

**Heath Township
Meeting Minutes
May 2019**

1. Call to order

The regular monthly meeting of the Heath Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Ron Jones at 7:00 on May 13, 2019 at the township hall. Sheila opened with prayer.

2. Members present

Supervisor Ron Jones, Clerk Sheila Meiste, Treasurer, Misti Lindholm, Trustee Hilda Boerman, Trustee Bill Harvey.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Previous months minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Jim Storey, County Commissioner reported on happenings at the county level.

- Update from Craig Atwood regarding road funding and transportation. If P.A. 51 passes, the road commission would get a 66% reduction and MDOT would get a 123% increase.
- Sherriff's department continues to work on school safety issues and are looking at a pre-trial service.
- Signing new agreement with Gun Lake Tribe and revenue sharing.
- Vacancies on various boards. Positions will be posted on the county web site in June.

5. New business

a) The Planning Commission approved a changed in zoning from Brower Brinks Properties to change 4.96 acres from AG to R-3 at 3385 46th Street. Doug Diekema from Heathridge Estates expressed concern and would like the board to consider R-2 instead of R-3 to protect the property from becoming duplexes. Shawn Weber from Heathridge views the property being rezoned as spot zoning. Lori Costello, PCI Zoning Administrator explained the process of rezoning, what spot zoning is and how building and planning work. Ron explained how the Planning Commission looks at zoning and the future land use map. A motion was made by Harvey supported by Meiste and unanimously approved to rezone this property from AG to R-3.

b) Estimate from the road commission to pave Hubbard street from M-40 to 134th Ave. this year at a cost of approximately \$70,000. Motion by Harvey supported by Lindholm and unanimously approved.

c) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey and unanimously approved to make any needed budget amendments to the 2018/2019 budget prior to the annual budget hearing on June 3.

d) The township has received a request from a church organization to hold a weekly event at the township park. They would like to have inflatables and a dunk tank. The insurance company requires a use agreement which would include a hold harmless clause and proof of liability coverage. Sheila has a sample form for the attorney to check over.

e) Update on Veterans Memorial from Helen Zeerip. Helen's goal is to raise \$85,000 in 30 days. At this point \$8,400 is in the account at Allegan Community Foundation.

6. Zoning update

a) The Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday, May 16.

7. Bills

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Harvey to pay township bills.

b) Motion by Meiste supported by Boerman to pay fire department bills.

8. Adjournment

a) Motion by Boerman supported by Lindholm to adjourn the meeting at 8:16.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Sheila Meiste