

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 19, 2014, AT 1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Tod Fackler, at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present-Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda and this motion was seconded by Blasius.
Carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the July minutes and this motion was seconded by Verbeek.
Carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the July Election Commission minutes and this motion was seconded by Fackler. Carried.

Andrew Masty, a resident of 8660 Truax Rd., was present to request a garbage bin. He was assured that he will receive one very shortly.

Hicks reported that the Planning Commission met on August 6, 2014, and stated that the Public Hearing concerning the rezoning of Dykehouse Pickle Company from agriculture to industrial will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Planning Commission's regular meeting.

Fackler stated that the minutes of the August 6, 2014, Planning Commission meeting are available for review.

The Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Verbeek reported that the Parks and Recreation Board will host the township picnic on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. He reported that the cub scouts had a successful overnight camp-out on July 16 and 17. This board is working on additional rental policies. They requested permission to install a permanent fire ring. The Boy Scouts have been contacted for a project of building a bench at the canoe launch. The replacing of mulch with stones in the back of the township hall has been completed and this project will not come from the Parks and Recreation budget. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be October 16, 2014.

Bushong stated that in the near future, 500 ft. of riverfront property adjacent to the canoe launch might become available for the township to acquire. This could possibly be done with a grant that would need to be submitted by April 1, 2015.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, stated that 2 permits were issued for July/August and he is currently investigating three tall weed issues in the village of Tuscola and two repo properties.

Fackler reported that the supervisors from Tuscola Twp., Vassar Twp. and Juanita Twp. met on August 8, 2014, to discuss the fire contract with the City of Vassar. The results of this meeting were forwarded to Attorney Brian Garner for his input. Fackler also reported that the correct address was forwarded to the attorney for the blight located at 7146 Sohn Rd.

Craig Kirkpatrick was present and commented that the condition of the Cass River is an asset to the township.

Bushong reported that the grant for the Cass River Pathway Development Project will be announced sometime during the month of October.

Fackler stated that the GIS mapping will be completed this fall. Tuscola Township will be the first township in the county to have this mapping.

Fackler stated the need for signs for the outside restroom doors. The doors have been painted. Verbeek volunteered to clean the cement blocks petition on the outside of the restrooms.

Fackler reported that a response to the AMAR review has been submitted.

Two P.A. 116 partial termination requests have been submitted for property located at 7024 Frankenmuth Road. Olson made a motion to approve the request and this motion was seconded by Hicks. Carried.

Fackler reported that the Cass River and Tributaries samples were satisfactory during the last testing period.

Blasius made a motion to approve Tod Fackler attending the September 23, 2014, MTA meeting in Midland in the amount of \$79.00. This motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Fackler stated that five residents have submitted requests for garbage bins and have not received them in a reasonable length of time. Gary Hicks will be contacted to help resolve these issues.

Fackler will contact David Erbisch for input as to additional help that might be needed for the grounds keeping.

After some discussion concerning a possible lawn care ordinance, Blasius will obtain copies of Millington Village, Frankenmuth City and Vassar City ordinances for examples and this will be addressed at the September meeting.

Discussion ensued concerning the condition of the township sign at the Tuscola Township Cemetery and the Township hall sign. Verbeek will contact Schwartz Sign Company to get an estimate to improve both signs.

Blasius will send last month's minutes to Michelle at the T.C.R.C. in regard to the spraying of brush on Sohn Rd. Fackler will check with Joe Stock who has a vertical brush hog that will improve the road sides.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$17,381.30. Olson made a motion to approve these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Hicks, Olson, Fackler, Blasius and Verbeek.

Olson made a motion to correct the budget in the following areas and this motion was seconded by Blasius: \$2500 from Contingency to Assessor Expenses and \$200 from Contingency to Elections.

An annual meeting with the Citizens Council will be held on either October 20, 2014, or October 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. whichever date is convenient for them.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor