

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Special Board Meeting- PC & ZBA Interviews & Preliminary Agenda Meeting for 8/8/19 Board Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday, July 30, 2019</u> 6:00 p.m. Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 3 YST Bd Trustees Interviews for PC & ZBA Alternates/Prelim. Agenda 7.30.19</p>
<p>1. Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</p> <p>3. Roll Call: All Present: Jansma, Lippert, Englerth, VandenBerg, Knowles.</p> <p>Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Ron Heilman, Sandy Marcukaitis, Cathy Strickland, Pat Jansens.</p> <p>Visitors: 8 (not including staff present or those being interviewed).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p>
<p>4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: NONE</p> <p>5. PURPOSE OF MEETING:</p> <p>To conduct interviews of Planning Commission Applicants & Alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> <p>Board Members to Review and Approve Preliminary Agenda For the Regular Board Meeting of August 8th, 2019 at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGE- MENT OF VISITORS</p> <p>PURPOSE OF MEETING</p>
<p>INTERVIEWS:</p> <p><u>The following residents were interviewed:</u></p> <p><u>William Stoub</u> – Planning Commission & Zoning Board Of Appeals</p> <p><u>Karen Page Kennedy</u> – Planning Commission</p> <p><u>Michael Boysen</u> – Planning Commission</p> <p><u>James Courtney</u> – Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals</p> <p><i>*All applicants answered the same list of questions that are attached to these minutes.*</i></p> <p>Just prior to the interviews, Ron Heilman of the ZBA commented that he was glad that there were people willing to serve the community in the audience this evening.</p>	<p>List of those to be interviewed this evening.</p>
<p>6. PUBLIC COMMENT:</p> <p>Gloria Medendorp, of Vista Point commented asking if one had to live on the lake in order to serve on a board. Medendorp commented that there shouldn't be bias towards someone who doesn't live on a lake and that the lake wasn't everything, "but it is a big portion of it, I agree, but it is not everything in this township."</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>

M. Englerth replied and commented regarding Mrs. Medendorp's comment saying, "I do think that everybody realizes that, that it's a balancing act. And I think that they are sensitive to that."

VandenBerg commented (regarding Englerth's previous comment) "When he says 'everybody', I'm not in agreement with him."

Willard Case, formerly of **12755 Bowens Mill Rd.**, requested earlier in the meeting to make a presentation regarding soil contamination. Mr. Case noted that he had lived at 12755 Bowens Mill Road since 1994, and had just recently moved out of the township. At this point in the meeting, Willard Case made his presentation. W. Case commented on how he wasn't able to sell his home until he fixed the nitrate issue, adding that he had to drill, then after drilling, had to install a reverse osmosis system. Mr. Case commented on practices of injecting human waste in local soil. Case noted that right now, residents test water for nitrates and bacteria. Mr. Case brought sand, water, and motor oil to demonstrate his point. Case commented, "The DEQ says this is how you get free fertilizer. That's not fertilizing. That's a dump site... We'll be stuck with the problem. I think we have got a big problem coming up." W. Case also commented that he didn't want to be a "ladder puller", noting he loves this township and has grandkids here. Case commented that he didn't want people to lose property values.

Trustee Shane VandenBerg commented that he'd like to see W. Case come to a regular board meeting.

Sandy Marcukaitis asked questions regarding the location of what W. Case was talking about.

Samantha Simon current resident of 12755 Bowens Mill Rd., asked if there's been previous discussion regarding the issue that W. Case commented on. Simon also asked if the issue was more of a county issue and if there was a specific system for monitoring water.

M. Englerth commented on sand, and going straight to the first aquifer. Englerth mentioned Section 19 and the contamination issue. Englerth mentioned that DDT never breaks down. Englerth commented on the issues of testing, as well as, the cost of testing.

After the Interviews and Public Comment, the Board decided to meet the following day, Wednesday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m. to make a decision on the appointments to the ZBA (alternates) and Planning Commission. Posting of Notice of the 5:00 p.m. meeting will be made following tonight's meeting.

A. Jansma commented that she appreciated everyone coming in to talk to the board this evening.

The board then reviewed the Preliminary agenda:

Changes to Preliminary Agenda:

Under Board Action Items:

Strike:

- b. Set meeting for Direct and indirect hook-up fees.

FINAL MINUTES

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**PUBLIC COMMENT
cont'd**

**Meeting set to appoint
PC & ZBA Alternates
from tonight's
interview.**

(Shane VandenBerg will not be present at the Aug. 8th meeting- please schedule for September meeting.)

Continued.... Under BOARD ACTION items:

ADD:

- c. Extend Sept. 16th Deadline for Summer Tax Collection to Sept. 30th without additional interest.
- d. Tony Groves – Cobb Lake Weed Control

Also Add Tony Groves To Acknowledgement of Visitors?

7. & 8. BOARD DISCUSSION/NO OTHER SUCH BUSINESS:

Brief discussion occurred regarding the upcoming August 6th JOINT Meeting. An agenda is needed.

Trustee VandenBerg commented that he will not be in attendance for the Joint Meeting of August 6th, or the Regular Board Meeting of August 8th.

S. VandenBerg commented, "I would like to emphasize that I tried awful hard to- let's just say- compromise when people can't be at meetings to set meetings when they can be there...evolved... watch me for the last couple years and I do this ongoing."

J. Lippert commented to watch Channel 3 this evening at 10 p.m. regarding issue W. Case brought to the Board this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

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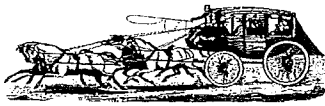
Motion by Englerth with support by Lippert to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Date: Approved by Bd Trustees, Aug. 8, 2019

Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 7.30.19 p.m.

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk



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Candidate Questions

- What do you see as the vision for Yankee Springs?
- Why are you interested in volunteering for the Planning Commission/ZBA?
- Do you have personal aspirations about serving on our board?
- How do you see yourself fitting in socially with other board members?
- How would you typically prepare for or how much time would you typically put into preparing for a Planning Commission/ZBA hearing?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges for Yankee Springs?
- Are you able to commit to attending up to two scheduled meetings each month?
- Are you willing and able to attend training session?
- Are you a lake front property owner?
- In what area is there the most concern about development?
 - Residential Single Family
 - Residential Multi-Family
 - Residential Lakefront
 - Commercial
 - Agriculture
 - Manufactured Housing
- With regards to the Yankee Springs Ordinances, do you favor regulations that are strict (little to no room for interpretation) or flexible (room for interpretation)?
- Do you have questions for any of us?