

Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
April 7th 2015

The Ravenna Village Council was called to order by President Dennis Wildfong at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Dennis Wildfong, Steve Dohm, Harold Drake, Kathy Bensinger, Bill Leszinske
Also: DPW Supervisor S. Patterson, Clerk D. Hazen, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, Charlie Knapp, Bill Funk of the Ravenna Summer Rec., Paul Helsen of the Ravenna Lions, John Swanson and Zoning Administrator Tony Zaidel.

Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

The Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m., for 12349 Crockery Creek Drive. Charlie Knapp applied for a variance from the provisions of the village zoning ordinance regarding front yard decks in a residential district.

The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed answers to the five questions that needed to be addressed regarding the resolution for the variance request from Charlie Knapp and was satisfied that all 5 points had been met.

Leszinske moved **Drake** seconded to grant the variance **Resolution # 15-01-04** to Charlie Knapp from the provisions of the village zoning ordinance regarding front yard decks in a residential district Roll Call: Yes: Wildfong, Leszinske, Dohm, Bensinger, Drake: Motion carried 5/0.

April 7th Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Ravenna Village Council was called to order by President Wildfong at 7:35p.m.

Leszinske moved **Drake** seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 3rd 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Bensinger moved **Leszinske** seconded to approve the April 7th meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Paul Helsen of the Ravenna Lions was present to ask for permission to have a one day permit for the Lions to use golf carts and to shut Stafford from Thomas to Main Streets and a portion of Crockery Creek Dr from 3pm to 12am for Dog Daze on Friday night July 17th.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded permission for clerk Hazen to issue 6 golf cart permits to the Ravenna Lions and to approve the above request from Paul Helsen of the Ravenna Lions to have a one day permit for the Lions Dog Daze, Friday, July 17th. The hours of 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Motion carried 5/0.

John Swanson was present to request permission to put a roof over the ice rink at Conklin park which will be donated by the Family Community Foundation Fund.

Bensinger moved, **Leszinske** seconded that John and Mary Swanson proceed with the roof over the ice rink at Conklin Park after obtaining the necessary approvals and permits needed. Motion carried 5/0.

Bill Funk of the Ravenna Summer Rec was present to ask for permission to have the roofs raised on the 4 dugouts on fields #3 and #4 at the four-plex at Conklin Park with the Ravenna Lions helping with the work and absorbing the cost. Also the summer rec wants to rent/purchase removable fencing for the middle school ball field outfield to make it more kid friendly.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded to allow the Ravenna Summer Rec to proceed with the above requested improvements to the fields at Conklin Park. Motion carried 5/0

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Ravenna High School Athletic Department asking permission to use the large Baseball Field at Conklin Park for practice starting March 23, 2015 thru May 29, 2015, and to request the use of the Softball field for JV Softball games to be held there on May 8th and May 14th. Approval was given.

Resolution #15-02-04- Resolution to approve consent judgment the Village of Ravenna vs Riggs. Resolution Approved. Roll Call: Yes: Wildfong, Leszinske, Dohm, Bensinger, Drake: Motion carried 5/0.

COMMITTEES: Clerk Hazen reported that all the applicant for the PT summer help and the Full-time help have been turned over to the personnel committee for review and to set up interviews. Hazen also mentioned that there were complaints that the "around the town" papers are being tossed on the ground, considered littering and make the town look bad. Hazen will check into this.

S. Patterson reported that they hope to get the parks opened on Friday. The DPW will now start to lock the bathroom doors during evening hours due to vandalism. There have been some errors in the reports sent to the DEQ that need to be corrected.

Kathy Bensinger of the personnel committee has stepped aside and deferred her part in the hiring process to Harold Drake due to a relative who has applied for this position.

Old Business: President Wildfong after consulting with the council appointed Gordy Plescher to the 1 year vacancy term that expires 01 01 2016 on the Planning Commission and Angie Mayeaux to the 3 year vacant term that expires 01 01 2018 on the Planning Commission. **Leszinske** moved **Dohm** seconded the above appointments. Motion carried. 5/0

New Business: None

Misc: Dohm said that the park clean up thru Grand Valley's community outreach, went over real well.

Leszinske moved **Drake** seconded to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Hazen, Village Clerk