

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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Will County,  
Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

October 4, 2010 Draft  
Approved November 1, 2010

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on October 4, 2010  
**Meeting began at 7:00pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:35pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee
	Vicki Bozen	Trustee
	John Kruczek	Trustee
	Christina Neitzke	Trustee Absent

Township Supervisor Pam Meyers and Stephen J. Balich Township Clerk conducted the monthly Township Board meeting where the following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner Asst. Debbie Stephens, and Attorney Sramek.

- 1. Call the meeting to order: 7pm**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Amendments to the agenda: None**
- 5. Open Forum:**

John Kooi, explained to the Board that the engineers on the trail project at Yanges Park, are creating a problem if they raise the height of the path. He also pointed out that they have the direction the water is running wrong.

Kathleen Konicki spoke about her objection to sharpshooters being used instead of contraception to decrease the size of the overpopulated herd.

Laura Bradley spoke against killing the deer. There are more humane ways to reduce herd size.

Floyd Pelletier spoke against birth control as an ineffective method. He said the only effective method is Bow Kill or Shooting.

Ed Nieponski said thinning out the herd will throw the balance of nature out of wack. Deer is need for the growing coyote population to feed. He says a public bow hunt makes more sense.

Konicki said hunting is an option, but arrows that miss pose a problem because of their sharp sides and point. An arrow does not kill as quick as a bullet. She would like to get on the agenda next month, and would like us to tell the county to take our areas off the kill list.

John Kooi said there is an ATV and snowmobile problem at Yanges Park.

Elmer Williams wants contraception to be used.

- 6. Motion by trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of Bills – September bills payable in October. Discussion of 3 Road and Bridge bills resulted in Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by trustee Sowa to amend the motion for approval of the bills pending investigation of the Sawyer Dirt, National Penn, and FTC Group bills. All—Yes Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Supervisor Meyers to approve the bills pending investigation of the Sawyer Dirt, National Penn, and FTC Group Bills. All---yes Motion carries.**

- A. Creek Enhancement
- B. Equipment & Building
- C. Founders Crossing – Bonds
- D. Founders Crossing Operating Fund
- E. General Assistance
- F. Open Space
- G. Open Space Bond
- H. Park
- I. Park Equipment Rebuild
- J. Park Invest
- K. Road and Bridge
- L. Town

- 7. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo: None**

- 8. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: None**

**9. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None**

**10. Clerk Steve Balich Report:**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Supervisor Meyers for approval of September 13, 2010 Regular Board minutes. Discussion resulted in Motion by Trustee Bozen, second by Supervisor Meyers to amend the motion to Approval of the minutes as amended. All—Yes Motion carries**

**Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Bozen to approve the minutes as amended. All—Yes Motion Carries**

- b. Motion by supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Sowa for approval of August 2, 2010 Executive Secession Amended Draft minutes. Not to release. Trustee Bozen—Abstain All others —Yes Motion Carries**

**11. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**

- A. Revisit tabled Action Item:** Approval of Board meeting schedules for 2011 and 2012 discussed. Second Monday in 2011 is not available. **Motion by trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to approve the First Monday schedule for 2011, and change to the second Monday in 2012, at 7:30pm. All--Yes motion carries**
- B. Status Report:** Update report concerning continued vandalism and damage to parks, open space and various township properties. We have good relations with the police. Picture of what appears to be a grave provided in packet. Authorities are investigating.
- C. Status Report:** Homer Township Fire Protection District inspections, recommendations and compliance at Founder's Crossings Senior Housing facility. The staff is getting proposals for fire extinguishers.
- D. Status Report:** Seal coating and parking lot repairs at Founders Crossing Senior Complex and Sport Complex. The Sports complex will be this year weather providing, otherwise next year. Good job at senior center.
- E. Status Report/Action Item:** Proposals received to address the Village of Homer Glen's request to remove weeds and vegetation on township owned property between Senior Housing units and around Healing Garden (proposed Community Center). Discussion of what to do with property once it is cleaned up. Mention of selling it, or building fields. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Bozen to table for further evaluation. All—Yes Motion carries**
- F. Status Report:** Annual Treasurer's Report and Audit are completed and filed.
- G. Status Report:** Park Dept Truck is still being worked on.

- H. **Status Report:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage is still being worked on.
- I. **Status Report:** TOIRMA invitation for Loss Control meeting and beginning of preparation for insurance inventory schedules and reporting. Open House will be in Troy TWP. to explain process.

**12. Township Committee Reports:**

- A. **EVENTS COMMITTEE**, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
  - a. **Status Report:** 2011 Parade & Fest Celebration of Township 175th and Village 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-No Report at this time
  - b. **Status Report:** Preparing for 2010 Halloween Party on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 11AM to 2PM at Shilling School. Still accepting volunteers for the event.
  - c. **Status Report:** 2010 Homer Harvest Days Event-No Report at this time
  - d. Christmas Tree lighting will be Friday December 3rd at 7pm.
- B. **EM & PUBLIC SAFETY**, Chairman Steve Balich  
MAAD had a very successful State Wide Rally at the Healing Garden. They Intend to have it here again next year, and Steve Balich will coordinate with them. Balich received a State Award from MAAD for his volunteering.
- C. **OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS**, Chairman Bill Karn
  - a. **Status Report:** Trantina farmhouse roof repair update and volunteer work to be scheduled for interior clean up per Will County inspection report. Ranch house roof repaired at no cost . All inspections passed. Next step repairing exterior.
  - b. **Status Item:** Solicit proposals for Trantina farmhouse exterior siding repairs and proper board up of openings, etc.
  - c. **Status Report:** Trantina vacancy of rental unit, roof inspection repairs completed and Will County Land use Building Dept rental unit inspection of interior floor joist.
  - d. **Status Report:** Trantina parcel volunteer task force for maintenance of native plant exhibition garden
  - e. **Status Report:** Reminder Stargazing event at Trantina Oct 15 from 8-10PM
- D. **PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE**, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek explained he had a meeting where the group just brainstormed, and got to know each other.
- E. **SENIOR COMMITTEE**, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen announced the Senior Christmas Party will be December 14<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm
- F. **YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE**, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke: none

**15. Old Business**

- A. Action Item:** Amendment to Township Committee ordinance as it pertains to restructuring of Park and Recreation Committee discussed. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to leave the Ordinance as presently written. All—Yes Motion carries**
- B. Tabled Action Item:** Marcia De Vivo, President-Lower Des Plaines Ecosystem Partnership request for IEPA Grant partnership for Long Run Creek Watershed project will be discussed next month. Marcia was unable to be here. Discussion of what she may be asking and the possible purpose.

**16. New Business**

- A. Action Item:** Violation of agreement and Conservation Easement at Wedgewood Highlands subdivision. Discussion of Mr Lahey not asking the Board for approval to put in trails, willful violation of the agreement, and what we need to do. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Supervisor Meyers for our Attorney to draft a letter indicating that Mr. Lahey is in violation of the agreement. 1. move the path within 30 days, 2. Restore the land based on specifications from the Forest preserve, 3. The restoration needs to be done within 6 months. All---Yes motion Carries**
- B. Action Item:** Request from Will County Regional Office of Education for financial support for their efforts to create a Youth Leadership Conference geared toward adolescent females. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to not make any donation. All—Yes Motion Carries**

**17. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Bozen to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel All---yes motion Carries 8:50pm**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to come out of Executive Secession. No formal action was taken. All---Yes Motion Carries 9:25pm**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa, second by Trustee Kruczek to return to the regular meeting. All---Yes Motion carries.**

**16. Action Item: Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of Supervisor to hire maintenance department employee or employees to fill vacancy part time with the potential of being full time. Discussion of need to get employees to get the work done, and number of employees needed, and type of position. All---Yes Motion Carries**

**17. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Sowa for Adjournment. All---Yes Motion Carries**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING November 1, 2010 7:00P.M**