

LEROY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Leroy Township Trustees met in regular session on January 22, 2024, at 6p.m., at the Leroy Township Hall.

Present were: Chairman, Rich VanPelt, Jason Rodgers, and Heather Shelton, Trustees. Also present was Attorney Ron Graham, and Assistant Fiscal Officer, Sharon Rodgers.

Rich opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from December 27, 2023, seconded by Heather, all were in favor.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Lake County Soil & Water Easement Purchase Program. They are asking permission for us to put it on Leroy's web site. Trustees have no problem with that. It will be given to Debbie to post.

An e-mail was received from Randy Myers, a Leroy resident stating that he is part owner of a business called All American Rucks. His business partner is Brian Swik. He is requesting to host an event in Leroy. The event would be held on May 18, 2024, and is for the SSG. Kyle McKee Memorial Ruck. They would like to use the park, Leroy Center and Kniffen, and possibly a small section of Route 86 to start in memory of Kyle. They would like to offer a couple of options, such as an 11-mile ruck, a 6 mile ruck, and a shorter family option. Utilizing the park they would like to have it as a family/community event with food trucks and activities for families. Their ultimate goal is to honor Kyle and raise money which we will be donating to the Sub Zero Mission. As explained a "Ruck" would be walking with a heavy backpack to Hidden Lake around the lake on Kniffen and back. This is to honor our heroes and give back to Veterans by fostering a community that shares the values of resilience, strength, and camaraderie. Both Randy and Brian spoke and explained their plans. The Trustees did not have a problem with this. It will be before softball starts and look forward to hearing more from them once the plans are complete. They would like to make this an annual event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fiscal Office:

Nothing.

Road Department:

Jason noted that equipment is being moved in at Paine Rd. hill. Hopefully work will begin as soon as weather breaks.

CEMETERIES:

One burial this week. Rich will meet with Joe at the Cemetery for lay out.

PARKS:

Heather stated she is working with Vickey to finish up the park grant for the walk-way. Heather made a motion to send five letters out for a project manager as a preliminary start. Rich 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Heather also stated she is working on a new handi-cap ramp at the townhall. We will need to send out bids. This is all being done and paid for through the Lake County Community Development Block Grant.

ZONING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heather made a motion to approve the requested "Ruck" hike on May 18th, 2nd by Jason, all were in favor.

A quote for this year's mowing of all Cemeteries, (except) Paine Rd., the Park, and Leroy School was received from Susan Lewis. Her company has been mowing for us for years. She will also maintain the Veteran's Memorial flower bed. Rich made a motion to accept her quote for 2024, 2nd by Heather, all were in favor. Susan was present and given her a signed copy of her quote by the Trustees.

Motion to pay all bills by Rich, 2nd by Heather, all in favor.

AUDIENCE:

Steve Urbmas from Valentine Rd. informed the Trustees of a letter he has received from our zoning inspector. It states he has not applied for a permit for his flagpole he has attached to his mailbox and that it is in the road right of way. He complained about the strange e-mail address, which apparently is the old zoning e-mail, and tried to call her and getting no response. The Trustees advised him this is a zoning matter, and he has to contact the Zoning Inspector.

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH AT 6 PM.

There being no further business, Rich made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, 2nd by Heather all in favor. Rich made a motion to go into executive session for the reason of legal zoning issues. Rudy Veselko was requested by the Trustees to attend the executive session. Heather seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Rich made a motion to adjourn the executive session, and open the meeting back to a public meeting, 2nd by Heather, all in favor. There being no further business, Rich made a motion to adjourn, Heather seconded the motion, all in favor.

Richard VanPelt, Chairman

Sharon E. Rodgers, Asst. Fiscal Officer