



Forest Township
Rice County
3625 Millersburg Boulevard
Faribault, Minnesota

August 7, 2019
7:00 PM
Monthly Township Meeting minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Ron Gernandt, William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson, Trish Burmeister

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM July 3, 2019.

Ashley read the minutes from the July 3 meeting. The time the meeting was adjourned was updated to 7:41.

Bill made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. TRESURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was presented with a township balance of \$286,161.96. This is the balance with the SSD and Tri-Lakes accounts removed.

Charlie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bill seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

4. BUSINESS

A driveway permit for the last house in Circle Lake Estates was submitted.

Mike Sandberg, a Forest Township resident, has some concerns about the ditch mowing, noxious weed spraying, and brush spraying policies and their impact on nesting birds. In response, the Township proposed the following:

- Township will mow only corners and sightlines, at an hourly rate, on the first mowing and do the complete second mowing after the Circle the Lakes race in September.
- The Township will spot spray for noxious weeds year round
- The Township will brush spray after August 1

Tom from Advanced Septic brought the following concerns to the Forest Township Board:

- Tom is having problems contacting septic users and getting small bills paid.
- Some samples are coming back with high DOD levels at Circle Lake Estates.
- There was issue with the coordination and the installation of a tank at Circle Lake Estates.
- The panel failed at Maple Shores. Tom will let the Township board know the date it failed, and the board will work with insurance to determine if it could be weather-related and possibly covered by insurance.

Internet will be installed August 14 in the Town Hall. The Sportsman's Club is paying the bill and will determine usage procedures.

There is a District 4 Township meeting, tonight, August 7.

The Circle Lake Improvement District Annual meeting is August 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Forest Town Hall.

There is a public hearing meeting tomorrow night, August 8 in regard to the Wolf Creek Autobahn. Forest Township residents shared concerns about the noise, traffic, drainage, and additional environmental impacts that the Wolf Creek Autobahn will have on Forest Township. An EAW was released which looks at the environmental impact of the project. A potential next step is to request an EIS, which is a deeper look at the impact of the project.

Bill motioned that the Forest Township board request an EIS for the Wolf Creek Autobahn Project. Ron seconded the motion. Charlie opposed. Motion carried.

5. ADJOURN

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Charlie seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.