
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sue Camilleri
Derek Diederich
Barbara Miller

Agenda included:

1. Riverwalk Funding Discussion
2. Maceday Lake Dredging Petition
3. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
4. Public Comments Limited to Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by asking what the Trustees thought about the Maceday Lake Dredging Petition for a SAD. There was a substantial discussion. Clerk Markee said if their lake access was given by this dredging it would increase their home values, eventually resulting in increased tax revenue for the Township. Trustee Bartolotta said he thought they should get their own committee together and take this on themselves. Supervisor Wall said it would add more work to the Treasurer's Office by having to track another SAD and place another financial obligation on the Township. Treasurer Thomas said we would be able to charge 3% to administer it. Trustee Hauswirth said she would look back to see how their dredging was handled and if it was funded with a SAD. The Board agreed that the Township should not do anything and that the Maceday Lake Homeowners would have to take this on themselves if they wanted it done.

Ms. Sue Camilleri presented the Riverwalk Funding request using the ARPA funds. Her presentation included an overview of the trail extensions and the financial requirements necessary to complete the Riverwalk. She said the ARPA funds have given the Township a once in a lifetime opportunity to get this completed. The Resolution was asking for \$2.4 million, and Clerk Markee asked if we could change that to \$2.0 million since Ms. Camilleri thought that \$2.0 million should be enough. Ms. Camilleri agreed to \$2.0 million. Clerk Markee would like to see us connect to the Iron-Belle Trail because there are subdivisions along this path in our Township where it could increase their property values by making their homes more desirable if they could easily access the Iron-Belle Trail that goes up into Clarkston and Orion Township.

Ms. Camilleri said the Greenways Committee received 501C3 tax-exempt status, and people would be able to donate to the Greenways Committee and claim tax donations if they chose to do so. If any donations were received, these funds could possibly be put towards completing the Riverwalk. Ms. Camilleri also said she is still waiting to hear the results of our second application for the State's DNR Spark Grant, but it would only be \$1.0 million if it was awarded to the Township. Those results would

not be known until October, and if it was awarded to the Township, the ARPA request of \$2.0 million would be reduced by this amount. The approval of the \$2.0 million ARPA spending for the Riverwalk at the Board of Trustee Meeting would enable the Riverwalk to be completed by the end of 2024.

Mr. Diederich mentioned that we should consider the maintenance of the Riverwalk and the current staff situation is not capable of taking this on without additional funding to maintain it. Trustee Matsura asked about a SAD to be placed on the ballot for this kind of maintenance and Ms. Miller said she and Mr. Diederich would look into what the amount would be for a sidewalk/trailways SAD to be placed on the ballot. Supervisor Wall said there used to be a SAD for a set amount per household back in 1984, however, it was not placed on the ballot when it expired. Clerk Markee said we need to be careful as to how many SADs we place on the ballot because there are other SADs such as Police and Parks and Recreation that need the funds to operate and we would not want to jeopardize their operations if the residents did not pass these SADs. The Board thanked Ms. Camilleri for her excellent presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.