

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Community & Economic Growth Committee Meeting Minutes
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339
June 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm

The Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act 254 of 2020, extended the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic “virtual” meetings for any reason through April 30, 2021, by Montcalm County Resolution 2021-02. This meeting will be held both, in person and via zoom.

- I. Meeting Call to Order: 3:03 pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call:
Present: Schroeder, Becker-Fountain, Burkholder, Duffy Absent: Rockburn
- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda
Motion: Duffy 2nd: Becker-Fountain Aye: all Nay: none
- III. Approval of March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Duffy Aye: all Nay: none
- IV. Public Comments - None
- V. New Business:
 - a. American Rescue Plan – tabled until more info is forthcoming. Committee feels this is something that needs great detail and thought.
 - b. Kristy Lecceadone resignation – Accepted – opening will be posted and see who expresses interest in the position.
 - c. Chair to prepare agenda/volunteer to take and provide minutes - Committee members will take turns and rotate taking minutes – Accepted and agreed upon by members.
 - d. Focus on future of CEG – look at alternatives of residents we can help or assist i.e., senior citizens Veterans, schools, MI State police community watch programs and other types of community enrichment programs. Becker, Duffy and Schroeder to set up meeting with Lakeview community officer and follow up at next meeting.
 - e. Planning for Halloween food drive for Helping Hands. Committee will take different aspects of the Halloween Party and volunteer to head up that initiative.
Decorations – Merry Beth Duffy
Games – Sara Burkholder
Pumpkins – Dora Schroeder and Parks and Recs Garden and Deb Becker-Fountain
Donations – All committee members
- VI. Open Items:
 - a. **Clean-Up Projects (2021)**
 - i. Tire Drive & Electronics Dates – Needs update from Roger Rockburn for dates. Also ask Roger for statistics on Dump Day
 - b. **Community Garden Park**
 - i. Parks and Recreations has taken over
 - c. **Farmer’s Market (2021): Pierson Township Farm & Artisan Market**
 1. Food Trucks – being organized and secured by Sara Burkholder
 2. Boosters/TC Events – contacts have been made and some have made commitments to attend and hold events.

3. Discussion with regards to helping relieve Sara if there were any dates that she needs help or relief – Sara noted that she would like to have someone work the July 2nd Market – Merry Beth Duffy volunteered to be on duty that date.
4. Discussion to move the Porta Potty from the cemetery to the hall to cover the Market throughout the summer months. Discussed the north-west corner at the edge of the lower parking lot – Sara to discuss with board members.

d. **Classes & Events**

- i. Hunters Safety – Dora Schroeder will contact DNR and follow up at next meeting

e. **Water-ways/Mapping (2022)**

- i. The committee discussed this topic and felt that with the current wind zone and wind ordinance discussions and meetings along with other changes could have an impact. Motion: Schroeder that the Parks & Rec Committee along with the Zoning Committee take this action item.

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

f. **Zoning** (Orvin/Lance/Dan): No update

- i. Sara noted that 15 letters had been written and sent to those individuals noted to clean up their properties. Some improvements are being seen and continue to be addressed
- ii. Clean-Up Ordinance violations are needed and to be addressed as they are noted within the community

VII. Public Comments - none

VIII. Next Meeting: July 8, 2021 (depending on need)

IX. Adjournment: 4:09pm

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