

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Board Meeting- PC & ZBA Appointments

VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Yankee Springs Township Hall  
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333

MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Supervisor Rob Heethuis.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION by R. Heethuis

PLEDGE  
INVOCATION

Roll Call: Present: D. VanHouten at Rock Dr., L. Knowles at Marsh Rd., D. Mousseau at Township Hall, M. Cunningham at Township Hall, and R. Heethuis at Lisa Lane.

ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Sandy Marcukaitis

Visitors: 4 (not including staff present or those being interviewed).

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS FOR AGENDA:

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AGENDA

*Motion by Heethuis to accept agenda as presented.*

Roll Call Vote: Knowles: yes; Heethuis: yes; Mousseau: yes; Cunningham: yes; VanHouten: yes.

*Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

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Lee Kooistra  
Mike Boysen  
Bill Stoub  
John Jerkatis

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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None

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

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- a. Appointment of Planning Commission Member
- b. Interview Zoning Board of Appeals Candidates
- c. Select/Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals member
- d. Select/Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

Heethuis and Knowles conducted interviews 1/26/2021 of Lee Kooistra and Bill Stoub. R. Heethuis nominated Lee Kooistra as Planning Commission member. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by Kooistra.

*Motion by Knowles with support from Mousseau to accept Heethuis's recommendation and move forward with the appointment of Lee Kooistra to the Planning Commission.*

MOTION TO APPOINT  
MEMBER TO THE  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; Heethuis: yes; VanHouten: yes; Mousseau: yes; Knowles: yes.

*Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

Board asked questions of all three candidates for the Zoning Board of Appeals: Mike Boysen, John Jerkatis, and Bill Stoub. Each candidate answered questions.

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Motion by Knowles with support from Cunningham to appoint John Jerkatis to the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Knowles: yes; Heethuis: yes; Mousseau: yes; Cunningham: yes. **Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO APPOINT MEMBER TO THE ZBA**

Supervisor Heethuis mentioned that Mike Boysen is already 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate on the ZBA, and will continue in this position.

**MOTION TO APPOINT 2<sup>nd</sup> ALTERNATE TO THE ZBA**

Motion by Cunningham with support from Mousseau to have Bill (William) Stoub as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to the ZBA. Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; Heethuis: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: no; Knowles: yes. **Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Frank Fiala:** appreciated the good and fair process and thanked the Board.

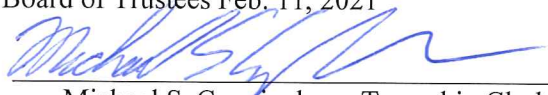
**BOARD COMMENT**

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**VanHouten:** Good fair process and a good job done.  
**Cunningham:** Pleased with the candidates and encouraged the alternates to be involved with the meetings and the training.  
**Mousseau:** Glad everyone could be on Zoom and it looks like the meetings will be that way for a while. Also thanked John R. Smith for hosting.  
**Knowles:** Appreciate the candidates coming forward and wanting to help with Yankee Springs.  
**Heethuis:** Knowledge is always an important piece and looking forward to additional training taken this week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion by Cunningham with support by Mousseau to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. All ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted:  
  
Betsy Frigmanski  
Recording Secretary  
**via Zoom recording**  
February 9, 2021

Date: By Board of Trustees Feb. 11, 2021  
Approved:   
Michael S. Cunningham, Township Clerk