed by the Board, was seconded and passed 4-1, with Martel casting the nay vote. Those conditions include notifying the residents in surrounding area two weeks before the event; create escrow for EMS, Fire and Clean-Up; end time by 11:00 PM; mooring of the barges at the drop-off or 25’ to 30’ of water; close the 407 launch from 8-12:00 PM; Mr. Brown is responsible for any clean-up needed. Martel will contact Mr. Brown about the Board decision.

4. Day Park: The question is whether to keep it open or keep it closed. The problem is people are using it anyway, leaving trash, and we have no monitoring to help maintain control. Originally, we did not want to expose our people to the virus. It is too difficult to maintain and monitor 6’ distancing, masks, etc. It was decided to open the trash containers at this time but no other formal action was taken. We need to check with Allen Davidson to see if everything in the restrooms is in working order.

5. Additional COVID 19 rules for the CSB: A list of rules will be posted on the door which explains the procedure to be followed for entrance into the building. The list will also be attached to the Minutes posted on the website.

6. Public Comment: Mr. Tom Petersen asked whether we know if the water is hooked up at the Day Park and whether everything is “functioning” in the restrooms.

7. Board Commentary: None. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

These Minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Kathy S. Windiate

Township Clerk