

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

Lovells Township Board: DUNNING, HOPP, KENGEL, NEUMANN, WRIGHT

Attendees: Heather Lovell, Darby Kuenzel, Jo Johnson, Bill Gergosky, Paul Frost, Mari Frost, Dave Soderquist, Ann C. Duby, Sue Shiflett, Nancy Simonelli, Jan Orin, John Orin, Glen Eberly, Martha Eberly, Peggy Orr, Brenda Conzett, Randy Long

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT (P), MEMBERS ABSENT (A)
 - A. Dunning (P), Hopp (P), Kengel (P), Neumann (P), Wright (P); All present
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2025 BOARD MEETING: Public comments will no longer be published. Gary Neumann motioned minutes approved as is with corrected typos, Cheryl Hopp 2nd.
- IV. APPROVE PREPAID VOUCHERS: Motion to accept prepaid vouchers as is made by Tammy Kengel, and 2nd by Gary Neumann. Ayes: Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright, Nays: None. Motion accepted.
- V. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as is.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE – Warblers Hideaway: Discussion in Section New Business – A.VII.
- VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - A. Assessing: Nothing to report.
 - B. Fire Department: Total of 9 runs; 7 Fire and 2 EMS.
 - C. Liquor Inspector: 3 completed inspections.
 - D. Zoning Administrator: 3 zoning permits issued; 1 for a 14x24 accessory building, 1 for a 12x24 addition to an existing building and 1 for a 14 x 60 x 12 x 20 to replace damaged home. E. Zoning Enforcement Officer: Nothing to report.
- VIII. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS
 - A. Board of Review: July meeting time unknown.
 - B. Planning Commissions: LT Planning Commission Met in May. Moved LT July Board Mtg from 2nd Tuesday in June to the 19th to accommodate Crawford County Planning Commission mtg where we received approval of our zoning amendment changes.
 - C. Zoning Board of Appeals: No ZBA hearing for shed located on green belt as desired location changed. A permit issued for construction of shed. This is in addition to garage which is existing. D. Lovells Reading and Media Center: Nothing to report.
 - E. Parks and Recreation Committee: Comment - Bathrooms opened approximately 1 month before being vandalized. Will remain locked. Will try to contact vendor for easy scan. June 8 was volunteer work day. Several aged maples were donated and planted. More work done on shelter building. Donor names added to plaque. ~~Zenn~~ Zen Garden cleaned up, some decorations were placed. More volunteer days planned. Will need to replace maples and provide guards. Hungry nibbler at large.
 - F. Historical Society: – Unlimited Youth – were so quiet, they went un-noticed. Rod makers of Gray Rock at LTSH 19-21. Historical Society to sell \$25 raffle tickets for rod made during this season. \$6k grant received from GLE for People Fund Project. Not successful in getting our 10k grant from GLE. 12k grant pending through 6-30. 2k educational gift picked up by Hunter the previous recipient last year.
 - G. Website committee: Revised contact page, tweaking forms page, now able to send suggestions or ideas for website which presently go directly to Dave Soderquist.
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. LTZO text amendments and PC recommendations: PC recommendation to proceed forward with licensing ordinance as well as zoning amendment.

Dunning left meeting at 10:46am to return an emergency phone call. Dunning returned at 10:48am.

- B. STR's licensing ordinance - discuss and vote: Gary Neuman motioned for our short-term licensing ordinance as read and reasonably understood be adopted. Janet Dunning 2nd. Ayes; Dunning Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Naves; None. Motion adopted.
- C. Motion made by Kengel to adopt LT Zoning ordinance amendment to reflect new licensing ordinance. Gary Neumann 2nd. Ayes; Dunning Hopp Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Naves; None. Motion adopted.
- D. Gary Neumann motioned for the short-term rental licensing ordinance NO. 6-19-2025-001 of 2025 to grandfather in existing STR's. 2nd by Janet Dunning. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Naves; None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss and vote on Warbler's 2025 fireworks display request: Motion made by Kengel to approve no more than \$400.00 in kind for Warbler's 2025 fireworks. 2nd by Hopp. Ayes; All. Naves None. Motion approved.
- B. Discuss and vote on MTA continuing annual membership fee: Motion made by Kengel to enter into contract with MTA again this year for \$3640.00 annual membership fee. 2nd by Neumann. Ayes; All, Naves; None.
- C. Electronic tax role – resolution: Tammy Kengel motioned to adopt this resolution for LT to send information digitally. Cheryl Hopp supported motion. Ayes; Dunning, Hopp, Kengel, Neumann, Wright. Naves; None. Motion carried, resolution adopted.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Water report: Water is potable.
- B. New phones – Go live 6-17-25. No major issues thus far for LT or FD.
- C. 2024 Elections – 1k recovery of funds.
- D. Ice Storm Recovery of Funds – Work in progress
- E. Gray Rock builders Hall Rental – Mentioned in Section VIII, F.
- F. Boiler Replacement – Andy's Heating will be replacing boiler.
- G. Power lines – Awareness that power companies are actively moving overhead wires under the river and Big Creek.
- H. New Speed Limit Sign – Received new solar speed limit sign. Will be placed on one of the ends of 612.
- I. Fire Info, emergency call list, Friends of LTFD & EMS – working on setting up call list.
- J. Riverside Tavern parking issues – cones to be put up in LT parking lot to cordon off 5 spots for July 5th.
- K. Strange marks in woods, clear cuts, cleanup – Awareness that various mapping software does not match exactly. This may lead to confusion when marking for clearcuts, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Entered at 11:26am, Closed at 11:44am.

Motion made by Neumann to close meeting.

Meeting closed at 11:46am.

Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for July 8, 2025@10AM – Lovells Township Hall

Respectfully,

Janet L. Dunning
Lovells Township Clerk