

**Regular Meeting Sunrise Township
Thursday, April 15, 2010
Royal Wilcox Community Center**

Stephen Merten called the Sunrise Township regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present:

Stephen Merten
Joel Peterson
Jeske Noordergraaf
Manley Olson
Gerald Bjork

Treasurer: Karen Anderson (Absent)
Clerk: Wendy S. Kowalke

Others Present: Lynn Wolleat, Lead Maintenance
James McCarthy
Joyce Meyer
Ted Meyer
Commissioner Rick Greene
Family Pathways, Lori
James McCarthy
Vickie

Appointment of Chairperson: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to nominate Joel Peterson for Chair person. Joel Peterson nominated Stephen Merten for Chair. Stephen Merten declined the nomination Motion to accept Joel Peterson for Chair carried.

Appointment of Vice Chairperson: Manley Olson nominated Stephen Merten for Vice Chair, second by Jeske Noordergraaf. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the 2010 April agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Jeske Noordergraaf to accept the March 2010 minutes Motion carried.

Clerk Update: Fire sirens.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to accept the treasurer's report with claims list #2910 through 2922 for approval with the following additional disbursements.

Thatcher Engineering, Inc. (study river crossing & prepare const).....	\$1,650.80
Mark Beavens (25 pair gopher bounty).....	\$25.00
Joe's Computer (computer virus repair).....	\$55.00
Minnesota Benefit Assn. (life insurance policy).....	\$565.00
ECM Publisher (employee ad).....	\$25.79
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Hardy Boyce (54 pair gopher bounty).....	\$54.00
Loren D. Johnson (121 pair gopher bounty).....	\$121.00
Cemetery.....	\$800.00
Historical Society.....	\$500.00
Senior Center.....	\$300.00
Family Pathways.....	\$300.00
Refuge network.....	\$100.00

Motion carried.

Transfer from savings to checking:

Treasurer Anderson recommends to transfer:
 \$5,000.00 from general fund
 \$2,000.00 from Road and Bridge for a total of \$7,000.00

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Gerald Bjork to transfer funds from savings to checking.
 Motion carried.

Commissioner Rick Greene: State is looking at phasing out PILT dollars (payment in lieu of tax dollars). State looking at cutting support for STS program. Kids from Chisago Lakes and schools trying to put together a social host ordinance under 21 for underage kids can be prosecuted which goes for parents – can affect weddings, graduations – fine is 90 days in jail or \$1,000 per event. Working on bonding for road 10 or 12 million dollars resurfacing not reconstruction.

Park Board Volunteer Update: James McCarthy stated the majority of the group would like to work on playground equipment: tire swing, jungle gym, balance beam. Originally, the Park Volunteer Committee planned to clear a trail, which will be marked and cleared. Other items discussed were to finish the sidewalk which had to be taken out of the budget. Would like to add picnic tables that are mounted into the ground. There is a river Clean-up day scheduled for the 22nd. Making a canoe launch.

Patricia Peters – Sunrise River Grill & Pizza – Liquor License: Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to accept Liquor License. Motion carried.

Family Pathways Food Donation in North Branch: Representative Lori Damin informed the Board of what Family Pathways does as a whole.

Donation Distribution: There is \$2,000 to be distributed. Motion by Gerald Bjork, second by Manley Olson to distribute donation money as follows: Motion carried.

Cemetery.....	\$800.00
Historical Society.....	\$500.00
Senior Center.....	\$300.00
Family Pathways.....	\$300.00
Refuge network.....	\$100.00

Nardini Fire Extinguisher Proposal: Set up cost of \$525. Annual maintenance cost is \$495 plus a \$39 trip charge. Joel Peterson will meet with Insurance Carrier Christy Sauro to discuss what legal state code is. Place on May 2010.

420th / Keystone Avenue (CR 67) – impaired view: Impaired view has been cleared.

Kost Dam Bridge: Stephen Merten spoke with Mr. Thatcher. Surveying is complete and will have 2 proposals at the May 2010. State has deemed this bridge fracture critical. Have Joe Triplette get in touch with the state aid engineer. The Town Board talked about placing additional restrictions on the bridge. The Town Board would like to have Paul Thatcher look at fixing the bridge. It was mentioned that there may be money for bridge repair that the Town Board was unaware of.

Some items of concern from a representative of the Friends of the Sunrise River are:

- concerns about free span
- Protect river banks
- Mussels to be safe (over 20 species in this area)
- Drainage

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Royal Wilcox Community Center.

Chisago County Weed Meeting – April 29, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the North Branch Public Library.

Application Review: Interviews will take place Monday, May 3 starting at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Chairperson Joel Peterson will contact Clerk Kowalke to set up interview times.

CITIZEN FORUM - NONE

Sunrise Township Clean-up Day: Sunrise Township Clean-up is the May 21st

River Clean-up: River Clean-up is the 22nd.

Plans for Richard Widmark Site: Some options discussed were to sell the property or to enhance it by planting wild flowers that will not need to be mowed.

Other Items: Discussion took place of regarding Sunrise Board Supervisors responsibilities. Place on May 2010 agenda.

Town Property Lumber Request: Bert Wilcox has expressed some interest to take some lumber out of a piece of Town Property. Permission to cross private property cannot be given by the Town Board.

Time Cards: Place on May Agenda

Computer – Anti-Virus Protection purchase: Motion by Jeske Noordergraaf, second by Manley Olson for Clerk Kowalke to purchase anti-virus protection to be reimbursed. Motion carried.

Board Maintenance Direction:

Sold last mailbox post (check to see how small of a lot can we buy them)

Would like to get water in the shop (got a bid for \$1,200) - Lynn to get 2 more bids before approved.

Place on May 2010 meeting.

Calcium Chloride – place on May 2010 meeting for figures.

Keep Paperwork Up

Continue clean up of Richard Widmark site.

New Direction:

Talk about what kids can do on the clean-up day

Repair Kost Dam Road turn-around.

Purchase picnic tables for park-board determined too late this year-plan to do for next year

Outhouse Venting

Brushing ongoing

Mowing ongoing

Open up the Sunrise Park more (Sunrise Board will have a tour in April 2010)

Repair display at Town Hall

Motion by Stephen Merten, second by Manley Olson to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Clerk Wendy Kowalke

Joel Peterson, Chair