Annotated Minutes of Board of Trustees 1/28/2020 Meeting

The draft minutes of the 1/28/2020 Oakland Township Board of Trustees minutes are now available. I have cut and pasted them in entirety and made comments below each section *in italics* where I deemed it useful.

The entire one hour meeting can be seen on videotape on the township website at this link:

https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/KGL-y_dHhCluQTy7c6YoVBzzQ5eHj7Lr

The agenda for the upcoming Tuesday 2/11/20 meeting is on the final page with a link to detailed background information about each agenda item. There are some "meaty" agenda items, including a vote on approval of Artemis Villa at Gunn and Adams.

Bob Yager

Editor – Oakland Township Sentinel

CALL TO ORDER

The January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Bailey at 7:02 PM in the Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, Ml.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Supervisor Bailey led the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Langlois called the Roll.

Members Present: Michael Bailey, Supervisor

Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer Robin Buxar, Trustee Frank Ferriolo, Trustee John Giannangeli, Trustee Lana Mangiapane, Trustee

Absent: Karen Reilly, Clerk

Also Present: Jamie Moore, Asst Township Manager

Dan Kelly, Township Attorney Roxanne Thatcher, Deputy Clerk

A quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

There were no announcements nor proclamations.

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Langlois requested that Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 under Pending Business be combined under Item #3 – Resolution to Approve Designating Collins Road and Orion Road as business areas.

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Buxar to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Board heard public comment from: Ron Bawol – 2795 Antrim Ct Ellen Clayton – 5045 Cloisters Blvd Jerry Kolinski – 1181 Oak Hill Rd Lori Ekelman – 2790 Castlemartin Ct Chris Parker – 2976 Baytree Ct Maria Aratari – 2532 Stoneykirk Ct Barb Barber – Historic Preservation Planner Joe Lagoe - 2535 Stoneykirk Ct Dave Corker - 5177 Brecon Ct

Editor's comments:

- The people listed above, except Barbara Barber and Jerry Kolinski presented reasons that the Township should provide some funds and perhaps engineering help with their safety paths on Dutton, Adams and Silverbell bordering Hills of Oakland and Cloisters, for which they are now totally responsible.
- Barbara Barber, Township Historic Preservation Planner, presented fliers outlining upcoming
 Historic District Commission events and explaining Cranberry Lake Farm (See these at the end
 of this.)
- Jerry Kolinski, 1969 Veteran of the 82nd Airborne

 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/82nd_Airborne_Division in Vietnam War, presented fliers inviting people to a Valentine's Day event at his VFW hall (See flier at end.)

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CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Mangiapane to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

- Approval of Bills
 - a) January 28, 2020 in the amount of \$502,666.73
 - b) January 16, 2020 in the amount of \$5,865.80.
- Approval of Minutes
 - a) January 14, 2020 Regular
 - b) January 14, 2020 Closed
- 3. Historic District Commission Request for Approval of Milk House Donation

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

The Board collectively agreed to cancel the April 28, 2020 scheduled meeting due to a conference several Board members will be attending that week.

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Buxar to approve the Board of Trustees 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule as revised.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Township Phone System Upgrades

MOTION by Ferriolo, supported by Buxar to approve quote 20-12120-2 with Telecom Corporation to upgrade the township phone system and allocate direct phone charges beginning with the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Resolution to Approve Designating Collins Road from Orion Road to Beatrice Drive a Business District.
- 4. Resolution to Approve Designating Collins Road from Orion Road to Gunn Road a Business District.

- 5. Resolution to Approve Designating Orion Road from Snell Road to Gunn Road a
 Rusiness District.
- 6. Resolution to Approve Designating Orion Road from Snell Road to West of Hilltop
 Avenue a Business District.
- 3. Resolution to Approve Designating Collins Road and Orion Road as business areas.

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Buxar to identify the areas on the screen as the business area for the hamlet of Goodison and thereby request that it be reviewed for decreases in the speed limits as appropriate. Whereas, the area located on Collins Road from Orion Road to Gunn Road and the area located on Orion Road from Snell Road to Gunn Road serve as the Business District for the hamlet of Goodison in the Charter Township of Oakland and whereas, this resolution is not intended to create a business district as defined under Act 120 of 1961 nor to create nor permit the exercise of any authority of power under that statute. Now therefore, be it resolved by passage of this resolution, the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees does hereby request that the speed limit be lowered from its current level in those areas.

The board heard public comment from: Ellen Clayton – 5045 Cloisters Blvd Phyllis Andrus – 1073 Bear Creek Ct Pete Jarzyna – 3360 Weygant Dr Jerry Kolinski - 1181 Oak Hill Rd

Editor's comments:

- Ellen Clayton recommends lowering the speed limit on Silverbell near Gallagher Park and Cloisters and Is gathering petition signatures
- Phyllis Andrus expressed disappointment at less than forceful action proposed by the Board;
 has put in a 2-1/2 year effort with other residents including talking to school officials and the
 state legislature, with many roadblocks; sees new July 2019 law as giving the Township Board
 authority to set the speed limit at 25; thanked Trustee Mike Bailey for his help on this issue. In
 later comments she expressed the desire for more forceful action and asked what the next
 step was. Supervisor Mike Bailey said it was petition to Road Commission for Oakland County
 (He said this during "Board Comments")
- Pete Jarzyna recommended a stop sign at Collins and Gunn
- Jerry Kolinski expressed concern that a developer may successfully sue to put in something commercial, for example, an auto parts store, if this is declared a business district.as He reminded the Board that his own property next to township hall was rezoned from commercial to residential against his wishes. Mr. Bailey said in "Board Reports" that no rezoning is planned.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Board heard public comment from: Maria Aratari – 2532 Stoneykirk Ct Bob Yager – 1146 Bear Creek Ct

Editor's comments:

- Maria Aratari expressed concern that only 1 of the 25-30 emails she has sent to the Board on various topics has been answered
- Bob Yager supported Maria Aratari's remarks and suggested that the Board examine their entire system of responding to questions and concerns and communicating same to the public, with an eye to improving it. He also suggested that the letters coming to residents about safety paths be approved by the Board in open meetings.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Moore wanted to thank our Deputy Clerk and the excellent clerk's staff for the great job they did getting everything prepared for the public accuracy test today and the upcoming election in March. She also stated that Manager Kline is in the process of drafting responses to several residents regarding safety paths.

Editor's Note:

Township Manager Adam Kline's written report was in the Board meeting packet and can be seen below in entirety. I find his reports refreshingly more complete than we are used to.

Manager Kline is a former Police Chief in Lansing Township and started in his current positon in June, 2019.

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Adam Kline, Township Manager

Date: January 24, 2020

Re: Township Manager's Report

The following items are scheduled for the January 28 meeting agenda:

Historic District Commission Request for Approval of Milk House Donation: In an effort to save the last known intact milk house in Oakland Township, and replace the lost milk house at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, a relocation of a local township milk house is being proposed. Board approval is required to accept donations.

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule 2020-2021: The board should set the year's meeting schedule. **Township Phone System Upgrades:** For several reasons, our current landline phone system is in need of updates. A budget amendment is not required but board approval is appropriate.

Resolutions to Approve Designating Portions of Collins Road and Orion Roads a Business District: Supervisor Bailey requested these items be placed on the agenda. There are four resolutions the board may wish to approve.

Other Township Business:

Veterans Tribute of Oakland Township: The Veterans Tribute of Oakland Township (the VTOT) is again taking orders for honorary brick pavers to be installed at the Tribute. These laser engraved bricks are available to honor a Veteran, a military unit or other organization, or simply to express a patriotic sentiment. All information on options and order forms, as well as general information about the Tribute and how to support it, can be found on the VTOT website: VTOTMLORG. To be installed for Memorial Day 2020, orders must be received by March 1st. Orders received after that date will be installed in the fall prior to Veterans Day.

Water Resources Commission: On January 23, I met with Connie Sims to discuss the township's water system history and current activity. This meeting was very informative. An update on mandated water storage at the Knorrwood Pines site is expected at the February 11 meeting.

Safety Paths and Trails Committee: To date, we have received 3 applications for the open position. The SPTC will review these applications at their next meeting and recommend a candidate for Board of Trustees approval.

Employee Handbook: We continue to work on updating the employee handbook. This will be presented to the board for input soon.

Leadership Meeting with Department Heads: We had a very cooperative and positive department head meeting last week. These will continue monthly.

Sheriff: Deputies recently received a call at the substation alerting them to potential larceny suspects in the Wynstone subdivision. The caller observed two suspects at her vehicle on her Ring Doorbell camera. Deputies responded to the area, set up a perimeter and all suspects were located. Great work by our deputies! They do wish to remind residents to please lock car doors.



Safety Rating: On that note, Oakland Township was recently named the safest community in Michigan and the 11th safest in the entire country by LendEDU.

Library Board: The Library Board met on January 16 for their annual meeting. The selection of officers and meeting schedule were items on the agenda.

Census: Our Census Coordinator Don Mende recently participated in a Partnership Briefing conference call for Census Liaisons with the Chicago Regional office. The 2020 Census kicks off with a mailed invitation letter to complete the census between March 12 and March 20. It will be the first time that the internet will be used as the primary response method, though mail and a telephone option can also be used. His discussions with the Census Bureau indicate that it is likely that the majority of Oakland Township residents will respond online. The Census Bureau will follow up with non-responders, first by mail and then with enumerators. Oakland Township, as a result of being primarily developed with single family residential dwelling units, does not have many hard to count areas such as transient housing, college dormitories or tribal communities.

Gravel Roads: After meeting with RCOC staff on 2020 gravel needs, we should expect an increased cost of gravel from \$18-\$20 a ton.

Cable: The Assistant Manager attended a recent ICCA cable meeting. Materials provided by Community Media Network are attached. It was reported at this meeting that bills in the House and Senate are looking for sponsors to "save public access" in light of recent FCC actions. Ice Rink: The ice rink at Bear Creek Nature Park is officially open. Hours are 10-5 daily, weather permitting.

Upcoming Items:

Public Accuracy Test: January 28 at 2:30pm

Budget Workshop: February 3 Winter Carnival: February 8 Next BOT Meeting: February 11

BOARD REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Bailey – wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and for voicing your concerns. We are listening to our residents. He wanted to stress that there are no plans for rezoning anything on Orion Road and Collins Road.

Treasurer Langlois – wanted to comment that Oakland Township was recently named the safest community in Michigan and the 11th safest in the entire country by Lend.EDU. They

reviewed the 2018 FBI crime statistics for 1261 Municipalities that have at least 10,000 residents to help prospective home buyers decide where to live.

Trustee Ferriolo – wanted to comment on the donation of the Milk House to Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District and to thank Mr. Eldridge for his donation of the Milk House and money to help with the moving expenses. He also wanted to thank everyone that attended the meeting tonight.

Trustee Buxar - nothing to report.

Trustee Giannangeli – wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. It is always great to hear the residents thoughts and opinions. The topic of the last MTA meeting was the upcoming April 1st census. He wanted to stress how important it is that everyone get counted. He believes that the amount paid per person from the Federal Funds is \$18,000 over the 10 year period.

Trustee Mangiapane – reminded residents about the classes offered at the Oakland Township Fire Department.

Editor's comments:

Supervisor Bailey allowed a third round of citizen comments -

The Board heard public comment from: Phyllis Andrus – 1073 Bear Creek Ct Ron Bawol – 2795 Antrim Ct

Editor's comments:

- Phyllis Andrus expressed the desire for more forceful action and asked what the next step was.
 Mike Bailey said it was to petition to Road Commission of Oakland County (He said during Board comments)
- Ron Bawol asked the Board to please address his safety path concerns in public meetings

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ferriolo, supported by Langlois to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING - Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Oakland Township Hall – 1st Floor Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Karen Reilly, Clerk Board of Trustees Michael Bailey, Supervisor Board of Trustees

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OAKLAND TOWNSHIP HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District 388 West Predmore Rd. Oakland Twp.











HAPPENINGS 2020: PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



April: Fruit Trees Pruning and Maintenance Workshop. More details coming thru HDC. April / May: High Tea Program – a cooking, crafts and culture program in the main house.

Beekeeping Classes: May thru Aug. second Sat. of each month, 5-9, 6-13,7-11, 8-8 from noon to 1:30 PM. Join local beekeeper Preston Zale who will teach you everything you need to know about raising bees, helping the environment, and harvesting honey. \$5 fee includes all four classes.

MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH!



May through Sept. please join the outdoor Tai Chi classes by contacting the Parks and Rec.

Wed. June 3: 6:30 Potluck and history program by Oakland Township Historical Society.





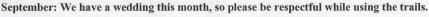
August 21 the Parks and Recreation concert series called Music in the Meadows is being held at

CLF on the main house porch. Oakland Township Historical Society offers building tours at 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM (ends) on these family evenings. Come early with your picnic dinner early!



Wed. Sept. 3 6:30 PM join Oakland Township Historical Society for a potluck and presentation in the Flumerfelt Barn. Always an interesting program for everyone.

Sat. Sept 12, 7 PM to 9 PM. Free Square dance in the Flumerfelt Barn. Rain or shine! Glen Morningstar calling to the tunes of The Ruffwater Stringband. Always a good gathering of fun!





Sat. Oct. 3 Down on the Farm 11 AM to 2 PM. FREE family fun! Hayrides, pumpkin painting, apple picking, chickens, horses and farrier, corn shelling, blacksmithing, quilting, spinning, butter churning, outdoor games, beekeeping, tractors, plein air painters, apron exhibit, and much more!

As the colder months approach, please watch for additional programs and festivities at the farm.

Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) is a 16-acre historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The farmstead resides within the 213-acre Cranberry Lake Park in northern Oakland Township. The Historic District Commission oversees the operations and maintenance, and strives to preserve and interpret an evolving rural setting in the historic environment. Promoting our local heritage requires many hands with volunteer support from the Oakland Township Historical Society. CLF site is funded by a Preservation Millage called the Historic District Operating millage. Come out to the farm and join us in making history!

More Information HDC office located in the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Phone 248-608-6807, email bbarber@oakalandtownship.org Find us on Facebook at 'CLFdistrict'

Welcome to Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District!



What can you do at Cranberry Lake Farm?

Today, the farmstead is continuing to grow its offerings to the public with historical and agricultural programs, recreational activities, private rentals, photography sittings, and much more. While Cranberry Lake Farm is a historic site, it is also a place for the community to go for a walk, have a picnic, attend programs and learn about history, of course! The Oakland Township Historic District

Commission (HDC), Parks and Recreation (PRC) and Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) all offer great programs throughout the year. The park is open dusk to dawn for use of trails and just enjoying the historic context of the farm. The OTHS has collected many antiques on display and collects local archives, while the HDC manages the daily operations and maintenance. The HDC has recently restored the apple orchard and fence line, added picnic table seating, and a permanent outhouse. The HDC next projects, involve replicating one or more of the lost barns to continue with the historic interpretations of a farmstead and its changing evolutions over time, with a variety of offerings from Down on the Farm days to beekeeping.

Did you know all photography on the grounds is free of charge? However, please check the website for programs and events. Did you know that OTHS offers open hours on most Wed. afternoons for local archives research in the main house? Hours may vary, normally from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Are you interested in programs or volunteering with programs, events, or in the many garden areas or apple orchard? If yes, please share your email with us at #clfdistrict or bbarber@oaklandtownship.org or 248-608-6807. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through a brief bit of our history! Preserving these areas for future generation requires the support of our residents. We hope you have enjoyed your visit and appreciate our commitment and everyone's efforts over the years!

Numbers refer to Judy Workings watercolor drawing of farm on the next page

1. Flumerfelt Barn

This fully restored barn was originally built in 1879 and was moved to its current location in August of 2004. With the help of volunteers, the Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) orchestrated the raising of the Flumerfelt barn at Cranberry Lake Farm to everyone's enjoyment.

2. Spring House

Restored in the Spring of 2008, this structure has served many functions throughout its life. The built-in sink, bathroom, and 500-gallon water tank below the floor suggests that it could have been utilized as a wash house for migrant workers and also for kitchen help. Today, it houses an informational dairy display and milking artifacts.

3. Carriage Barn Replica

Replicated in 2007 with a generous donation from Charles, Loyal, and William Eldridge. The building is being used for transportation exhibits and includes horse-drawn carriages, sleds, traveling trunks, and lanterns.

4. Green House

This very unique structure was rehabilitated in the spring of 2008. Connected to the Caretaker House and Carriage Barn, this greenhouse features a fieldstone foundation and cast-iron gutters. It may have been used to raise seedlings for produce on the farm.

5. Caretaker House

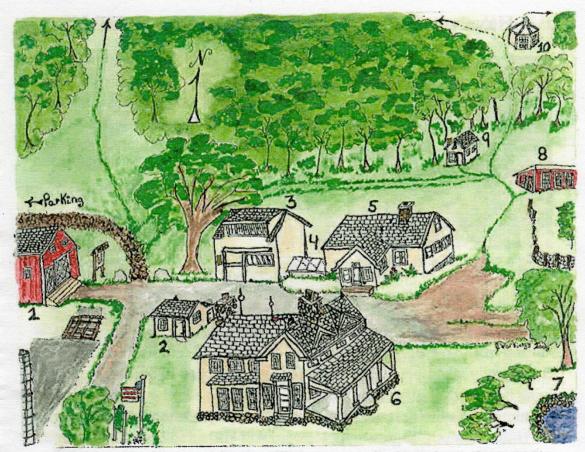
This one-and-a-half story, side-gable house was constructed in two phases as indicated by the partial fieldstone foundation circa 1840 and the partial poured concrete foundation circa 1930. Later additions include the upper half story, the attached greenhouse, and the basement. Today, it is used as a museum by the OTHS and is home to various artifacts and antiques donated by local residents.

6. Main House

This Greek Revival home built in 1840, and later modified in the Arts and Crafts Style, served as a country retreat for the Howard A. Coffin family during the 1930's. There were many additions and alterations throughout the years, including the 1890s dining room and the expansion of the east porch. The original part of the house is the modern-day great room. The ceiling was raised to make room for a grand fieldstone fireplace. A kitchen, featuring much of the original knotty pine, and a sunroom were also added. The Coffin office features a stunning vista that overlooks the serene reflection pond and the silver maple trees lining the driveway.

7. Reflection Pond

This eye-catching vernal pond is lined with fieldstones near the formal garden area. The fieldstone construction is mirrored in the nearby pump house and BBQ structure. While the exact use of the pump house is still being explored, we can safely assume that these fieldstone structures were built around the same time. The masonry was restored in the spring of 2016, and a steel grate and ornamental wrought iron door at the BBQ structure were installed in the summer of 2016.



Watercolor by Judy Workings 2008

8. Hen House

The Hen House was restored in the Spring of 2005. With six runs and an 82'long shed roof, this building is now used for programs at the farm as well as additional storage. Once, it housed the poultry raised here for meat and egg production. Just south of the building is the apple orchard, which was recently restored by the HDC and replanted with heirloom apple varieties of Jonathon, Empire, McIntosh, Courtland, and Granny Smith.

9. Hatchling House

Believed to have been built around the same time as the Hen House, this mystery building was most likely used to raise hatchlings to further promote the poultry industry. Inside the building is a brick hearth with a chimney, evidence of electricity, and a water faucet. A small pigeon landing was added later to the exterior gable peak.

10. Wild Game Brooder

This Yurt type building is on skids and was reconstructed in the Spring of 2008. The original structure was built from a kit, its company stamp on outside wall reading "Economy Portable Housing Co. West Chicago, ILL." The hexagon shaped structure features windows that open inward and rolled roofing. Future plans include replicating the lost brooders to be used as pavilions for entertainment and passive recreation.

Have you visited your local historic park lately?



Parks are gathering places for communities. They provide a place to relax, play, exercise, and learn. Some even protect our history. In addition to natural features associated with parks, a historic park also includes historic buildings and/or sites.

Did you know you have a historic park in your community?

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, CLF is located at 388 West

Predmore Road in Oakland Township. It includes 9 restored buildings and barns as well as 16-acres of beautiful grounds and vistas to enjoy.

What's the history behind Cranberry Lake Farm?

Starting in 1837, CLF was the home of several local families, including the Kline family who operated the farm for over 75 years. In the 1930s, people living near Detroit often used Oakland Township and other surrounding rural communities as their escape from the bustling city. Prominent businessman and United States Congressman, Howard A. Coffin and his wife, Abbie, followed suit by purchasing the farmstead in 1939 as their recreational country retreat. Wild game brooders were used to raise hunting birds for sport and the Reflection pond viewshed delivered leisure and relaxation. Today, the farm welcomes you to enjoy, just as the Kline's and Coffins did.

How is Cranberry Lake Farm funded?

The Oakland Township PRC was fortunate to acquire the large acreage property with all the buildings in 1996, spanning all the way to 32-mile road to the North. The HDC and the OTHS members became involved with the farmstead, when they collaborated to save all the historic structures for future use. OTHS promoted a township historic preservation millage and on the Nov. 1996 ballot, the Township's first Historic Preservation millage (later called the Historic District Operating Millage) was passed to finance historic preservation, restoration, acquisition, and maintenance within Oakland Township. The first charge was to hire architectural firm Kessler Associates to design a Master Plan to guide the Township Board into preserving the structures, and also to develop the context for how to use the site as a community historical center with other functions for public enjoyment, use, and education. Please visit our site **CLFdistrict on Facebook!**

Tuesday upcoming Board agenda. Some very "meaty" agenda items!

Charter Township of Oakland

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE AND AGENDA Tuesday, February 11, 2020

7:00 PM - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call	
II. Announcements and Proclamations	
III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda	
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