

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Community & Economic Growth Committee Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2020
3:00 pm (in person & zoom)

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-75 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 2020-75"1 order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm, 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 township website or upon request).

I. Meeting

- a. Call to order: 3:04 pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call:

Becker-Fountain, Burkholder, Buyze, Schroeder Absent: Coffin, Rockburn

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Becker-Fountain 2nd: Burkholder Aye: All Nay: None

III. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Becker-Fountain Aye: All Nay: None

IV. Public Comments: Dan Clegg said great job getting information out on the Facebook page!

V. Project: Clean-Up Review

- a. Roads Cleaned: Still many roads left, Northland & trail had the most attention
- b. Trouble areas left
- c. Trash collected (amount) [**Rockburn post meeting update: 68 bags, 16 tires, many scrap car parts.**]
- d. Key learnings:
 - i. Start project earlier before grass is so long
 - ii. Items Collected: fast food containers (not local restaurants), metal car parts, liquor bottles, Styrofoam cups, and water bottles.)
 - iii. COVID was a hurdle for school support
 - iv. More promotion time next year
 - v. Include churches for support next year
- e. Extend project:
 - i. Phase 2:
TeamUp2CleanUp: Email/FB campaign has reached the principles & coaches. First group from TC Volleyball & friends scheduled.
 - ii. Timing: Next couple weeks based on interest
 - iii. Donations: Leppinks/Spartan has not confirmed donation. SB to call, use this for Phase 2 party, if available (or find new source of donation)
 - iv. Team Party: Most bags collected – private event?

This meeting will be recorded

f. Drawing:

- i. Thank you to all participants: Dan, Melissa, Crawford & Finley Clegg, Mike Fish, Denny, Laura & Bonnie O'Rourke, Joy Antvelink, Lily & Zander Buyze, Cash Kluge, Jelissa & Patton Irish, Lisa & Emily Champion, Craig, Shelly, Dominique, Faith & Rachelle Bartholomy, Dan Buyze, Jim & Sara Burkholder, Deb Becker-Fountain, Kevin & Dora Schroeder, Kathy Gleason, and Gerri Knotnerus.
- ii. Gift winners: J&H Family Stores \$20 gift card: Jelissa Irish; Sticks N Stones \$10 gift certificates: Finley Clegg, Laura O'Rourke, Rachelle Bartholomy, Lisa Champion, Patton Irish and Cash Kluge; el*ements at Whitefish/Whitefish Golf Certificates: Dominique Bartholomy & Craig Bartholomy; Pierson Trading Post Pizzas: Zander Buyze & Gerri Knotnerus; and Mattson's Hardware \$25 gift certificate to: Lily Buyze.
- iii. Special Thank you to Roger Rockburn and his crew at Republic Services for pick up & gear & supplies.
- iv. Thank you to all the sponsors for gift cards & certificates!

VI. Project: Community Garden

a. Plan Management:

- i. People & Resources: Dan Clegg offered to till the garden and donate 20 posts for a deer fence – Thank you Dan! Thank you also to Dean's Excavating for donating 40 yards of soil and to Bill Darcangelo and Kris Lynch for donation of Alpaca Fertilizer
- ii. Timeline: As soon as Alpaca Poo (fertilizer) is delivered it will be tilled and Dora will bring the pumpkin plants to be planted (two-three weeks); rainwater barrels or using hose (ask RR about water quality at twp)
- iii. Assign Roles: FB post for planters or committee if needed
- iv. Promotion (cost & donation, if necessary)- nothing at this time, look into grants for developing the garden (raised planting beds, paths, trees, etc.)
- v. Measurement of Success: to grow pumpkins for kids/families at a Fall/Halloween event (yet to be scheduled).

VII. Mission Statement & Define Role with other committees – tabled for further consideration

VIII. Future Project Plan Assignments (if time allows):

- a. Roadway Clean Up (yearly)
- b. Community Garden
- c. Farmer's Market
 - i. Tractor or Old Car show
 - ii. Field Maze
 - iii. Food Carts
- d. Zoning Violation/Community Outreach
 - i. Tire Drive (we assist with collection)
 - ii. Offer of resources (volunteer manpower) to residents in violation to assist in compliance
 - iii. Reach out to Zoning Admin (Dan) to see if he needs assistance with violations or resource information.

IX. Public Comments

X. Committee Comment

XI. Adjournment:

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Buyze

Aye: All Nay: None

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