

MINUTES
Greater Good Hart Association
August 6, 2007
Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Bill Shepler.

There were two requests to add to the agenda:

1. Trimming of brush on Lamkin Drive
2. Seal coating of Lamkin Drive

Motion was made by Fred Hoffmann to approve the agenda and seconded by Carolyn Sutherland. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Carolyn Sutherland reported the Financial Report has been submitted. Motion was made by Jack Macris to accept submission of the Financial Report. Motion seconded and passed.

President's Report

The Greater Good Hart Association web site can now be accessed at greatergoodhart.com.

Social Committee

Connie Cobb announced that the Summer Solstice picnic was well attended with the presence of 124 people. Three new folding tables were purchased for the event and plans are to purchase three more folding tables for next year.

Larry Wallin reported that 147 people sailed the Straits of Mackinac on Sheplers' Sacre Blu for the 2007 Cruise on July 6. Jelly Roll Blues band provided the music and B/J's of Gaylord catered. The 2008 Cruise is scheduled for July 11.

Beautification

Marge Edwards thanked Sally and Ken Kelsey for weeding the garden at the corner of 119 and Robinson Road early in the season. During the rest of this summer there have not been enough volunteers to help weed. Marge made a motion that the Board approve paying someone to weed the garden as an ongoing project. Motion seconded by Fred Hoffmann. Motion passed.

Restoration

Larry Wallin reported that the St. Ignatius Church Restoration Committee consisting of Dick and Stephanie Guyor, Marty and Larry Wallin and Ceci Bauer has been temporarily suspended. Before the suspension of the committee, Greater Good Hart Association's involvement with St. Ignatius church was providing concerts for the community as well as other fund raisers. The

funds were shared 50-50 between GGA and St. Ignatius church.

Father Arthur has responsibility for the church at this time. The committee met with Father Arthur to discuss community involvement (specifically the summer concerts) at St. Ignatius. A proposal to rent St. Ignatius for \$600.00 was presented by Father Arthur with the concurrence of Dick and Stephanie Guyor. This proposal was rejected by the Greater Good Hart Association Board. Larry also stated that Father Arthur has full knowledge of what the Greater Good Hart community has done for restoration and care of the church.

Bill Shepler made a motion that the Board revisit the church situation in the future. Sally Lamkin seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

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Connie Cobb made an appeal to North Lamkin Drive neighbors to address the large amount of brush growing along the sides of North Lamkin Drive. In some spots the brush is growing out into the road and causing limited vision for those driving on the road. Connie witnessed a driver almost hitting a young girl with her dog because he could not see properly. Trimming is needed. Fred Hoffmann stated that the Emmet County Road Commission does not trim. They only brush hog roads. Burt Lamkin made a motion that the Board explore options for “safety” trimming on North Lamkin Drive in conjunction with Readmond Township Park. Fred Hoffmann seconded. Motion passed.

Seal Coating Lamkin Road/Drive

Ardith Zeunen, North Lamkin Road resident, expressed concern about rumors regarding seal coating of Lamkin Road/Drive. She commented that she spoke with Readmond Township Supervisor, Diana Call, and Diana stated that seal coating the road has not been on the agenda for Readmond Township.

Public Comment

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Several comments were stated on pros and cons of seal coating Lamkin Road/Drive. There was some confusion regarding a letter that was sent to Lamkin Road/Drive residents regarding the seal coating of the road. The letter explained the seal coating process and asked residents to reply: (1) Would they be in favor of seal coating the road or (2) Are they against seal coating the road?

Susan Carson asked two questions:

1. Who is on the Lamkin Drive committee referred to in the seal coating letter?

Answer: The committee is a subcommittee of the Greater Good Hart Association Board and consists of Fred Hoffmann, Carolyn Sutherland, Dick Russell, and Dick Guyor.

1. Was the seal coating letter (which was signed by Fred Hoffmann, Lamkin Drive Committee) sent by the Greater Good Hart Association?

Answer: Yes

Carolyn Sutherland stated that she has received many calls regarding the seal coating of Lamkin Road/Drive. Some residents were confused by the intent of the letter and felt GGA was taking a stand on this matter. Carolyn read from the September 19, 1995 Great Good Hart Association Board minutes: "The general membership should be periodically informed on personal and governmental issues which come before the community."

Dick Cobb clarified the names of the roads involved in the seal coating. There are three sections to the road—South Lamkin Road, North Lamkin Road, and Lamkin Drive.

Burt Lamkin explained the process for determining the seal coating of the road as the following:

1. Proposal letter sent out informing residents of the process of seal coating the road
2. Residents are asked to respond with their choice and their comments on the project
3. The numbers are then polled
4. Results are given to the Township Boards and they decide what to do
5. If they decide to seal coat the road, the township boards apply to the County Road Commission

Fred Hoffman was asked to explain seal coating:

1. A 14-inch wide area will be graded on the gravel road
2. On day 1 a layer of tar is applied
3. Day 2 another layer of tar applied
4. Day 3 another layer of tar applied
5. Day 4 crushed limestone is applied
6. This is a permanent surface

As a final comment, everyone was urged to make their comments known to the Township Boards as these are the groups that decide what will be done.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Allerdig