

Karen Sikkenga
Supervisor
Michelle Stambouellis
Clerk
Maris Metz
Treasurer,
Gretchen Driskell
Karen Nolte,
Laura Sanders,
Lonnie Scott
Trustees

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 6:00PM**

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Sikkenga called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A) Optional Pledge of Allegiance

Recited by those comfortable stating the pledge.

ROLL CALL/CONFLICT of INTEREST CHECK:

Present – Stambouellis, Metz, Nolte, Driskell, Scott, and Sikkenga.

Absent – Sanders arrived at 6:02.

Also present: Megan Misson-Minock, Planner, Sarah Gabis, Attorney; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

No Board members had a conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Driskell, supported by Trustee Scott, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

CALL for PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS: Opened 6:03 PM.

The Chair approved this non-agenda comment.

Lois Beerbaum

Lois brought up the importance of Pickle Ball courts and encouraged the Metro Parks to think about installing them.

Brad Metz

He was concerned about the Metro Park passes on the agenda and did not want a repeat of using a personal credit card to purchase them with Township reimbursement. Brad also called out a trustee who at a May 7, 2023 Special Meeting to select an interim Supervisor, said he would not vote for anyone who was not a Democrat. Looking at the agenda, he was concerned about the Planning and Zoning Department proposed work hours and noted that Scio Township has a Code Enforcement Officer who works 20 – 24 hours a week. Lastly Brad said the Dexter Township Zoning and Planning line items (pg. 27) were way over budget due to the Planning Consultant performing Zoning Administration duties, and the township needs to hire a Zoning Administrator.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, August 20, 2024
- b) Acknowledgement of Resident Letter

Motion by Trustee Scott, supported by Clerk Stamboulellis, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a) Renewable Energy Local Ordinance – Megan Masson-Minock
Public Comment 6:08 PM – Alicia Abbott, Planning Commission member, stated that the ordinance had to work with the new State law. The community concerns were decommissioning, safety, and landscaping.

Discussion: Trustee Driskell noted that the State Law takes effect on November 29th, the State is not protective of local interests, and developers would much rather work with a reasonable local ordinance instead of going to the State for approval.

- b) Code Enforcement Funding Sources including closed session discussion of a legal opinion as permitted under MCL 15.268(1)(h) – Karen Sikkenga

Motion by Trustee Driskell, supported by Trustee Nolte, to move into Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Treasurer Metz, Trustee Scott, Trustee Nolte, Clerk Stamboulellis, Trustee Driskell, Trustee Sanders, Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 6:20 PM.

Motion by Trustee Nolte, supported by Treasurer Metz, to return to Open Public Meeting.

The Board returned to Open Meeting at 6:53 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) Amendments to Zoning Ordinance – Karen Sikkenga

- i) Section 16.11 Accessory Buildings [documented changes in board packet]

Motion by Treasurer Metz, supported by Trustee Sanders: Based on the recommendation by the Planning Commission, the information provided by staff and during the public hearing held on August 27, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopts the proposed text amendment, with the draft date of July 31, 2024, to delete sub-section 16.11(F) of the Dexter Township Zoning Ordinance for the following reasons: 1. The zoning text amendment is compatible with the goals and policies of the Master Plan. 2. The zoning text amendment is consistent with state and federal law. 3. The changes to the zoning text amendment from the recommended language by the Planning Commission is a minor grammatical change that does not change the meaning of the zoning text amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Trustee Nolte, Trustee Scott, Treasurer Metz, Clerk Stamboulellis, Trustee Driskell, Trustee Sanders, Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried 7-0.

- ii) Section 16.17 Pools and Hot Tubs [documented changes in board packet]

Motion by Trustee Driskell, supported by Trustee Sanders: Based on the recommendation by the Planning Commission, the information provided by staff and during the public hearing held on August 27, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopts the proposed text amendment of Section 16.17,

with the draft date of July 31, 2024, of the Dexter Township Zoning Ordinance for the following reasons: 1. The zoning text amendment is compatible with the goals and policies of the Master Plan. 2. The zoning text amendment is consistent with state and federal law. 3. The changes to the zoning text amendment from the recommended language by the Planning Commission is a minor grammatical change that does not change the meaning of the zoning text amendment.

Roll Call Vote: Yea – Trustee Sanders, Trustee Driskell, Clerk Stamboulellis, Treasurer Metz, Trustee Scott, Trustee Nolte, Supervisor Sikkenga; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion carried 7-0.

b) Permission to sign the Washtenaw County Road Commission Agreement – Karen Sikkenga Motion by Trustee Driskell, supported by Trustee Nolte, to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement for \$100,000 between the Dexter Township Board of Trustees and the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners. All ayes. Motion carried.

c) Approval to expend up to \$75K on the Metro Parks Pass program Discussion: Not sure how program was administered previously. Clarity is needed so everyone knows that the taxpayers are funding the “free” park passes. It was requested that a workshop be convened to work out the unanswered questions, how to make the program more efficient, and discuss how this expenditure is in addition to the millage collected from taxpayers for the Metro Park. Consensus of the Board to defer action on this item until next month.

d) Acceptance of Financial Transactions – Karen Sikkenga Motion by Trustee Scott, supported by Treasurer Metz, to approve the check disbursement report and payroll expenses for the month of August 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Q & A REPORTS:

- a) Supervisor Report – Karen Sikkenga
- b) Treasurer Report – Treasurer Metz
- c) Clerk Report – Clerk Stamboulellis
- d) Check Disbursement Report – Clerk Stamboulellis
- e) Trustee Report on Plastic Film Recycling Meeting – Karen Nolte
- f) Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals – Megan Masson-Minock
- g) Open Space Committee – Mark Teicher

Trustee Nolte stated that ITC is doing a six-week transmission upgrade from 7AM to 7PM, with no start date noted.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Huron River Watershed Council – Sue Bade, Dexter Township Representative

DATA & PERFORMANCE METRICS

- a) Fire Department activities
- b) Sheriff’s Department activities – *no report this month*

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Marty Ruhlig

He introduced himself and stated he was running for the Dexter Township Supervisor position on the ballot.

OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS and CONCERNS of BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF:

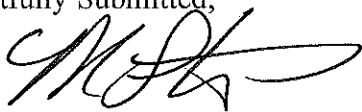
Trustee Nolte – This week is National Septic Week with lots of information on the EGLE website and the Huron River Watershed Council website.

Supervisor Sikkenga – The township is looking for middle ground as the proposed fence around the Consumers Energy installation on N. Territorial is higher than the Township Zoning Ordinance allows.

ADJOURNMENT:

With business completed, Supervisor Sikkenga adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stamboulellis, Clerk
Dexter Township

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, THE DULY QUALIFIED CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH, DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP

