

**Sangamon Township
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Held at Sangamon Township Building, 1264 Old Rt 47 White Heath, Illinois

May 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Kathleen Piatt. Roll Call was taken. Present were Supervisor Piatt, Trustee Mike Nolan, Trustee John Foley, Trustee Bill Olsen and Trustee Bill Blickhan.

Also present were Kevin Duff, Clerk, Larry Sebens - Highway Commissioner, Cemetery Sexton Francis Dick, Guest Tom Scott, Jr., Guest Kathy Keith and Guest Linda Bailey.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Sexton Dick thanked Commissioner Sebens and his crew for help repairing a cemetery driveway.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to approve the regular meeting April 11, 2019 minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Invoices:

A motion was made by Trustee Olsen and seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

Supervisor Piatt distributed 2 documents from Attorney Amy Rupiper regarding abandoned properties: a power point presentation on nuisance ordinances and a handout of the state statute defining the authorities of the County and the Townships. Piatt County's State Attorney Dana Rhodes will attend a Township meeting to answer questions about Sangamon Township developing an ordinance to supplement the County's abandoned properties ordinance.

Old Business:

Trustee Nolan reported that a cemetery committee was held just before the regular township meeting. The committee elected Joyce Munster to be chair and Lori Wilson to be secretary.

Supervisor Piatt reported that Assessor Dees will give an update at the June meeting.

Supervisor Piatt distributed a copy of the levy and a quarterly report from Kelly's Accounting. After some discussion, the Board would like a Year to Date Profit/Loss report every month including last year's data instead of a quarterly report. Having a balance sheet would also be good.

Representatives of the White Heath Rec League will attend next month's meeting. Trustee Nolan will contact Guilford Septic Cleaning to pump the septic tank at the ball diamond.

An informational meeting will be scheduled at 6:00 pm prior to next month's regular meeting to provide information about the Township possibly acquiring additional park land adjacent to the existing ball diamond. Background information including options considered will be presented with a recommendation to purchase property. The Township is securing a grant from the Robert Millikin Trust to help with the cost. The Rec League will help develop the land. The Township does not plan to borrow any money or raise taxes for the proposed purchase. The proposal will be reviewed for a use change by the County Zoning Board June 5, 2019 at the soonest, followed by a special meeting for public discussion June 13, followed by a vote of the Township Board. If the project proceeds and the sale is concluded, the property would probably transfer to the Township by September 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Nolan to authorize Supervisor Piatt to sign a non binding memorandum of agreement with the sellers once terms are better defined (possible Blueberry Lane easement, future lighting requirements, and tree buffer requirements) and approved by the Township attorney to purchase plus or minus 11 acres at \$10,000/acre from Christina Pontious and Rick Pontious contingent on final approval of the Township Board and layout verification by the White Heath Rec League. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved. Supervisor Piatt will check to see what information the zoning board may need prior to reviewing the proposed use change.

New Business:

The Board briefly discussed a wind energy proposal for northern Piatt County. An area manager from the company making the proposal will be asked to attend a future Township meeting. Information is available at goosecreekwind.com .

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Foley to adjourn the regular meeting. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Duff
Sangamon Township Clerk