



WEESAW TOWNSHIP
New Troy, MI 49119



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Supervisor Sandy McKamey called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was called for the Township Board to hear a presentation by Terry Hanover, a Weesaw Township resident, regarding proposed placement of the former New Troy School's Bell in the Weesaw Township Park.

Roll Call by Clerk Green: All Members Present: Wanda Green, Jack Jones, Sandy McKamey, Gary Sommers, Michelle Tackitt.

Presentation by Terry Hanover: Mr. Hanover noted that the New Troy schools were a very important part of this area in history; and this was recognized by many of the Township's founders, since a number of Superintendents received their educations from New Troy Schools.

He continued to provide information regarding the history of New Troy. The old New Troy school bell was found to be in the hands of Bob Diehl's son and was presented to Terry as a historical memento of the New Troy schools of the past. Mr. Hanover would like to see it placed as the centerpiece in a serene setting in the Weesaw Township Park, as a memorial to the old schools so one could go to that area and just sit and reflect on the past. The plan is to also have a two-sided display case/kiosk in which to post historical documents and such; along with benches being set and the bell mounted on a sort of platform consisting of bricks that one could donate funds to purchase, about 15'x20' would be the dimensions of the area.

This would all be completed with donations from whoever would think this to be a positive in having this type of project be made a part of the Weesaw Township Park. The monies would be collected prior to the commemorative area's commencement. Mr. Hanover has indicated that this would be his project with no volunteers required, and the amount he is shooting for is \$5000. It was mentioned that the Township Parks' Committee had talked about putting two benches in the Township Park so those proposed benches could be a part of the commemorative area as well with the Board's approval, with one being purchased this fiscal year and the second during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Jim Pastryk indicated that he and perhaps Jack Dodds would be willing to collect and keep track of the funds as they came in, since it is questionable that the Township Board should do this. Mr. Hanover provided a packet with drawings of the finished site as he envisioned it.

May Mitchell, a historian from Buchanan, spent many hours putting together a historical timeframe of events of the past concerning the schools.

Motion by Green, supported by Sommers, that the Township Board go forward with the plan that Mr. Hanover has laid out for the memorial space in the area of the New Troy Park he has proposed at the top of the hill next to the parking lot, with the one exception being that the donated monies would not be handled by the Township Board. Roll call vote, all ayes (Tackitt, Sommers, Green, McKamey, Jones), motion carried.

Parking Lot Lines: Sommers stated that the lines have been drawn in the parking lots and we need to approve the invoice for same. Motion by Sommers, supported by McKamey, to approve the invoice for the parking lot stripes in the amount of \$267.00. Roll call vote, all ayes (Jones, McKamey, Sommers, Tackitt, Green), motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion by McKamey, supported by Jones, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Green
Clerk