

Luce Township Board Minutes

October 7, 2024

Attendance: Lisa Hemmer, Board President Jeremy Kincaid, Board Member Linda Garrett, Clerk	Rick Garrett, Board Secretary Jeremy Gorman, Trustee Daryl Woolard
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Public Hearing on 2025 Budget

Meeting was called to order by President Hemmer at 5:29 pm.

Comparison of the 2024 budget with expenses through September 30 to the 2025 budget was reviewed •

Daryl Woolard attended but had no questions regarding the 2025 budget.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

Time: 5:40 pm

Regular Board Meeting

Board Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Hemmer at 5:40 pm.

Motion was made to approve minutes of the September 26, 2024, as presented.

Motion to Approve Minutes as presented: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

Trustee's Report

Memorial Field – Richland has voted to accept the Memorial Field. The mirrored Town ordinance and Township resolution, which must include wording that the property will not only be maintained but also improved, will be prepared and presented to the Town at their next meeting. The Township Board will then schedule a meeting to conclude the transaction.

Update on cemeteries that the Township maintains that are currently on private property.

Sandale – The process of donating the property to Smithfield Baptist Church by the current owners is still being processed.

Glendale – The Trustee will be meeting with Steve Lindauer, who currently owns the land that the cemetery is on, and the surveyor tomorrow morning, October 8, to view the land and set the boundaries for the property exchange and creation of an access road.

Memorial Field Cleaning

A proposal with estimated cost has been received from Jacob Wilhelmus who currently holds the contract for mowing at the Memorial Field to clean the wooded area on the southeast side of the Memorial Field near the subdivision. The estimated cost is between \$1,500 and \$2,000 depending on the rental cost of needed equipment.

The proposal has been made part of these minutes. Page: 100

Motion to Approve having this work completed: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

Resignation

The Board accepted Jeremy Kincaid's resignation from the Board effective Friday, October 11, as he will be moving to Ohio Township.

His resignation letter has been made a part of these minutes. Page: 102

Motion to Accept the Resignation: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Lisa Hemmer

Vote: 2-0

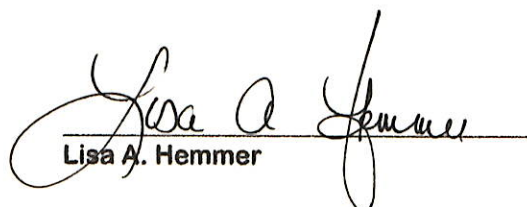
Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the budget adoption meeting, and is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th at 5:30 pm in the Community Room.

Adjournment - Time: 6:20 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Jeremy Kincaid Motion Second: Rick Garrett

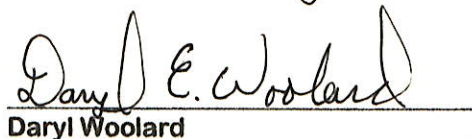
Vote: 3-0



Lisa A. Hemmer



Wm. Rick Garrett



Daryl Woolard

Jakes Lawn Care LLC

Jacob Wilhelmus

8312 W CR 500 N

Richland IN 47634

Clean up at ball fields proposal

This area has a lot of small growth of trees that are too big to be run through a bush hog. I explored the idea of renting a Skid Steer with a mulching head, but it was going to be \$1500.00 just to rent the Skid steer and mulching head for a weekend, and even with a weekend rental, you're only allowed 10 machine hours. While I think the job could be completed in that time frame, I would rather do the extra work by hand and make some money myself, instead of caterpillar making all the money on the rental of their machine.

With that said, I think the best thing is to bush hog what I can, and then cut the trees down with a chain saw. I prefer this method because while I hope I am the one that is maintaining that area in the future, whether it is me or someone else, the trees need to be cut off flush with the ground so there are no stubs sticking up that will puncture tractor or mower tires. There is also a big tree that has been leaning on another tree for many years and needs to be pulled down and cut up.

Also, I think in the long run, it will be easier to rent a small chipper and run all of the debris through that. That keeps me from having to move everything to a central location and me or someone else having to burn it in that wooded area. The debris that comes out of the chipper can be spread evenly so that there aren't piles that will damage the grass in the area. I may be able to get the info today (Monday 10-7) to see what it will cost to rent a chipper for a day or 2, but that won't be anywhere near as costly as the skid steer and mulching head rental.

In conclusion, for the purposed quote, I will bush hog the area, before cleaning up the trees, and then I will go over it again after the trees are cut

down and chipped. I will cut down all the saplings and take down and cut up the large tree that is leaning on the other large tree. I estimate \$1500-\$2000 to do this project. Without knowing exactly the cost to rent the chipper, that's why I have that range in there. I may be high on the cost, but I'd rather bid it high, and maybe be able to do it cheaper, and if I can, I will certainly bill the township with a the smaller amount. Please let me know if there are any questions.

October 9th, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Luce Township Trustee Board. Effective Friday, October 11th, I will no longer be a Luce Township resident.

Thank You,



Jeremy Kincaid

10/9/2024