

Wright Township

Steering Committee on Township Owned Land

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7pm

Wright Township Offices

1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Attendance: Rick Schoenborn, Sharyl Dietrich, Tyler Austin, Rich Dausman, Kathy Lothschutz, Stephanie Mayrose, Steven Quirk
2. Public Comment –
 - a. Marne Recreation would benefit from convertible ball fields to support the active leagues that are currently using space at Berlin Baptist Church and Tallmadge Township.
 - b. Also indicated was support for large meeting rooms that could be divided and separate office spaces.
3. Select Chair and Secretary – Steven Quirk was nominated and accepted the position of Chair and Stephanie Mayrose was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary.
4. Review Survey Results
 - a. Results of the survey sent to Wright Township residents was reviewed and discussed.
 - b. Approximately 1400 surveys were sent out in the summer tax bills and 165 were returned.
5. How Much Land To Sell
 - a. Decision was made to delay deciding how much land to keep until there has been time to consider options for the Township Hall and other use of the property such as ball fields, playground, pavilion, etc.
 - b. Would also want to make sure to sell at the best time possible
6. How to Sell Land
 - a. Best course of action at this time is to rent 70 tillable acres for farming. Current rental rates would pay taxes approximately \$2800 and provide additional income while decision is made on how much land to keep.
7. Short Term Goals
 - a. Rick to speak with legal to determine how to proceed with the process of renting the land for farming. Most likely will do sealed bids for 2 year contract.
 - b. Township Board to be informed at December 14 meeting that the Steering Committee recommends taking sealed bids for the land rental.
 - c. Steering Committee to continue to meet on a regular basis.
 - d. Visit other townships of similar size that have recently built new halls.
 - e. Current staff to determine what they would like to have in the new hall.
8. Long Term Goals
 - a. Will discuss a phased approach to development at future meetings. Start with Township Hall construction with groundbreaking goal of Spring 2024.
 - b. Investigate possible connection to Musketawa Trail.
9. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, December 29 at 5:30 pm at the Wright Township Hall, 1565 Jackson, Marne, MI 49435

MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:46 pm