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BOWLING GREEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Held December 31st, 2013

Bowling Green Township Board of trustees opened this special meeting at 6pm with roll call. All trustees and fiscal officer were present. This special meeting is being held to discuss the park committee. All park committee members were requested to attend.

Visitors: Shannon Duval, Jack Hedges, Tim May, Barb Selegue, Sally Bryan, Iris Hedges, Susie Vermillion, Mike Vermillion, Geary Stepp

There were no park committee members present. Trustee Hupp said there were lots of questions residents had and can't be answered by the park committee since no one attended.

Mike Vermillion asked when it was established. Trustee Chorpenning said it started in 2006 or 2007.

Geary Stepp said the park committee got grants that the township would never have gotten if it weren't for the park committee.

They have cancelled the last couple of meetings and none of them helped with the playground or the flag pole project.

Mike Vermillion said the members all had good intentions at the time but participation has dwindled.

Trustee Chorpenning said that the board decided to micromanage the park committee so what could they do? Trustee Hupp said all they had to do was make recommendations to the board but they didn't even do that. Trustee Chorpenning said they have accomplished quite a few things.

Barb Selegue said they have done several things but they have also done some damage. They removed the merry go round when the residents of the township didn't want it removed. Patty Volland said they had no authority to spend the money. Geary said they could have stopped it. Trustee Hupp said it was installed before they even knew about it.

Barb Selegue asked the fiscal officer if she receives copies of the calendar. Fiscal Officer said she does not receive copies of the calendar.

Trustee VanBuren said the reason the park committee was started was because Will Kern was complaining about the cost of the utilities but that has never happened. They still don't make enough to cover utilities. Should just go back to the way it was when everyone just pitched in to help.

Mike Vermillion said it started for good reasons but he feels it has turned political, mainly because of Jeff Chorpenning.

Sally Bryan asked if the fiscal officer sent a letter to all committee members. Fiscal officer said she did.

Mike Vermillion hopes the park committee doesn't feel like they are bashing them, he appreciates all they have done. Trustee VanBuren and Hupp agree.

Trustee VanBuren made a motion to give the responsibility back to the community and disband the park committee effective January 1st. Motion seconded by Trustee Hupp. Roll Call vote: VanBuren yes, Hupp yes, Chorpenning no.

Trustee Chorpenning moved to adjourn. There was no second. Trustee Chorpenning suggested contacting legal counsel before anything new is established. Trustee Chorpenning moved to contact legal counsel. There was no second to the motion.

Trustee Hupp requested the fiscal officer send a letter to all park committee members informing them the park committee has been disbanded but all members are still encouraged to participate.

Sally suggested purchasing a new refrigerator to replace the old one that is not working right.

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Trustee Hupp made a motion for Don and Sandy Watkins to take care of building rental and reservation calendar. Trustee VanBuren seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: VanBuren yes, Hupp yes, Chorpenning -left meeting.

Trustee Hupp made a motion to adjourn. Trustee VanBuren seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.


Ben Hupp-President
Daniel VanBuren
Jeff Chorpenning
Jennie Duval-Fiscal Officer