

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

August 18, 2010

**Present** – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jim Oliver, Tom Rush and Jay Swanson. Supervisor Jeff Holm arrived at 7:33 p.m.

**Call to Order** – The August 18, 2010 Baldwin Township workshop was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jay Swanson at 7:03 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discuss Elk Lake Landing** – Swanson discussed drainage and road issues in the area. Mrs. Blesi stated that, at one time, their property was level with the road and now there is bank. The beach was an easement for seven landowners in the area. Swanson stated that the township improved the landing several years ago. Discussion was held regarding runoff from 142<sup>nd</sup> Street and the township engineer's plan that had been drawn up several years ago and was estimated to cost between \$15,000-\$20,000. The previous town board squashed the project. The area was left with a large pile of rocks. By the lake you can see where the rocks are and where the runoff is. Dawn Othoudt stated it was supposed to be maintained and nobody has been out from the township to do the work. Swanson indicated that he had talked to Brian Bumgarner about a possible rain garden with financial help from a county grant. Mr. Bumgarner stated that there are 6 interested homeowners on the lake willing to install shoreland buffers on their property. It would be a 20 foot strip of land that gets planted with native plants and vegetation with the homeowners needing to maintain it for a minimum of 10 years.

Mark Basiletti, Sherburne County Soil & Water Conservation District, was present. He stated that he is working with the Little Elk Lake Association. The boat access problem is much bigger. We did talk about a buffer on the back in 2008. There is limited space. The runoff problem is much bigger than the beach lot can handle. Swanson confirmed with Brian Bumgarner that he was willing to do the labor for the 142<sup>nd</sup> Street rain garden. September 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the grant submission. The item is on the September town board agenda with the possibility of doing something similar at the beach. Dawn Othoudt stated that it has to get fixed before it gets to the beach. Swanson stated that, with the help of Sherburne County Soil & Water, the board will see what they can do. He has already talked to a resident who would be willing to help with the township use of his land for drainage.

The board will have on their September agenda approval of the township engineer to go out there and make up a plan to alleviate the immediate problem with drainage. The board will discuss with the neighbors and then next spring, implement the plan. The board will obtain costs and determine if there are any possible grants available and put the plan in action this winter. Mark Basiletti stated that a cost estimate and concept plan would need to be supplied for a grant application. A draft of the project would be

needed one week prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>. The next step is to authorize the township engineer to start work. Swanson stated that, at this late date, put in for runoff protection as it is too late for the township engineer to come up with a cost estimate for the entire project by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not it was specifically a boat landing or a beach. Dawn Othoudt stated that the water runoff prompted the boat launch. The township tore off the old railroad ties and then rocks put up on shore and then no entrance bars. About 3 years ago the Othoudts asked for it to be put back the way it was. It was being used for both swimming and boating.

Discussion was held regarding who the rightful owners of the beach are. Swanson stated that the board will find out prior to proceeding on any project. The approval of the township attorney to determine who owns the beach will be placed on the September agenda.

**Discuss Employee Handbook** – The board reviewed the first 10 pages of the League of Minnesota Cities Personnel Policy Template of which were recommended by township attorney, Troy Gilchrist. A workshop to continue reviewing the employee handbook was scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment** – Holm/Handshoe unanimous to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Cathy Stevens  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) Jeffrey Holm  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Shelley Larson, Tech Huntington, Blane Ding, Mark Basiletti (Sherburne County Soil & Water Conservation), Ron Hurkman, Dean McDevitt, Chad Loudon, Joyce Blesi, Rob Week, Jenny McDole, Pam Malzac, Alicia Hanson, Stephen Wayne, Jim Lee, Brian Bumgarner, Dawn Othoudt, Tom Grams