

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Community & Economic Growth Committee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-154 to address meetings of public bodies, such as township boards, village councils, county boards of commissioners, etc., required under the Open Meetings Act ("OMA"), MCL 15.261 et seq., in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Gretchen Witmer's Executive Order 2020-154 "I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until 28 days after any state of emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the extent that the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.272 ("OMA") requires that a meeting of a public body be held in a physical place available to the general public or requires the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, strict compliance with section 3 of the OMA, MCL 15.263, is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical presence requirements, as follows:

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means." (full verbiage is posted on the township website or upon request).

I. Meeting

- a. Call to Order: 3:05 pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call:

Present: Buyze, Burkholder, Rockburn Zoom: Becker-Fountain, Schroeder (late) Absent: Coffin

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Becker-Fountain Aye: all Nay: none

III. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Motion: Buzye 2nd: Burkholder Aye: all Nay: none

IV. Public Comments

V. Committee Member(s): Board approved 5 members + 2 additions.

- a. Dora Schroeder to be officially recommended as committee member to the Township Board.
- b. Committee has one remaining position open.

VI. Project: Clean-Up (Fall Edition)

- a. Still open for community groups (schools & churches) uncertain times with COVID restrictions; nothing official planned. Flyer to share with local churches to include in the communications.
- b. Advertise Republic Services Host benefits
 - i. Clean Up Days: Next Sept 12
 - ii. Rates for Pierson residents
 - iii. Recycling & Hazardous Waste (2 cleanups/Edmore & Stanton)

VII. Clean-Up Phase 2: Tire Clean-Up

- a. Grant funding is closed for 2020.
- b. Grant Process for 2021: Roger will initiate grant funding for 2021 once it opens up. State decides on funding allocations.
- c. Request Board approval to create a gmail for CE&G works: PiersonCommunity@gmail.com
Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Buyze Aye: all Nay: none

d. Clean-Up Ordinance Violations

- i. Await permanent Zoning Administrator or for Interim to get caught up in position.
 1. CE&G Committee is to be used as referral, resources & support
 2. Promote/what initiative to comply

VIII. Community Garden

- a. Pumpkins are Growing (they are a petite pumpkin) if not ready or abundant, look to other projects for Halloween Themed Market Event or donations.
- b. Suggest Garden/Park for the Recreational Plan
- c. Yard Waste
 - i. Request permission from the Township Board to allow yard waste/compost to be placed in the garden to help the soil conditions.
- d. Fall Market Event Planning
 - i. Halloween Themed Market Event:
Friday, October 23 with rain date of Friday, October 30.
 - ii. Pumpkin painting & scarecrow stuffing
 - iii. Big Reds BBQ would be interested in bringing their food truck
 - iv. Roles: Tabled until next meeting.
 1. Advertising
 2. Event supplies
 3. Donations of children's clothing for scarecrow stuffing

IX. Farmer's Market

- a. Continue using Facebook, TC principals, BWL Association, LWL Association, and local churches to reach our community.
- b. Events:
 - i. Art at the Market: August 14 (Chalk drawing & Art Vendors)
 1. Krazy Dogs, LLC
 2. Thank you to Dan Buyze for the donation of sidewalk chalk for the event!
 - ii. Music at the Market: August 21 (3 p – 5 p TC Band will play music and sing!)
 1. Big Reds BBQ
 2. Big Mike's Kettlecorn & Lemonade
 - iii. Classic Car Cruise-In – Look for new contact (or schedule next season)
 - iv. Tractors at the Market August 28? / Dan Clegg suggests contact:
 1. Scott Behrenwald (Tractor show guy)
 2. Dan Clegg can bring his sheep – few animals??
 3. Maze
 - v. September opportunities to TC Boosters to hold fundraising events at Market.
 1. Jennifer Anderson (Booster contact) ie. Car Wash, Can Drive, they would coordinate their activities we would simply host & support

X. Future Projects

a. Pierson Township Waterways Mapping:

- i. Mapping, protection from development, plant life, phragmites, etc. Opportunities to eradicate and control invasives. Grant opportunities may be available. Consider science class or STEM for student involvement, and possibly start with school property. Schroeder to further look into this project. Hold off until spring as schools/teachers will be adapting to COVID restrictions.

XI. Mission - tabled until next meeting.

XII. Public Comments

XIII. Next Meeting: September 10 at 3 pm.

XIV. Adjournment: 4:15 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Rockburn

Aye: all

Nay: none