

Minutes
Deerwood Township
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2016

Board of Supervisors:

Mike Brandt - Chair

Josh Thompson - Vice Chair

Jerry Bohnsack - Supervisor

Judy Hamilton - Clerk

Amy Donovan - Treasurer

Steve Reilly - Road Overseer

Board Chair Mike Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Justin Schulz and Tim Houle, with WSN, presented the Board with a five-year capital improvement plan, which included estimates for road repairs on Nelson Drive, Nelson Fork Road, Nelson Fork Lane, Placid Drive, Peterson Lake Road, Cedar Shores Drive and Cedar Heights Circle. Josh Thompson suggested cutting back on the plan, to include only Nelson and Placid, and only go out two years, so as not to raise expectations that road improvements would be made on the other roads within five years. Bohnsack responded that the plan could be changed as the Board wishes, excluding roads or moving the expected dates of improvements out. Thompson reiterated that he would really like to see it include only Nelson and Placid for now. The Board had no objections.

The Board unanimously approved a letter of engagement between the Township and Northland Securities, bonding consultants, for advice on bonding for pending road improvements on Nelson. Jerry Bohnsack made the motion, which was seconded by Thompson.

The Board voted to authorize contracting with attorney Brad Person to investigate easements and right-of-way on Nelson Drive. Bohnsack made the motion, which was seconded by Thompson and passed unanimously.

The Board also authorized Bohnsack to find an attorney specializing in bonding to assist the Township. Thompson made the motion, Brandt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Curt Oberlander addressed the Board concerning the area on Nelson Drive being used to launch boats. Oberlander said he had witnessed children running back and forth across the road while boats were being put in the water, and his wife came close to striking a child with her vehicle, as the child ran out onto the road during one such event. Oberlander reported that people were moving the rocks that had been placed to shore up the road, as they were impeding their efforts to put water craft in the lakes. Oberlander asked the Board to take some serious action to enhance safety for drivers and pedestrians, and minimize liability. Bohnsack suggested asking Brad Person for advice as he would be assisting with easements anyway. The Board agreed. Bohnsack also encouraged anyone witnessing illegal or unsafe acts in the area to contact the Crow Wing County Sheriff with concerns. The Board directed Steve Reilly to remove the invasive species information signs, which were installed by the area lake association, as they may lead the public to believe the area actually is an access.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed, and approval is pending, as Bohnsack thought the Board approved borrowing for the road improvements, and the minutes reflected that Bohnsack would look into bonding. The Clerk will refer to the taped minutes and the minutes will be brought up for approval or correction at the next meeting.

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Thompson and a second by Brandt.

The Board approved \$16,897.35 in claims. Thompson made the motion, and Bohnsack seconded it.

Steve Reilly reported that some patching had been done on Nelson Drive. Reilly asked for authorization to replace approximately 25 percent of the road signs per reflectivity requirements. Thompson made a motion for Reilly to purchase the signs for replacement at approximately \$4250.00

Steve Reilly reported that he had installed an outdoor bulletin board. The Board agreed to have the Clerk post the official minutes there, while continuing to submit the unapproved minutes to the newspaper as a courtesy, but requiring no follow-up as to their publication.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton,

Clerk