

La Crescent Township  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2016

**Final Approved**

Township Board Members Present:

Bob Cummings	Bob Schuldt	Larry Hafner
Dan Brodigan	William Beckman	Tom Tornstrom
Larry Jankowski	Karen Schuldt	

Chairman Bob Cummings called the July monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Clerk Schuldt took the roll call.

4. Approval of Agenda: **Dan Brodigan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Bob Schuldt seconded, motion carried.**

5. Minutes of June 13, 2016 Regular meeting: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.**

6. Visitors/Speakers to Address the Board: Joe Van Aelstyn addressed the board reference removing the clay from the Cornforth race track so the property can be developed. He indicated that there are two types of clay out there. There would like to get enough of the clay removed to get down to the permeably soil. Mr. Van Aelstyn indicated La Crosse County would take the clay. Larry presented copies of the minutes from the special meeting with the Planning Commission. Chairman Cummings questioned the two types of clay. Mr. Van Aelstyn responded there are two types of clay, one being fat and the other being lean clay which La Crosse would take both. Supervisor Schuldt questioned if he had a contract with County to take the soil. Mr. Van Aelstyn responded he has no contract only preliminary discussions with them. Mr. Van Aelstyn added the City has started their annexation process for that property. Supervisor Beckman noted that the Township shouldn't be doing anything with it since it's going to be annexed. Larry noted the Planning Commission went through the finding and did list conditions with the approval of the conditional use. Supervisor Tornstrom questioned the portion that would be subject to removal. Mr. Van Aelstyn responded there is an average of six feet of clay out there so about 300,000 yards.

7. Treasurers Report: **Bill Beckman made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

8. Zoning Report: A. Planning Commission Public Hearing – Race Track. Larry passed out the minutes of the special meeting earlier. Larry indicated the Planning Commission recommended grating the conditional use permit with conditions. Supervisor Schuldt questioned if the Planning Commission reviewed the application and the minutes from 2003 when it was purposed and denied then. Larry responded they did not. Chairman Cummings indicated he spoke with La Crosse County and they are very interested in getting the clay. They would like to get around 100,000 cubic yards. Supervisor Schuldt questioned what has changed from when it was denied in 2003 versus now. Supervisor

Tornstrom added without knowing the number of truck loads, hours /days they can operate he doesn't have enough answers to approve it. Supervisor Schuldt noted the findings haven't changed from 2003 and because of that he is against approving the conditional use permit. Supervisor Tornstrom agreed with Supervisor Schuldt and is not sure why we would act on this since it's going to be annexed and there could be potential issues down the road. Supervisor Beckman also agreed that there could be potential issued down the road for the Township. Further discussion was held. **Bill Beckman made a motion to deny the request for the permit as it's not in the best interest of the township, Bob Schuldt seconded, motion carried.** Roll call vote: Bill- deny, Dan- abstained, Bob S- deny, Bob C-approve, Tom- deny.

Larry reported the following building permits issued this month; 1289 was issued to Ken Tschumper for payment for requested public meeting information. Permit number 1291 was issued to Peter & Catherine Fuchsel at 750 Selke Road to build a 32X64 ft. garage. Permit number 1292 was issued to City of La Crescent/Wieser Law Office for payment for requested CUP documentation.

Larry reported the Township does their own zoning and are now doing their own flood plain management. FEMA is in the process of drawing new flood plain boundaries and they have a comment period till August. The flood plain maps are on Beacon so you can look at them. Larry added there are a couple properties that will be potentially in the flood plain and if any one has concerns they can give him a call. Larry advised the board needs to approve the La Crescent Township Flood Plain Management Ordinance Summary and then it needs to be published so that he can be authorized to use the program. **Bob Schuldt made a motion to authorize the summary for publication, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.** Larry will update the zoning book at the library and provide a copy to clerk.

9. Clerk Report: A. Annexation of Douglas & Cheri Olson at 102 Kinder Road, Ulland, Anderson and Murray property in Hickory Lane and 97.75 acres known as the old Race Track. Karen reported the Township has received a letter of request from Wieser Law office with a notice of intent from the City to designate for orderly annexation and joint resolution for the properties listed above. Following discussion; **Dan Brodigan made a motion to approve the orderly annexation, Bill Beckman seconded, motion carried.** Karen also reported the board received correspondence from Wieser Law Office and the City requesting approval of the resolution approving the gifting of land to the City of La Crescent known as park area in Crescent Valley Subdivision. **Bob Schuldt made a motion to approve the resolution for the Crescent Valley Park to the City, Tom Tornstrom seconded, motion carried.** Karen reported there will be a meeting on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to review various amendments to the Houston County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will take place at the Houston County Justice Center basement.

11. Other or Old Business: Bob reported he went out and looked at the various roads that needed tree trimming and Dave Baumgartner is going to get started on them.

11. Supervisors Report: Tom reported he received a call from a resident near Orchard Lane about some invasive weeds and it ended up being on 25 not on our road. He added it ended up being wild parsnip and the County is looking at spraying it. Dan received a call from Mr. Morman on Evans Hill road about a wash out. Dan added you can't fill it in as the water will go over the road and Bill recommended putting a culvert marker there. Bob S. also received the same call and added the second round of mowing will be done before the seal coaters are here. Bob reported he received a call from a resident on Bluff Dr about gravel going across the road. Bob updated the board that back in 2006 Mr. Minehan at 1195 Crescent Hills applied for a variance to build a garage on a lot next to his house because he didn't have enough front yard or backyard. The understanding is the garage was going to be part of that house. The house is sold and now the garage is for sale as an apartment. Larry will take a look at what the deed shows. Bob reported everything has been taken out of Town Hall so the flooring can be done. The voting booth is the only thing left which will just fit out the door with some help. The flooring should be started July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion was held on whether to keep the safe and the file cabinets. Suggestion was to put ply board down to get it back in without ruining the floor and get a lock smith out to look at the combination of the safe. **Dan made a motion to contact a lock smith to look at the safe, Tom Tornstrom, seconded motion carried.** Bob added the first four feet of the dry wall is soft and it needs to be repaired. Dan will contact Scheibers to look at the walls. Bob reported Curt Murray and Mark Inglett have resigned from the Planning Commission. Jim Hobelsberg addressed the board that he is interested in filling a spot on the Planning Commission and brief history about himself. **Bill Beckman made a motion to appoint Jim Hobelsberg to the Planning Commission, Bob Schuldt seconded, motion passed.** Bob indicated we received a letter from Tri-County Electric looking for permission to bury an underground primary line along and across Cornforth Ct and Cornforth Road. Bob added he completed the census for 2017.

12. Bills for Audit: **Bill Beckman made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried**

13. Adjournment: **Bob Schuldt made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Dan Brodigan seconded, motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Schuldt, La Crescent Township Clerk