

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

April 15, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Diana London, Shayne Janis, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Yvette Ramsdell,
Alanda Barnes

Absent: Gina Cinquino

Staff Present: Eric Strayer, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Manuela Kress

Pledge of Allegiance recited

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Superintendent Strayer requested an addition to New Business: Item E. Trailhead Marketplace Lease Agreement. Motion by Barnes to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: Suggestions were received from the residents and people who participate in the current Farmer’s Market here in AuSable. Some of the ideas that were mentioned: having some kind of retractable walls to protect public in inclement weather conditions, lighting for the interior of the pavilion, plenty of accessibility to electricity, phone line, and ample parking area.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Ramsdell made the motion to approve the consent agenda.
Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) Treasurer –
- B) Clerk –
- C) Superintendent – Superintendent’s Report

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Trailhead Marketplace Building

Graham made the motion to suspend the regular board meeting and open the public hearing.

Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 5:10

A question was asked if the facility would be rentable? Superintendent Strayer explained that part of the grant agreement is that it is free of charge for public use.

Superintendent Strayer took this time to express his appreciation for the help in writing for the application from Manuela Kress, Develop Iosco and Mary Jo Samotis prior to it being submitted. Ms. Kress informed the audience and board that there were over 1,000 applications in the State and AuSable was one of the ones chosen.

Motion was made by Ramsdell to close the public hearing and reopen the regular board meeting. Second by Graham
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Time: 5:15

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update - Nothing to update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Girl Scout Request Letter – Superintendent Strayer received a letter from Girl Scout Troop #50414, asking for permission to not only clean the Children’s Park, but they would like to put up a mural. He included a picture of a blank wall of the pavilion for a possible location. They would like to start sometime in May. Janis made the motion to approve the mural and clean up by the Girl Scouts. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried

B) Ordinance #139 – Included in the packet is a copy of Ordinance #139. This ordinance pertains to Rules relating to the losco Exploration Trail. This is the introduction of the Ordinance. On May 20th, there will be a public hearing at which time the board will hear any comments and they will have the opportunity to either adopt it or not. Ramsdell made the motion to move the Ordinance #139 toward a public hearing. Second by Janis
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

C) Develop losco Membership Dues – Superintendent Strayer provided an invoice for the cost of membership is \$2,000. This is based on a price of \$2.00 per resident. Motion was made by Ramsdell to approve the \$2,000. annual membership for Develop losco. Second by Barnes
Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

D) Farmers Market Engineering Proposal – The proposal is for the engineering and architect work necessary for the Trailhead Marketplace is \$37,000. from Fleis and Vandenbrink. \$18,000. Of this will be paid from a DNR grant that must be used by September. The remaining balance will come out of Park & Recreation (Capital Outlay) budget. Another bid was received from Spicer Group in the amount of \$39,500. Janis made the motion to approve the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$37,000. Second by Barnes
Unanimous - Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

E) Trailhead Marketplace Grant - A copy of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity was given to the board for review. Supervisor Beliveau set up a Special Meeting for Monday, April 22nd at 5:00 for a vote on this grant. No further action was taken.

BOARD COMMENTS: Trustee London had a question on the purpose of the rooms that will be apart of the Pavilion. Superintendent Strayer explained there is space dedicated to restrooms, storage, and possibly bike repair station for the losco Exploration Trail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kevin Kubik introduced himself and requested a private meeting with Supervisor Beliveau regarding the vacancy of the Supervisor’s position coming up in November. Supervisor Beliveau agreed with the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes
Second by Ramsdell
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary

Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable