

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Trustee John Dontz, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Also present were Fire Chief Chuck Barron, Deputy Clerk Karen Clouse, Dan Revolt, Paul Revolt, Shelley Green, Bob Rishel, MCRC Manager Mark Sohlden, Marlene Walters, Brenda Sedelmaier, Dan Ursum, Pete Ramon, Peggy Acton, Dave Kieft Jr., Suzanne Riley, John Read and Keith Brown, PEG.

Supervisor Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and said the pledge to the United States flag.

Minutes of the March 15, 2018 Manistee Township Board were provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer Jankwietz gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2018. The receipts were \$45,526.46; expenditures were \$37,665.00, leaving a balance of \$223,447.81 in the General Fund as of March 31, 2018.

Manistee Township Planning Commission ~ Meeting on April 19, 2018

Manistee Township Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet; no appeals to be heard.

Supervisor Bjorkquist asked if anyone had anything to bring before the Board. Ms. Shelley Green stated she would like to see a map on the website defining the boundaries of the Township and also questioned if the Township has a permit to dig out the Bar Lake Outlet. Supervisor Bjorkquist stated the Township has approval from the DEQ to clear out the outlet to avoid flooding issues to the residents surrounding Bar Lake provided no sand or stone is being removed from the area.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was not available.

Trustee Finout, as Zoning Administrator, reported on the March activity in the Zoning office. There was one (1) complaint involving runoff from a construction area that is impacting a neighboring residential property. One (1) land owner has responded via a realtor stating they will be honoring the summer of 2018 commitments and then put the rental property up for sale. Four (4) land use permits and three (3) construction permits were issued. Turnaround for approved building permits has been 3-5 days; turnaround for approved trade permits has been a couple of hours. The Planning Commission will meet on April 19, 2018 for a public hearing on amending the current zoning ordinance on driveway and private street standards as well as their regular meeting. Treasurer Jankwietz and Zoning Administrator Finout have been meeting with the City regarding city sewer with more research needing to be completed. An ordinance needs to be drafted and passed to support a city water agreement; Attorney Peter Wendling has been asked to prepare the ordinance.

Fire Chief Chuck Barron reported on activities at the Fire Department during March. There were a total of seventeen (17) activities; three (3) fire, nine (9) medical, and five (5) station meetings/training. Truck #131 has had repairs made to it and truck #135R needs to have the windshield replaced. The DOT inspections on the trucks are due. Training is being conducted

on the ladder truck and Firefighter I & II training are continuing; graduation is scheduled for the end of May.

Supervisor Bjorkquist, as Liquor Inspector, stated there were no significant changes for March.

The Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting on June 11 at 5:00 PM to award grants. Twenty – two (22) applications have been received.

Manistee County Road Commission Manager Mark Sohlden presented the Board with a packet of basic facts, expenditures, budget summary, and the 2018 overview for the MCRC. Topics discussed included the Red Bridge, Big Four Road and Cooley Bridge projects, as well as Olson Road being wedged and chipped again this year. A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board members, M. Sohlden and Bob Rishel regarding the numerous complaints received on the condition of Milarch Road from US31 to 8 Mile Road and the status of a request to change a portion of Milarch Road to a county primary road.

Trustee Finout made the motion to adopt the Solar Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2018-01, which covers map changes, expansion of the AG District, addition of rules and regulations to standards of solar farms as a whole and changing the ZBA from a five (5) member Board down to a three (3) member Board; seconded by Trustee Dontz.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MANISTEE TOWNSHIP ZONING
ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM COUNTRY
RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO AG-FOREST PRESERVATION (AP-1), TO
INCLUDE LARGE SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AS SPECIAL
USES IN THE AG-FOREST PRESERVATION (AP-1) DISTRICT AND
THE MULTIPLE-USE (M-1) DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH SITE PLAN
AND SPECIAL USE STANDARDS FOR LARGE SCALE SOLAR
ENERGY SYSTEMS, TO CHANGE THE SIZE OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AND TO REPEAL ALL
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Manistee Township hereby ORDAINS:

Section 1. Rezoning. So much of the following lands presently comprising the Heathlands Golf Course and consisting of the following tax parcel numbers:

51-07-102-001-01, 51-07-475-001-00, 51-07-475-002-00, 51-07-475-003-00, 51-07-475-004-00, 51-07-475-005-00, 51-07-475-006-00, 51-07-475-007-00, 51-07-475-008-00, 51-07-475-009-00, 51-07-475-010-00, 51-07-475-011-00, 51-07-475-012-00, 51-07-475-013-00, 51-07-475-014-00, 51-07-475-015-00, 51-07-475-016-00, 51-07-475-017-00, 51-07-475-018-00, and 51-07-475-019-00, and more fully described as follows:

SEC 2 EXC PT LYING S OF M & NE RR R/W ALSO EXC NW 1/4, ALSO EXC W 1/2 SW 1/4, ALSO EXC E 361.16 FT OF N 500 FT IN NE COR SD SEC, ALSO EXC RR R/W. ALSO EXC COM AT E 1/4 COR OF SD SEC TH N 85 DEG 10 MIN 15 SEC W 238.8 FT, TH N 61 DEG 11 MIN 14 SEC W 87.33

FT, TH N 17 DEG 44 MIN 49 SEC E 435.4 FT, TH N 1 DEG 41 MIN 59 SEC E 219.99 FT, TH S 87 DEG 55 MIN 24 SEC E 199.91 FT TH S 02 DEG 02 MIN 43 SEC W 690.26 FT TO POB. ALSO EXC COM AT E 1/4 COR OF SD SEC, TH N 02 DEG 02 MIN 43 SEC E 689.85 FT TO POB, TH N 87 DEG 57 MIN 17 SEC W 199.83 FT, TH N 2 DEG 09 MIN 29 SEC E 880 FT, TH S 87 DEG 57 MIN 17 SEC E 189.09 FT, TH S 02 DEG 02 MIN 43 SEC W 880 FT TO POB. ALSO EXC COM NE COR OF SD SEC 2, TH S 500.02 FT TO POB, TH CON'T S 489.71 FT, TH N 89 DEG 12 MIN 49 SEC W 249.29 FT, TH ALG CRV TO LEFT (CHRD BEARS & DIS S 63 DEG 11 MIN 18 SEC W) 200.13 FT, TH S 35 DEG 35 MIN 26 SEC W 32.11 FT, TH N 34 DEG 45 MIN 05 SEC W 236.02 FT, TH N 22 DEG 29 MIN 09 SEC W 176.38 FT, TH N 05 DEG 26 MIN 48 SEC W 148.16 FT, TH N 12 DEG 15 MIN 05 SEC W 104.88 FT, TH N 32 DEG 51 MIN 16 SEC W 160.95 FT, TH N 28 DEG 52 MIN 42 SEC W 165.21 FT, TH N 11 DEG 12 MIN 18 SEC E 239.01 FT, TH S 88 DEG 39 MIN 54 SEC E 455.7 FT, TH S 500 FT, TH S 88 DEG 39 MIN 22 SEC E 361.18 FT TO POB. SEC 2 T22N R16W.

not zoned Ag-Forest Preservation (AP-1) or Multiple Use (M-1) on the date of enactment of this ordinance is hereby rezoned from Country Residential (R-2) to Ag-Forest Preservation (AP-1).

Section 2. Map Amendment. The Official Manistee Township Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning described in Section 1 of this Ordinance and the Clerk and Supervisor of Manistee Township are hereby directed to make or cause to be made the changes to the map as indicated.

Section 3. Amend Definitions. Section 502 of the Manistee Township Permanent Zoning Ordinance, as amended, ("Ordinance") is hereby amended by the addition of the following definition, to be inserted alphabetically in Section 502.

Large Solar Energy System. An area of land containing energy facilities intended to be used to convert solar energy to electric or any other energy to be used off site, and includes all solar panels, arrays, mounting and tracking systems, inverters, transformers, batteries and related and appurtenant structures and facilities, such as access roads, driveways and fencing. The term includes but is not limited to photovoltaic power systems, solar thermal systems and solar hot water systems.

Section 4. Amend Ag-Preservation District AP-1. Section 3703 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of a new special use, as follows:

16. Large Solar Energy System.

Section 5. Amend Multiple-Use District M-1. Section 3903 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of a new special use, as follows:

24. Large Solar Energy System.

Section 6. Large Solar Energy System. The Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of new Section 1650-Large Solar Energy Systems, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

1650. Large Solar Energy Systems.

1. Purpose and Intent: The purpose and intent of this section is to establish additional standards for the siting, installation, operation, repair, decommissioning and removal of Large Solar Energy Systems as a special land use.
2. Ocular Impacts from Glare or Glint. A Large Solar Energy System shall meet all of the following glare and glint standards as demonstrated by the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool or other approved tool or program:
 - a. No more than a “low potential for after image” ocular effects from glint or glare on any residential structure caused by the Large Solar Energy System.
 - b. No potential for after image ocular effects from glint or glare on any existing or planned airport traffic control tower.
 - c. No potential for glare or glint or “low potential for after-image” ocular effects along the final approach path for any existing landing threshold or future landing thresholds as shown on the current Federal Aviation Authority-approved Airport Layout Plan for any airport within five (5) miles of the Large Solar Energy System. The final approach path is defined as two (2) miles from fifty (50) feet above the landing threshold using a standard three (3) degree flightpath.
 - d. Ocular impacts shall be analyzed over the entire calendar year in five (5) minute intervals from when the sun rises above the horizon until the sun sets below the horizon.
3. Compliance with the State Building Code and the National Electric Safety Code: Construction of a Large Solar Energy System shall comply with the National Electric Safety Code and the current State of Michigan building code administered by the Township (as shown by approval by the Township Building Official) as a condition of any special land use permit under this section. In the event of a conflict between the state building code and National Electric Safety Code (NESC), the NESC shall prevail. The design and construction of the Large Solar Energy System shall not produce electrical emissions that would interfere with aircraft communications systems or navigation equipment.
4. Certified Solar array Components: Components of a solar array shall be approved by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (“IEEE”), Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (“SRCC”), Electronic Testing Laboratories (“EIL”), or other similar certification organization if the similar certification organization is approved by the Township, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
5. Height: Maximum height of a solar array, other collection device or components of the Large Solar Energy System, excluding substation, buildings and electrical transmission

equipment, shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet as measured from the actual grade at the base of improvements, at any time or location on the property. Substation, building and electrical transmission equipment shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet.

6. Lot Size: A Large Solar Energy System shall be located on one or more parcels with an aggregate area of five (5) acres or greater.
7. Setbacks: A minimum setback distance of thirty-five (35) feet from all exterior property lines of the Large Solar Energy System and existing public roads and railroad rights-of-way shall be required for all buildings and solar arrays, provided that a minimum setback of seventy-five (75) feet from the exterior property lines shall be required from any existing residential structures adjacent to the Large Solar Energy System.
8. Lot Coverage: A Large Solar Energy System is exempt from maximum lot coverage limitations.
9. Screening/Security: A Large Solar Energy System shall be completely enclosed by perimeter fencing to prevent unauthorized access. The applicant will submit a fencing style type included in the site plan for approval by the Township. Electric fencing is not permitted. The applicant shall utilize existing topography and natural vegetation to the greatest extent possible to protect viewsheds from existing adjacent residential structures. The perimeter of Large Solar Energy Systems shall also be screened and buffered by installed evergreen vegetative plantings whenever existing natural vegetation does not otherwise reasonably obscure the Large Solar Energy System from existing adjacent residential structures and public roads, subject to the following requirements:
 - a. The Large Solar Energy Systems shall be exempt from the other landscape requirements of this ordinance.
 - b. An installed evergreen vegetative buffer shall be composed of evergreen trees that at planting shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in height and shrubs two (2) feet in height. The evergreen trees shall be spaced no more than fifteen (15) feet apart on center (from the central trunk of one plant to the central trunk of the next plant), and shrubs shall be spaced no more than seven (7) feet apart on center. All unhealthy (sixty (60) percent dead or greater) and dead material shall be replaced by the applicant within one (1) year, or the next appropriate planting period, whichever occurs first.
 - c. All plant materials shall be installed between March 15 and November 15 at a time specified by a professional arborist or tree specialist. If the applicant requests a Final Certificate of Occupancy from the Township and the applicant is unable to plant during the installation period, the applicant will provide the Township with a letter of credit, surety or corporate guarantee for an amount equal to one and one-half (1.5) times the cost of any planting deficiencies that the Township shall hold until the next planting season. After all plantings have occurred, the Township shall return the financial guarantee.

- d. Subject to subsection b. above, failure to install or continuously maintain the required vegetative buffer shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and any special use permit may be subject to revocation.
10. Signage: No advertising or non-project related graphics shall be on any part of the solar arrays or other components of the Large Solar Energy System. This exclusion does not apply to entrance gate signage or notifications containing points of contact or any and all other information that may be required by the Planning Commission and other authorities having jurisdiction for electrical operations and the safety and welfare of the public.
11. Noise: No component of any Large Solar Energy System shall emit noise exceeding forty-five (45) dBA as measured at the exterior property boundary or the existing public road right of way line.
12. Lighting: All lighting for parking lots, driveways, external illumination of buildings, or the illumination of signs shall be shielded, down directed lighting with full cut-off lenses, and shall be so arranged as to not adversely affect driver visibility on adjacent public roads in accordance with Section 1003.6.
13. Distribution, Transmission and Interconnection: All collection lines and interconnections from the solar array(s) to any electrical substations shall be located and maintained underground inside the Large Solar Energy System, except in areas where technical or physical constraints make it preferable to install equipment above ground. This requirement excludes transmission equipment meant to connect the project substation to the local transmission system.
14. Abandonment and Decommissioning: Following the operational life of the project, the applicant or then current owner or operator shall perform decommissioning and removal of the Large Solar Energy System and all its components. Decommissioning shall include removal of all structures, concrete, piping, facilities, and other project-related materials above grade and any structures up to three (3) feet below-grade, and all such materials shall be removed offsite for disposal. Any solar array or combination of photovoltaic devices that is not operated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months shall be considered abandoned and shall be removed under the decommissioning plan. The applicant or then current owner or operator shall provide written notice to the Zoning Administrator after the first thirty (30) days of continuous non-operation. The ground must be restored to a topography consistent with the surrounding properties as approved by the Planning Commission within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of abandonment or decommissioning.
15. Inspection: The applicant shall agree in writing that officials of the Township shall have the right, at any reasonable time, following notice to the applicant, to inspect within 30 days the premises on which any Large Solar Energy System is located. The Township may hire one or more consultants, to assist with inspections at the applicant's or project owner's expense. Inspections must be coordinated with, and escorted by, the applicant's operations staff at the Large Solar Energy Facility to ensure compliance with the Michigan

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), NESC and all other applicable safety guidelines.

16. Maintenance and Repair: Each Large Solar Energy System must be kept and maintained in good repair and condition at all times. If the Zoning Administrator determines that a Large Solar Energy System fails to meet the requirements of this ordinance and the special land use permit, or that it poses a safety hazard, the Zoning Administrator, or his or her designee, shall provide notice to the applicant of the violation. If, after a reasonable cure period (not to exceed 60 days), the violations are not corrected, the applicant is entitled to a hearing before the Planning Commission. If the Planning Commission determines that the violation requires that the Large Solar Energy System must be shut down, applicant shall immediately shut down the Large Solar Energy System and not operate, start or restart the Large Solar Energy System until the violations have been resolved. Applicant shall keep a maintenance log on the solar array(s), which shall be available for the Township's review within 48 hours of such request.
17. Housekeeping. Applicant shall keep all sites within the Large Solar Energy System neat, clean and free of refuse, waste or unsightly, hazardous or unsanitary conditions.
18. Roads:
 - a. Any material damages to a public road located within the Township resulting from the construction, maintenance or operation of a Large Solar Energy System shall be repaired at the applicant's expense. In addition, the applicant shall submit to the Manistee County Road Commission and/or Michigan Department of Transportation a description of the routes to be used by construction and delivery vehicles and any road improvements that will be necessary to accommodate construction vehicles, equipment or other deliveries. The applicant shall abide by all county and state requirements regarding the use and/or repair of county and state roads.
 - b. There shall be a perimeter access road around the entire perimeter of the site, located just inside the security fencing. In addition, there shall be interior access roads between every third row of solar arrays. All interior roads shall be not less than fifteen (15) feet wide. Interior roads may be paved or graveled but in either case they shall be maintained so as to allow unobstructed passage and maneuvering by emergency vehicles, including snow removal. The terminal location of all interior roads shall be designed so as to permit emergency vehicles to safely turn around.
19. Continuing Security: If any Large Solar Energy System is approved for construction under this section, the applicant shall post decommissioning security prior to the start of construction in a mutually agreed-upon form for an amount necessary to accomplish the work specified in the decommissioning plan as agreed upon by the Township and the

applicant. The amount shall be reasonably sufficient to restore the property to its previous condition prior to construction and operation of the Large Solar Energy System. Such financial security shall be kept in full force and effect during the entire time that the Large Solar Energy System exists or is in place, and such financial security shall be irrevocable and noncancelable.

- a. Continuing Obligations: Failure to keep any required financial security in full force and effect at all times while a Large Solar Energy System exists or is in place shall constitute a material and significant violation of the special land use permit and this ordinance, unless cured within sixty (60) days of notice from the Township, and will subject the Large Solar Energy System applicant, owner and operator to all remedies available to the Township, including enforcement action, civil action, request for injunctive relief, and revocation of the special land use permit.
- b. Periodic Review. Not less than sixty (60) days after every five (5) year anniversary of the issuance of the special use permit for a Large Solar Energy System, the applicant or then current owner or operator, shall submit to the Planning Commission an updated decommissioning plan meeting the requirements of subsection 14, with current cost estimates for decommissioning the entire Large Solar Energy System. The amount of the financial security shall be adjusted by the Planning Commission following review of the updated decommissioning plan, and the applicant or owner shall fulfill the new financial security requirement within sixty (60) days of the adjustment.
- c. Notice of Change of Owner/Operator. The applicant or owner of the Large Solar Energy System shall give written notice to the Zoning Administrator at least ten (10) business days prior to any change in ownership or change in the operator of the Large Solar Energy System

20. Other Requirements: Each Large Solar Energy System shall also comply with all applicable federal, state and county requirements, in addition to other applicable township ordinances.

Section 7. Site Plan Requirements. Section 9403 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by renumbering existing subsection 4 as subsection 5, and adding a new subsection 4, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

4. Additional Site Plan Information and Supporting Materials for Large Solar Energy Systems: All special use permit applications for a Large Solar Energy System must be accompanied by a detailed site plan meeting the requirements of Section 9403 drawn to scale and dimensioned and certified by a registered engineer licensed in the State of Michigan, and displaying the following additional information:
 - a. All lot lines and dimensions, including a legal description of each lot or parcel comprising the Large Solar Energy System.

- b. Names of owners of each lot or parcel within the Township that is proposed to be within the Large Solar Energy System.
- c. Vicinity map showing the location of all parcels and land uses within 300 feet of the parcel comprising the Large Solar Energy System and the distance to Manistee Blacker Airport.
- d. Location and height of all proposed solar array(s), buildings, structures, electrical tie lines and transmission lines, security fencing, and all above-ground structures and utilities associated with the Large Solar Energy System.
- e. Horizontal and vertical (elevation) to scale drawings with dimensions that show the location of the proposed solar array(s), buildings, structures, electrical tie lines, substations and transmission lines, security fencing and all above ground structures and utilities on the property.
- f. Location of all existing and proposed overhead and underground electrical transmission or distribution lines within the Large Solar Energy System and within 100 feet of all exterior property lines of the Large Solar Energy System.
- g. Proposed setbacks from the solar array(s) to all existing and proposed structures within the Large Solar Energy System.
- h. Land elevations for the solar array(s) location and extending 100 feet beyond the parcel boundary of the Large Solar Energy System, and the relationship to the land elevations of all existing and proposed structures within the Large Solar Energy System at a minimum of 5' contours.
- i. Private driveways proposed to be located within and to the Large Solar Energy System from public roads, together with a detailed narrative regarding dimensions, composition, and maintenance of each proposed driveway. All driveway intersections with public roads shall be subject to Manistee County Road Commission or Michigan Department of Transportation approval, which approval shall be noted on the site plan, and shall be planned so as to minimize the use of lands for that purpose.
- j. Security measures to prevent unauthorized trespass and access during the construction, operation, removal, maintenance or repair of the Large Solar Energy System.
- k. A written description of the maintenance program to be used for the solar array and other components of the Large Solar Energy System. The description shall include maintenance schedules, types of maintenance to be performed and equipment to be used.
- l. Planned lightning protection measures.

- m. A solar glare hazard analysis plot using the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool, developed by Sandia National Laboratories, (or similar tool or program approved by the Planning Commission) demonstrating compliance with the standards required by Section 1650 of this Ordinance.
- n. A decommissioning plan meeting the requirements of Section 1650 of this ordinance and including the procedures and schedule to be used and an estimate of the total cost of decommissioning the entire Large Solar Energy System and all of its components, as of the end of its expected useful life, prepared by a licensed engineer.
- p. A surface water runoff and detention plan for the entire site to be occupied by the Large Solar Energy System, showing the plan to capture and dispose of surface water falling or coming on to the site, as approved by the Manistee County Drain Commissioner and Manistee County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Office.
- q. A weed control plan.
- r. The name and address and other contact information for the manufacturer and installer of the Large Solar Energy System and the proposed operator of the site, if not the applicant; the type and model of all major equipment components to be used, including but not limited to the photovoltaic panels, thermal energy or hot water systems, mounting and tracking systems, inverters and transformers.
- s. A copy of the application to the utility company that will be interconnecting the Large Solar Energy System at the proposed site.
- t. If the Large Solar Energy System will utilize batteries or the storage of batteries, adequate design must be provided to show compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements regulating the outdoor storage of batteries.
- u. Modeling of all surrounding properties and existing dwellings within 1000 feet of the exterior boundary of the Large Solar Energy System demonstrating compliance with the sound level requirements contained in Section 1650 of the ordinance.

Section 8. Zoning Board of Appeals. Section 9602 of the Ordinance is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

9602. Composition.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of three (3) members and two (2) alternates who shall be appointed in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

Section 9. Repealer.

All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective on the eighth day following its adoption and publication as required by law.

THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR: Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Finout Bjorkquist,

THOSE VOTING AGAINST: None THOSE ABSENT OR

ABSTAINING: None ORDINANCE DECLARED PASSED.

/s/ Dianne Taylor

Dianne Taylor, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk of Manistee Township hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Manistee Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof, duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of April, 2018 in accordance with Act 276 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

/s/ Dianne Taylor

Dianne Taylor, Clerk

Appointments for Planning Commission were discussed. Trustee Dontz made a motion to appoint Jack Dinsen to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term to expire in 2022; Treasurer Jankwietz seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion carried. Trustee Dontz made a motion to appoint Mike Willett to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term to expire in 2022; Clerk Taylor seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Appointments for Zoning Board of Appeals were discussed since the Board will reduced from a five (5) member Board to a three (3) member Board. Ernie Hornkohl has expressed interest in becoming an alternate. Trustee Finout made a motion to appoint Jeff Mikula to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term to expire in 2021; Trustee Dontz seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Finout, Dontz, and Bjorkquist. Voting against were Jankwietz and Taylor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bjorkquist is requesting the support of the Board to apply for a grant through the Manistee County Foundation to improve the conditions of the Township tennis courts and add a 180ft x 130ft pickle ball court. The Manistee Pickleball Group has volunteered to assist in the process by doing the research and preparing the preliminary paperwork. After a lengthy

discussion, it was the consensus of the Township Board to move forward with the grant application.

Zoning Administrator Finout stated he researched the proper procedures to be followed should the Bar Lake Improvement Board decide to dissolve. There are several steps that would need to be followed; however, the Bar Lake Improvement Board would need to hold a meeting before any further decisions can be made.

A request has been made to change the Township Board October 11, 2018 meeting date. The date change will be finalized at the next board meeting.

The payment detail for March has been provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for the month of April as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will be Wednesday April 18, 2018 at Onekama Township Hall, 5434 Main Street, Onekama, MI

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals – Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, if there is an appeal.

Manistee Township Planning Commission Meeting will meet Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the **Manistee Township Board** will be **Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.**

Manistee Township Annual Trash Day will be held **Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Manistee Township Fire Department, 1331 Hill Rd, 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.**

In additional public comments, Dave Kieft Jr., the new County Administrator, took this opportunity to introduce himself to the Board Members.

There being no further business or public comments to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz, seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk