

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Community & Economic Growth Committee Meeting Minutes
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339
February 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm (Zoom)

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 March 31, 2021.

I. Meeting

- a. Call to Order: 3:02 pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call:

Present via Zoom: Schroeder, Burkholder, Lecceadone, Duffy, Coffin, Rockburn, Becker-Fountain

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Coffin 2nd: Burkholder Aye: All Nay: None

III. Approval of December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Coffin 2nd: Burkholder Aye: All Nay: None

IV. Public Comments

V. New Business:

- a. Committee position/Meeting pay
- b. Brainstorm with Burnham & Flowers & Par Plan Risk Coordinator – Township Insurance Reps
Summation: B/F special event form and hall waivers offer good protection. Par Plan Mike Morin has samples of additional harmless waivers for users and both recommended a final approval from township attorney. Committee will continue to utilize and submit the Special Event waivers and vendor insurance certificates to B/F Megan Roschek for Market events and P&R coordinated fundraising events. The ideas suggested were in the low-risk category such as: knitting, gardening, art classes, DNR safety classes (Hunter/Boater safety/instruction classes only (no loaded weapons), and specific requirements for exercise classes. Discussed AED for township hall. Not a current requirement and advised of suggestions for use if township decides to purchase.

*Note – After discussion insurance agents left meeting and approximately 2:45 the zoom meeting was hacked by outside users and meeting was soon resumed without Duffy & Coffin

VI. Open Items:

- a. **Clean-Up Projects (2021)**
 - i. Dates for **2021 Community Clean-up: Sat April 17 - Friday April 30, 2021.**
 - ii. Ideas for roll-out & inclusion
 - 1. Deb to reach out to Ryan/TC Band, NHS & TC Principals
 - 2. Sara to reach out to Volleyball Team & Mr. Butler
 - 3. Bags & pokers will be available and Buyze has location map
 - iii. Pierson Township Republic Dump Dates: Sat, June 5 and Sat, Sept 11 from 8a-Noon
 - iv. Tire Drive
 - 1. Roger will keep an eye out for available grants
 - 2. Will advertise planned drive opportunities in the area
 - 3. Shuttle opportunity?

b. Community Garden (2021)

- i. Parks & Recreation Committee has a preliminary map for garden beds and walking trail
- ii. Coordinate with P&R for class/growing opportunities.

c. Farmer's Market (2021) Revamp ie. Pierson Township Farm & Artisan Market

- i. Calendar for events/vendors
 - 1. Invite Vendors for Schedule & Brian-Storming! (April)
 - 2. Food Trucks
 - 3. Boosters/TC Events
- ii. New Logo/Signs

d. Water-ways/Mapping (long term idea/2022)

e. Zoning (Dan)

- i. Clean-Up Ordinance Violations Update
- ii. Village of Pierson
 - 1. County Ordinance/Enforcement

VII. Board Approval requests:

- a. Survey community for Community classes & opportunities at the township hall and market.
- b. Request for community events/classes open to the public (free/P&R Fundraising/DNR minimal) to waive hall rental charge.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Next Meeting: March 11, 2021 at 3pm

X. Adjournment: 3:59 pm

Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Schroeder Aye: All Nay: None