

**NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
Township Board
Minutes
March 31, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 P.M. by Supervisor Engstrom at 8350 Main Street.

PLEDGE

Supervisor Engstrom led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Engstrom, Supervisor	Present
Angela Westover, Clerk	Present
Kathy Braun, Treasurer	Present
Janet Chick, Trustee	Present
Wayne Dockett, Trustee	Present
Jacki Otto, Trustee	Absent with notice
Tracy Thomas, Trustee	Absent with notice

Also present:

Township Manager Howard Fink
Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent
Tim Hardesty
Community Center Director Tammy Averill
Township Attorney Brad Maynes
Members of the community

ADOPT AGENDA

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported, that the agenda be adopted as presented.
Motion carried 5—0 on a voice vote.

FIRST CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

In answer to a question from Dockett, Maynes said even though the posted agenda originally listed discussion of purchasing real property in a closed session, the notice is still proper with the discussion being held in open session.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Fink noted that the Board has recently been discussing the possibility of purchasing lakefront property for use as a public park, and he just learned that the Van Curler property, in two parcels, has been significantly reduced in

price—15.3 acres including lake frontage for \$229,000 and an additional 8.2 acres for \$123,000—from the previous price of over \$3 million.

The Board and Community Center Director Averill discussed whether to consider purchasing one or both of these parcels.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported to authorize Howard Fink and Paul Burns' office to move forward on the 15.3 acre parcel owned by Van Curler with a 90 day option at a cost of up to \$5,000 and/or a purchase agreement at full price with 90 days due diligence as presented in Board packets.

Dockett said this decision should not be made by only five Board members; there should be at least a couple of meetings to allow input from the public. He also said no more than \$2,000 should be offered for an option. Engstrom noted this action will allow the Township to secure the possibility of purchasing the property while public input is heard.

Motion carried 4—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed.

- ▶ **Motion:** Engstrom moved, Chick supported to authorize Howard Fink and Paul Burns' office to move forward on the 8.2 acre parcel owned by Van Curler with a purchase agreement not to exceed \$100,000 with 90 days due diligence and/or a 90 day option at a cost of up to \$1,000, if needed, as presented in Board packets. **Motion carried 4—1 on a roll call vote, Dockett opposed.**

SECOND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None present.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Van Curler Property. Dockett again objected to only five members of the Board making this decision. Engstrom noted a long period of time will be available for the public to give input.

Community Survey. Fink noted the Planning Commission recommended that the community survey be postponed for a year so he will be putting this on a Board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Engstrom adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

Submitted by Lisa Lemble.

Corrections to the originally issued minutes are indicated as follows:
wording removed is ~~stricken through~~; wording added is underlined.

Approved by the Township Board on April 12, 2016.

Angela Westover, Clerk

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