

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greendale Township Board of Trustees held at the Greendale Township Hall

Date of Meeting: August 12, 2025

Time held: 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Greendale Township Board was held at the Hall on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by the Supervisor, Knopp. Board members present were: Brian Knopp, Supervisor; Ruth L Knapp, Clerk; Angela Brown, Treasurer. Absent: Julia Beach, Trustee and Bridget Elkins, Trustee. Members of the public signing in: see list.

MINUTES: Motion, Knopp; Second, Brown. Approve minutes of regular meeting of July 8, 2025 as circulated. Motion passed on a voice vote. Corrections: none.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As reported: Balance on hand in General/Fire Funds of 174,505.93. Solid Waste Fund: 96,527.95 and 107,569.91 in CD's/Savings. Balance in the P/R Tax Acct: 964.04; and Debt Serv Acct: 10.65. No corrections nor adjustments were heard, report accepted as given.

Motion, Brown; Second, Knopp. Pay the bills as presented. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Brown, yea; Knapp, yea and Knopp, yea. Checks numbered 5686-5712 were issued from Gen/Fire Funds, checks numbered 22609-2611 and no check from Debt Service. Motion, Knapp; Second, Brown. Adopt the amended budget for the 1st Quarter 2025-26. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Knapp, yea; Knopp, yea and Brown, yea.

Public comment opened at 7:07 pm. Public comment closed at 7:17 pm.

Motion, Knopp; Second, Knapp. Approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed on a voice vote.

BUSINESS: Motion, Knapp; Second, Brown. Adopt the Ordinance to renew the 30-year Franchise Agreement with Consumers Energy. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Brown, yea; Knapp, yea and Knopp, yea.

Motion, Knopp; Second, Knapp. Contact a professional to treat the Jones M-20 Park property for poison ivy at a cost not to exceed 400.00. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Knapp, no; Knopp, yea and Brown, yea.

Motion, Knopp; Second, Brown. Pay the additional charge of 495.00 to Chad Cross, Riteway Clearing, for the remainder of the work done at Jones M-20 Park. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Knopp, yea; Brown, yea and Knapp, yea.

Hedgerow planting was tabled to September for further research on the possibilities.

A written estimate to prepare signage at the Jones M-20 Park displaying rules of the park was received from Les "Wiz" Vickers at a total cost of 1,200.00 with an initial 600.00 to purchase materials and the remaining 600.00 to be paid on completion.

Motion, Knapp; Second, Brown. Make the official name of the park area on the Chippewa River at M-20 "Jones M-20 Park". Motion passed on a voice vote. This is in honor of Dennis and Grace Jones and family who donated the property to the Township.

Motion, Knapp; Second, Knopp. Adopt the basic rules for operation of the Jones M-20 Park to be posted on the signage prepared by Les "Wiz" Vickers. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Motion, Knopp; Second, Brown. Accept Vickers estimate for signage and budget a total of 1,450.00 for the signage. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Brown, yea; Knapp, yea and Knopp, yea. This budgeted amount included the cost of the sign permit and quick-set for the posts. Volunteers are expected to do the installation.

REPORTS: Knapp reported that the Planning Commission was concerned about the review of the Master Plan and would like some professional assistance. Motion, Knapp; Second, Knapp. Seek a proposal from Lapham Associates, the consultant in the original creation of the Master Plan in 2018, to assist in the review and update of the Master Plan. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Knapp reported on the progress being made by the Recreation Planning Committee with the assistance of Don Hamilton, Lapham Associates, and gave a report on the success of the July 19, 2025 Community Day with Senior Services at WMFC.

TCA: Knapp reported that there was nothing new going on, still working on the automated permitting system.

Knapp reported that the Grant Writing Committee was on the verge of submitting grant applications to the Midland Service Club Alliance, Midland Area Community Foundation and Exchange Club of America. There will be a meeting of the Committee on August 19, 2025 to complete the applications with a deadline of September 1, 2025.

Knapp reported that the next meeting of the MCTOA is set for Thursday, September 4, 2025 at Larkin Hall. Also, the paperwork for the renewal of the lease with Jones for property connected to the Kelly Cemetery for dirt storage was included in the bills.

Knapp reported that vouchers for over 1200 tires had been issued, leaving about 800 tires yet to fulfill the scrap tire grant for 2025.

Public comment opened: 9:47 pm. Public comment closed: 9:49 pm.

No further business was brought before the Board. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Ruth L Knapp, Clerk