

WABASH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020 6PM

Digital Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Michelle Wietbrock, Chair
Brendan Betz, Secretary
Angel Valentin, Board Member
Jennifer Teising, Trustee
Ed Ward, Fire Chief
Gus Nyberg, Niches Land Trust
Mike Francis, Fmr. Chief
Sheila Rosenthal
Jim Lewis, Deputy Chief
Trevor

1. Pledge of Allegiance (Welcome, Angel!)
2. Review Meeting Minutes from June 2020
 - a. Secretary Betz moved to adopt the minutes. Chair Wietbrock seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.
3. NICHES Update on SandRidge - Gus
 - a. Had a tree limb removed today
 - b. In Sand Ridge Niches has collected many seed samples, and planted some 6 miles downstream.
 - c. Bob IDed 45 native species.
 - i. The Fringe Puccoon *Lithospermum incisum* (Small, rare, yellow flower in the SE corner of the cemetery)
 - d. Gus, noted that they are open to redefining the agreement.

- i. Secretary Betz noted that Chair Wietbrock and he had discussed taking some feedback and looking at how we want to structure the agreement and look at January to start those discussions again with Niches.

4. Amended Salary Resolution for 2020

a. Trustee Teising:

- i. My salary did not change from the form before.
- ii. The board salary did not change from the form before.
- iii. The clerk position has been consolidated into one position. So the form has changed from last time but the total salary is the same.
 - 1. It costs a great deal of money to hire, train and pay additional fees and taxes (payroll) if one person can fill the position. Ed and I are very happy with Tricia (she received and accepted our offer of permanent work).
- iv. The Chief and Joe Wade were both updated to reflect the raise increase approved by the board.
- v. The new positions have been added to reflect the amount approved by the board.

b. Board Member Angel asked whether this is the same resolution as previously passed.

- i. Trustee notes that beyond the changes previously expressed, yes. The amounts are those discussed in the approved budget.

1. Chair Wietbrock moved to approve this resolution, Member Valentin seconded and it was passed with 2 votes in the affirmative with Secretary Betz abstaining.

5. Old Business

- a. Secretary said that nothing had been tabled.
- b. Chair Wietbrock asks about the SAFER Grant.
 - i. The chief notes that the application is still in contention and is being looked at favorably.
 - ii. They are in the peer review section. They will then rank the applications and award accordingly. They have about a three week window where they will send out awards.

6. Dates for Budget Meetings (**September 15*** - proposal, October 6 review/vote, October 20 - vote if needed)

7. Public Comments

- a. Secretary Betz thanks Angel for joining the board.
- b. Angel notes that he is excited to work on adding a form on our portal online that would go directly to the trustees office and look at directly integrating that into the system.
- c. Secretary Betz asks if there are further public comments

8. Secretary Betz moves to adjourn the meeting, Chair Wietbrock seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.