

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Agenda ^Minutes Corrected

21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339

March 16, 2022

7:00 pm

A. Meeting

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call Present: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice Absent: Hyrns

B. Approve Meeting Agenda.

Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Buyze

C. Approval of Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022; Election Commission Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2023; Special Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2022; Special Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022; Register of Warrants/Checks/Payroll dated February 9 – March 14, 2022; Check register: February 1 – 28, 2022; Correspondence; Sewer: Check register for February 2022 BWL/LWL; Accounts Payable Report February 9 – March 14 BWL/LWL; Assessor activity report, Village of Sand Lake Fire report, Sewer reports and approval Sewer Invoice 4532 to FV&O for March.

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be approved under one blanket motion.

Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Grice

D. Presentation of Accounts

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Buyze

E. Public Comments

F. New Items

1. **Close meeting: 7:05 pm**

Motion: Buyze Aye: all
2nd: Burkholder

2. **Open Public Hearing for the Recreation Plan Amendment at: 7:06 pm**

Motion: Burkholder Aye: all
2nd: Buyze

Letters were presented and read by Ellie Newsome of the Parks & Recreation Committee:

Tammie Clapper, Pierson Township resident expressed her excitement to the watch our township grow in community engagement. She is looking forward to having a place where our kids and the community can get together and enjoy a park right where we live.

Patrick Maioho, Pierson Township resident expressed his appreciation for the donation of land and no better opportunity to establish a community park in Pierson Township. By developing this land into a park, the attractiveness and livability of Pierson Township will improve, and it will also enhance the connectiveness of the community. His recommendation was to create a sustainable long-term maintenance plan considered and implemented. A community park is only as strong and viable as the people that use it and care for it.

The Poisson family, thirty-year residents of Pierson Township, are aware of the desire of many residents to have a park amenity in our community. They are supportive of the fundraising efforts and look forward to helping with them. They also expressed thanks donor of the land to fulfill this dream. They also thanked the committee for their efforts and leadership.

Don Davison, a Pierson resident and local business operator expressed the importance of local parks as an essential part of a healthy community. The users and visitors of the hall will benefit from a park for the children to safely play. The township employees have a good plan, and he is confident that the proposed park will be a well maintained, and safe place for families to gather.

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Carrie Veltkamp, a Pierson Township resident with a child who has a physical difficulty, what she'd like to see is a playground area with barrier free play equipment. Something that everyone can play on, whether you can walk unassisted, use a wheelchair, walker or other assistive mobility device. She'd like to see different options for swings, one for wheelchair bound adults or kids and for older kids with a backrest and harness for those who may not be able to hold on to a normal swing. Her daughter who is missing a limb has balance issues so is limited on what she can play on at most parks. She knows plenty of children with special needs who would love a park where they can play like everyone else.

Deanna Magoon a resident of a close community would love to have had a park so close where her family could enjoy the outdoors safely. There is nothing like it nearby with the easy access for all. Building this park will bring back family gatherings and outdoor activities. Helping us to raise healthier happy individuals. She loves the plans and is excited to know that adults will be able to exercise, too. She hopes there are many accessible enjoyable things to do. She would like to ask, being she's in a wheelchair, a paved or flat trail safe enough to roll around the park.

Valerie Russell, a Pierson Township resident offered additional perspective on handicap accessibility for the future township park. Having a family member that is permanently disabled, it has changed their lives dramatically. She offered experience and a few suggestions to that the park may be enjoyed by everyone. Paved surfaces are imperative for wheelchair and walker accessibility. Crushed concrete, gravel or dirt can cause wheelchairs to get stuck. Speed bumps can damage vehicles with handicap modifications. Rubber playground surfacing is not only beneficial for children but also handicap parents. Bathroom facilities often lack space to turn around and doorways with thresholds can also be challenging. She is excited to see the new park coming to our community. She hopes her insight can be helpful and beneficial.

3. Close Public hearing: 7:16 pm

Motion: Burkholder Aye: all
2nd: Buyze

4. Open floor to township meeting: 7:17 pm

Motion: Bergman Roll call yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Buyze

5. Resolution 2022-10 to Adopt the Parks & Recreation Plan Amendment.

Motion: Burkholder Aye: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Buyze Nay: None Absent: Hyrns

6. Resolution 2022-11 to support of submission of a DNR Grant Application for the Pierson Township Community Park Development with commitment of \$105,000 in match (25%) from the township parks account.

Motion: Burkholder Aye: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Grice Nay: None Absent: Hyrns

7. 2022-2023 Budget Discussion:

Motion to pay Deputy Treasurer new hire for training at the hourly rate (\$15.72 and April 1 at \$16.35) not to exceed three weeks then to replace Deputy Treasurer.

Motion: Buyze Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Grice

Motion to set ARPA Fund Budget for 2021-22 Year for approximate costs for Elections and Engineering for the Park.

Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Buyze

8. Committee Updates:

a. Planning Commission

i. February 24 meeting update

ii. Create a Site Plan Review Committee based on the Planning Commission recommendation.

Motion: Buyze Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Burkholder

iii. Adopt the Site Plan & Hearing Process based on the Planning Commission recommendation.

Motion: Buyze Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
2nd: Grice

iv. Ordinance changes/Public Hearing at the March 24 Planning Commission Meeting at 7 pm.

b. Road Committee

i. 5-year 1.5 mil road mileage – Information to share coming soon

- ii. March 15 at 6:00 pm meeting update
- iii. 2022 Projects to be selected at the March 30 Budget Hearing.
- iv. Approve 2022 Chloride Contract at \$29,517.84.
 Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
 2nd: Bergman
- v. Committee needs – one possible applicant

c. Community & Economic Growth – reorganization on hold.

d. Board of Review update

e. Parks & Recreation –

- i. White Pine update: Apr – Nov 2023 for paving SL to HC
- ii. Pierson Township Community Park
 - 1. Updated Fence Bids have been requested
- iii. Winslow Park – donation box update/Buyze
- iv. Fundraising & Events
 - 1. “Friends Of”
 - 2. MOM PROM event update

f. Zoning

- i. Simplify fee structure (to be posted).
 Motion: Buyze Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
 2nd: Burkholder

G. Open Items:

- 1. American Rescue Plan – \$ 162,679.19 received (Fed & State)
- 2. Sewer Management
 - a. Transfer of assets/Deed – **received**
- 3. Township/Buildings & Grounds Update
 - a. AC/Splits – install update
 - b. Purchase a stove and update proposal for Ark’s installation not to exceed \$1,500 from the 2021-2022 Budget.
 Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
 2nd: Buyze
 - c. Purchase Baby Changing Station from Amazon for \$189.00
 Motion: Burkholder Roll call Yes: ^Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
 2nd: Buyze
 - d. Sidewalk/Parking Lot – cracks/sealing – getting bids
 - e. Server/IT Proposal for Monitors/Server Storage (Burkholder)
 - f. Election Precinct Split Update
- 4. State Chart of Accounts – BS&A April 1 tentative schedule

H. Public Comments

I. County Commissioner – Kathy Bresnahan-absent

J. Announcements and Board Comments

K. Adjournment: 8:07 pm

- Motion: Buyze Roll call Yes: Buyze, Bergman, Burkholder, Grice
- 2nd: Grice