

HOMER TOWNSHIP

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Will County,

Town of Homer,

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MONTHLY BUSINESS/PLANNING
MEETING

July 11, 2011 Draft

Approved August 1, 2011

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the Homer Township Old Town Hall, 16057 Cedar Rd. Lockport, IL. 60491 on July 11, 2011
Meeting began at 7:30pm with the Pledge, and ended at 9:17pm

PRESENT:	Pam Meyers	Supervisor
	Stephen J. Balich	Town Clerk
	Linsey Sowa	Trustee Absent
	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 7:30pm by Supervisor Meyers with the pledge to the flag. Also present were Highway Commissioner DeVivo, Assessor Szykowski and Attorney Sramek.

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1. **Call the meeting to order**
 2. **Pledge to the Flag**
 3. **Roll Call**
 4. **Open Forum** (Please sign in prior to meeting and limit comments to 3 minutes)
 - A. John Kooi talked about condition of Yanges Park. He would like park to be upgraded after the trail is finished. John agreed with The Board that some people don't want upgrades to the park and some do, depending on their proximity to the park and the number of children each family has.
 5. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke for Approval of Bills – June bills payable in July, 2011 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

6. Plan Commission Chairman Cathy Boo:

- A. Will County Land Use Dept zoning case number 5986-MV5 to legally divide C-2 zoning from R-2 zoning and bring into compliance with Will Co Zoning Ordinance. There was no objections from anyone, for the animal clinic becoming C-2. Plan Commission recommends Board approval of zoning change. **Motion by Trustee Kruczek second by Trustee Neitzke to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and approve the zoning change to C-2. All---yes Motion carries** A letter will be sent to County indicating our approval, before the July 19th meeting at County.

7. Highway Commissioner Mike DeVivo Report: PT Ferro won the contract by having the lowest bid for the 2011 paving program.

Motor Fuel Funds will be used to do roads and curbs in Forest manner subdivision.

The Fest was attended by apx. 10-15 thousand people. About \$100,000 was spent. Early estimates are about a \$30, 000 loss split \$10,000 to Homer Township, Homer Township Road district, and Homer Glen. Volunteers did a great job. Volunteers are appreciated. The site was developed and is available for the community to use. This was a substantial cost included in the cost of the event. The benefit remains after the event and will cut the cost if the event is done again in the future. Road Commissioner feels the only way to the event in the future would be if it broke even or made money. Tax Money should not pay for this.

8. Assessor Karen Szykowski Report: None

9. Clerk Steve Balich Report:

A. Minutes

- 1) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke for Approval of June 6, 2011 Regular Board Minutes all---Yes motion Carries**
- 2) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to approve but not to release June 6, 2011 Executive Session Minutes All---yes Motion Carries**
- 3) **Executive Session Minutes to Review for Release:**

- a) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek not to release May 2, 2011 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---yes motion Carries**
- b) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek not to Release April 2, 2011 exc. Sec. minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**
- c) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to not release March 7, 2011 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---yes motion carries**
- d) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers to release February 7, 2011 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**
- e) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke not to release January 10, 2011 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---Yes Motion Carries**
- f) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek not to release November 1, 2010 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---Yes Motion Caries**
- g) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to release March 1, 2010 Exc. Sec. Minutes. Attorney and Road Commissioner agreed that all issues were resolved. All---yes Motion Carries**
- h) **Motion By Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to not release October 4, 2010 Exc. Sec. Minutes All---Yes Motion carries**
- i) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek to release September 11, 2006 Exc. Sec. Minutes Attorney and Road Commissioner agreed that all issues were resolved. All---yes Motion Carries**

10. Supervisor Pam Meyers Report:

- A. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing Facility HVAC Issues:**
 - 1) Contract executed and scheduling AECOM work to begin.
- B. Status Report Verizon Wireless Business Program:** Conducting In-house training for employees on the Field Force Manager program.
- C. Status Report Audit:** Firm finished with audit and finalising documents.
- D. Status Report Wedgewood Highlands Conservation Easement violation:** To be discussed in Executive Session
- E. Status Report Founders Crossing Senior Housing:** Both rental unit vacancies at senior housing facility are rented and occupied. At this time the facility is full and the waiting list has been replenished with no immediate vacancies anticipated. The previously approved landscaping work at the site has been completed. Plans are being made to replace vinyl flooring in some units of concern.
- F. Pending:** Reconstruction of the park storage garage postponed.

- G. CDGB will be up for approval in October for 2011. Voucher for 2010 work received this year will be re-issued to pay for the work. Tomer Township is just a go between.

11. Township Committee Reports:

- A. EVENTS COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Linsey Sowa
- 1) **Status Report:** Combined 2011 Anniversary Festival and parade.
 - 2) **Status Report & Action Item:** 2011 annual Homer Harvest Days festival
 - a) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to approve 2011 Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township to share expenses for Homer Harvest Days Event All---Yes Motion Carries**
- B. OPEN SPACE PLANNING & OPERATIONS, Chairman Bill Karn
- 1) **Pending:** Trantina rental unit repairs.
 - 2) Discussion of possible co-chair
- C. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee John Kruczek
- 1) **Status Report:** Complex parking lot resurfacing schedule
- D. SENIOR COMMITTEE, Chairman Trustee Vicky Bozen

13. Old Business

- A. Intergovernmental Agreement between Homer Township and Village of Homer Glen to construct a trail through township property commonly known as Yangas Park discussed. Attorney received an email at 5:30pm asking for a change for the agreement. Board is advised that a blanket easement was not a good idea. The Platt of easement is needed to accurately depict the configuration of the trail.
- 1) **Action required: Motion to APPROVE the intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homer Glen, and Homer Township for the bike trail at Yangas Park as presented but subject to receipt and attorney approval of the plat of easement depicted on exhibits of the agreement. All—Yes Motion Carries**
- B. Trustee John Kruczek, report from Business Assoc. Group along 159th Street (BAG159).
- C. Thank Dave Oxley for spraying weed kill at the Homer Healing Garden. The Township also expresses thank to all the Volunteers that dedicate so much of their time

14. New Business

- A. **Committee Appointments/Ordinance Revision:**

- 1) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Supervisor Meyers to Dissolve Emergency Management and Youth & Special Needs Committees. All--Yes Motion Carries**
 - 2) **Motion by Trustee Kruczek Second by Trustee Neitzke to create new committees called the Military Committee and Transportation Committee with terms to expire May, 2013.**
 - 3) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek to appoint Mike DeVivo, Chairman and members Steve Balich and Vicki Bozen on Transportation Committee. All Yes--- Motion carries Steve is going to various Townships to gather information as to the way they provide the service, and the costs.**
 - 4) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by trustee Neitzke to appoint Steve Balich and Karen Szykowski as Co Chairmen of the Military Committee. All--yes Motion Carries discussion of what the committee will do, and advising the Board consensus for Township supporting a clothes drive for Military Families sponsored by the Homer Founders Club starting August 1st.**
 - 5) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Neitzke to renew previous committee appointments until May, 2013 for Events, Senior, Park & Recreation and Open Space Planning & Operations Committees. All--yes Motion Carries**
 - 6) **Motion by Supervisor Meyers, second by Trustee Kruczek to Revise Homer Township Ordinance ORD01-04-10, Section 1. To remove: "EMA and Youth & Special Services" and insert: "Military and Transportation". All--Yes Discussion of money for donations available for special projects without a formal committee. Motion Carries**
- B. Line Item Transfer: Motion By Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke to Transfer within Town Fund from Line Item #772.7 EM Committee to Town Fund Line Item # 735 Telephone. All--yes motion carries**
- C. Notice of Public Hearing-Village of Homer Glen Zoning Case HG-1105 (copy attached). Woodbine west needs a zoning change to bring the subdivision into compliance with the current ordinance. Presently a variance is needed to do most work. The change will end this problem.**
- D. Announcements:**
- 1) **Homer Township Healing Garden:** Volunteers, Homer Founders Club and Master Gardener Diane Sramek have been putting in an enormous volume of work at the site in preparation for the University of Illinois Extension-Master Gardeners Garden Walk on July 23, 2011, whereby the Healing Garden will be one of the Gardens premiered on the tour.
 - 2) **Homer Township Chamber of Commerce scheduled public events:**
 - a) **Golf Outing, July 28 at Broken Arrow Golf Club**
 - b) **Annual Community Expo & Health Fair- Saturday, August 27 at Hadley School from 9AM-2PM**

15. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, Second By Trustee Neitzke to go into Executive Session 9:02pm All ---yes motion Carries
A. Pending litigation

Motion to come resume the regular board Meeting by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke No action was taken All---Yes motion Carries 9:16pm

16. Motion by Trustee Kruczek, second by Trustee Neitzke for Adjournment All---yes Motion Carries 9:17pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS
REGULAR BUSINESS/PLANNING
July 11, 2011, 7:30P.M.

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Homer Township will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Township does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Township will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in Homer Township programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Township will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Township offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program service, or activity of Homer Township, should contact the office of the *Township Clerk* as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. The *Township Clerk and his contact information is: Steve Balich, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-7042*

The ADA does not require Homer Township to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of Homer Township is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to *the Township Supervisor, Pam Meyers*.

Homer Township will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.