

PARK TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
May 22, 2009

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Amanda Price called to order the regular meeting of the Park Township Board held on May 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office.

Present: Supervisor Amanda Price, Treasurer Jan Steggerda, Clerk Skip Keeter, Trustees Doug Dreyer, Jerry Hunsburger, Michael Toscano, Attorney Dan Martin, Interim Manager Stuart Visser and Manager Jerry Felix. Absent: Trustee Jeff Ebihara

ART 2. ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT/GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Hunsburger introduced Bill Chappell from Driesenga and Associates and County Drain Commissioner Paul Geerlings to provide updated information to the Board.

Chappell introduced a new alternative to drain issues in the Township which would require a separate petition. This alternative, with an estimated cost of \$280,000, would call for extensive cleaning and structural changes of the upper reaches of Drain Number 37. Chappell presented the Board with the petition request calling for a meeting of the Board of Determination. This drain would not directly address Estate Drive and Tall Grass areas, which have both filed petitions for a Board of Determination.

Chappell assured the Board that it can withdraw the petition if needed.

Chappell also reported that a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 9 or 10 with the MDEQ to discuss establishment of a new drain from the Tall Grass/Quincy/Estate Drive area westward to drain into Lake Michigan.

Chappell plans to meet with area Blueberry Farmers in the near future to explain the impact of providing surface water relief and possible safeguards to ensure appropriate water tables for farming operations.

Geerlings reported that he has learned that the City of Holland is planning to bring a new water line from the City of Wyoming Water Treatment Plant at the southeast corner of New Holland Street and 168<sup>th</sup> Ave. south to Ransom Street, east to 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. and south to Perry Street. Geerlings suggested that he would like to discuss the possibility of the City changing its plan slightly to run the new water line through the Estates Drive area. This would allow concurrent construction of a new Northwest Park Township Deep Relief Drain which would address chronic groundwater issues in the northwest quadrant of the Township.

Geerlings also provided an update to drain issues in the Post Ave/

Greenwood area and stated that they have found an outlet on Ottegan Street. Dredging will begin soon to provide a positive outlet for that area.

**MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Toscano to petition for cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, tiling, extending, extending along a highway and or adding a branch of the drain known and designated as the No. 37 Drain, located and established in the Township of Park in the County of Ottawa, and the State of Michigan.**

Yes: Price, Hunsburger, Keeter, Toscano

No: Steggerda

Trustee Dreyer abstained because he has a direct interest in the outcome.

ART 3. Supervisor Price opened Public Comments.

One person spoke.

Supervisor Price closed Public Comments.

Other Business:

The Board discussed Agricultural Storage ordinances and agreed to ask the Planning Commission for ordinance language.

**MOTION MADE, MOTION SUPPORTED, MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Keeter to adjourn. (6 - 0)**

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Skip Keeter, Clerk*