Sangamon Township Regular Meeting Minutes

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

September 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of Sangamon Township was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Sangamon Township Park by Supervisor Mike Nolan. Present were Trustees Bill Blickhan, Tim King, Kathleen Piatt, and Bill Olson.

Also present were residents Phoebe Baker and Matt Valentine, White Heath Rec President Aaron Brown and Clerk Kevin Duff.

The group walked to the new ball diamond where earthwork was underway. Surface drainage from the new diamond will happen north of the field and west to the drainage ditch. New drainage tile will be installed in the fall. Double walled tile will be used in areas of vehicle traffic. The field will be crowned in the center. The trees that were interfering with the drainage tile from the existing ball diamond and blocking the view of the entrance road were removed. Another lane on the south side of the existing parking lane and trees to facilitate movement is planned. The entrance drive will be widened and the parking area tripled in size. The new diamond will have 30 feet south of it available for new planting to be installed. Some of the required brown ball diamond lime has been delivered for use on the new infield.

The Township will request a quote to extend the existing water line to the new diamond. New ADA parking spaces will be signed near the pavilion at the existing ball diamond. A motion sensor light will be installed at the location that also has a playground.

A new sidewalk is planned to connect the existing diamond to the off street parking. Lighting is planned to be installed in the off street parking area.

A review of roofing problems on the pavilion were noted. There is a need for maintenance on the existing refreshment stand and bathrooms.

The meeting at the Park ended around 7:30 pm and the group returned to the Township Building.

The meeting continued at the Township Building at 7:34 pm.

Also present was Highway Commissioner Larry Sebens.

Public Comment: none

Announcements: Commissioner Sebens reported that he has won his case with IMRF concerning his years of service.

The auditor sent a form to be signed by the Township Officers. The form was passed for signature.

Supervisor Nolan shared a summary of the checks written for the Homecoming event.

The salary survey from TOI was distributed. Salaries for elected Township officers will be discussed in November.

Supervisor Nolan read a resolution for another grant application to IDNR for additional work at the Park. Trustee King made a motion seconded by Trustee Piatt to adopt the resolution. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sebens reported that documents that he has seen propose a new subdivision to be developed in the Township and indicate the developer will illegally place drainage tile for individual property sump pumps and septic outflow in the ditch of the Township Road right of way. Trustee Piatt will touch base with the County Zoning Board regarding the issue.

New Business: The Board will consider naming an outstanding citizen at the October meeting.

Mr. Brown and Supervisor Nolan will work on prioritizing projects at the Park and develop a timeline for completion. Mr. Brown reported that work on replacing the existing electrical panel by volunteers will be timed to not interfere with fall events at the Park. A suggestion was made to have an article in the paper about the Park improvements. Commissioner Sebens has no parking signs to be installed at the Park along the road.

The Fall Clean Up event will happen Thursday October 10, 2024 and Friday October 11, 2024 from 6 am to 2 pm.

Supervisor Nolan distributed a report on the Illinois Fund transfers. The Fund is still paying 5%.

Old Business: Supervisor Nolan distributed a positive monthly financial projection. The \$40k transfer for reconciliation has happened.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Supervisor Nolan to approve last month's meeting minutes as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: A motion was made by Trustee Piatt and seconded by Trustee Olson to approve the invoices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Blickhan and seconded by Trustee Piatt to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Clerk Duff