

# HOMER TOWNSHIP

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,  
Town of Homer,

ss. MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING  
MEETING

August 2, 2010 Draft  
Approved 9-13-2010

**THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES** met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on August 2, 2010  
Meeting began at 7pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:42pm

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

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 DeVivo, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek Who arrived at 7:10pm.

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Amendments to the agenda: None**
5. **Open Forum**
  - A. Keith Nyman on behalf of T-Mobile-Request for access/easement at Lamers Park property to access existing ComEd tower to collocate a new wireless communication facility. This was tabled.
  - B. University of Illinois Extension Services to discuss partnerships with local governments. Discussion of the History, and positive things the group has done in our community. They asked for a donation of \$2000. It was noted that all donations are met with a \$.65 cent match from the State. Attorney Sramek arrived during this discussion. This will be on the agenda next month.

Vince Corabelli from the Parks and Rec. Committee addressed the discussion and newspaper articles resulting from last months Board Meeting. He pointed out that Stallions President Tony Draybak does not live in Homer Township which is a violation of policy set by the Board. Said committee is not just about the sports groups. Pointed out that Mike Costa Stallions Advisory Board member was a Trustee like Trustee Kruczek chairing the same committee, yet never was questioned as to his ability to be impartial. He asks that the rules be followed.

- 6. Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa for Approval of July bills payable in August Per Discussion. 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. Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. Motion by trustee Kruczek Second by Supervisor Meyers to Table July 29, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes All--Yes Motion Carries
  - B. Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa to Table July 12, 2010 Regular Board Meeting minutes All---Yes Motion Carries
  - C. Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa to approve June 7, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Trustee Neitzke—Abstain All others—Yes Motion carries
  - D. Motion by Trustee Sowa Second Trustee Kruczel to approve but not release June 7, 2010 Executive Session Minutes. Trustee Neitzke—Abstain All others—Yes Motion carries
  
- 8. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo: None**
  
- 9. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report:** New employee hired enabling another snow route. Need 1 more new employee. Salt Dome is complete. Paving is has begun. Phase 1 of 159<sup>th</sup> St. is complete. 2 miles in Township having a 33 ft. center median can be landscaped the way the Township wants, but the township has to maintain it. A trail may be put in at

an 80/20 split with the state. Provision for pace busses will be included. Project could be finished in 5 years.

**10. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report:** Asks residents to call with questions.

**11. Clerk Steve Balich Report:** None

**12. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:**

**A. Action Item:** Village of Homer Glen's request to remove weeds and vegetation on township owned property between Senior Housing and Healing Garden (proposed Community Center) and north of Senior Housing facility. Discussion of way to proceed. **Motion By Trustee Sowa Second by Trustee Neitzke to get prices for grading.** Discussion of uses of property. **All---Yes Motion Carries**

**B. Action Item:** Proposal to remove exterior peeling paint and to repaint exterior of Town Hall provided by L.J. Neal and Sons. **Motion by Trustee Sowa, Second by Supervisor Meyers to approve.** Supervisor will check on lead law costs. Siding was discussed but in the short term to expensive. **Trustee Neitzke ---No All Others---Yes Motion Carries**

**C. Action Item:** Approval to prepare and solicit bid for parking lot repairs at Administration Building, Founders Crossing Senior Complex and Sport Complex. This can be separated into 2 bids. **Motion to go out for bids by Trustee Kruczek second by Trustee Neitzke. All---Yes Motion Carries.**

**D. Status Report:** Homer Township Fire Protection District inspections, recommendations and planned meetings with occupants of Founders Crossings Senior Housing facility, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Status Report:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage is moving. We do have an existing variance.

**F. Status Report:** Yangas Park: Intergovernmental/easement agreement with Village of Homer Glen for bike trail, tree removal, and encroachments to parcel requiring extra site maintenance. Agreement is at the Village, waiting for disposition.

**G. Status Report:** Results of discussion with Attorney in reference to inquiry at July 12, 2010 meeting regarding conflict with Park and Recreation

Committee structure and conflict of interest with John Kruczek holding HAC Board position and Homer Township Trustee position. Statement was read and attached as part of the minutes. Trustee Kruczek made a statement regarding acquisitions made concerning him. He indicated that he asked for 2 members from each Sports group, but 1 volunteered from the stallions and 1 from Soccer, and 2 from HAC. Stallions asked for field use that was not agreeable to the Parks and Rec. Committee, causing the acquisitions that were made against him. He apologized for his selection of Dan Mc Divitt who looks at the committee in relation to sports group programs, rather than all Township Parks.

**13. Township Committee Reports:**

**A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa**

**a. Action Item:** 2011 Parade & Fest Celebration expanding to include Township 175th and Village 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with additional activities and events planned. **Motion by Trustee Neitzke Second by Trustee Kruczek to approve having a big celebration.** Discussion of need for seed money to make this self supporting, and how to make this into a better event. **All ----Yes Motion Carries**

**b. Status Report:** Invitation for committees and officials to participate with displays, informational items and operate Homer Township booth at the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Community Expo-Health Fair on August 28 from 9-2 PM.

**c. Status Report:** 2010 Independence Day Parade and Homer Harvest Days Event. They need volunteers for next year.

**B. EM & PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Steve Balich: None**

**C. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn**

**a. Action Item: Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa to approve Trantina farmhouse roof repair not to exceed Stans Roofing proposal, looking at New Proposal provided by Miles Construction making sure it is compatible for less money. All—Yes Motion Carries**

**D. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek discussed Fountain at Culver Park. Committee will look into a service to install and maintain it for next year. **Motion by Supervisor Meyers second by Trustee Sowa to have the Parks and Rec. Committee look for a company to install and maintain the Fountain at Culver Park.** Discussion of signage or an Ordinance providing age restrictions on field facing the houses at Culver Park. Windows being broke during the day by**

non sports club people are a problem, and the responsibility for repairs falls on the person who hit the ball. Signage would be a possible start. Sendra Park needs the equipment replaced. HAC will start field maintenance October 15<sup>th</sup>

- E. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen: None
- F. YOUTH & SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Christina Neitzke: They will try to have a meeting next month

**15. New Business:**

- A. **Informational Item:** Trustee Neitzke, clarification of vote. Trustee Neitzke was absent and did not vote at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**16. Old Business**

- A. **Action Item:** Marcia De Vivo, President-Lower Des Plaines Ecosystem Partnership request for IEPA Grant partnership for Long Run Creek Watershed project. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Supervisor Meyers to Table.** Highway Commissioner said Marcia applied for a grant from the EPA and is going to ask the Board for a donation of \$1000 This Year, and \$1000 for next year.
- B. **Tabled Action Item:** Request for financial support from the Will County Children's Advocacy Center. Money can come from Misc. **Motion to table by Trustee Sowa Second by Trustee Kruczek All—Yes Motion Carries**
- C. **Pending:** Disposition of inoperable Park Dept 1996 Dodge Truck will stay pending.

**17. Motion to move to Executive Session by Trustee Sowa, Second by Trustee Neitzke All—Yes Motion Carries 8:50pm**

- A. Property Acquisition
- B. Personnel

**Motion by Trustee Neitzke Second by Trustee Kruczek to come out of Executive Seccession, All—Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Sowa to come out of Executive Seccession, No action was taken. 9:40pm All—Yes Motion Carries**

**Motion by Trustee Sowa Second by Trustee Neitzke to give 4 weeks leave of absence to employees unable to work. All---Yes Motion carries**

- 18. Action Item:** Approval for Supervisor to hire maintenance department employee to fill vacancies. **Motion by Trustee Sowa Second by Trustee Neitzke to hire Temporary employee following normal hiring procedures. All—Yes Motion Carries**
- 19. Motion for Adjournment by Trustee Neitzke, Second by Trustee Kruczek All ---Yes Motion Carries 9:42pm**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**BUSINESS/PLANNING**  
**September 13, 2010**  
**7:00P.M.**