

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Board Meeting May 9, 2023**  
**DRAFT ONLY**

The meeting was called to order by George Suchy at 7:00pm

**Pledge led by:** Amy Ekkel

**Members present were:** George Suchy, Kristin Melvin (arrived at 7:15), Rob Kinniburgh, Amy Ekkel, Ray Troyer

**Excused:**

**Public present:** 13

Rob made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 9, 2023 meeting with the addition of COLA payoff, road committee member, information on solar company. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Ray made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023 with the correction to the road bids to read 96<sup>th</sup> between Ferris & Felch for the regular meeting. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

**Public Comments on the agenda:** \*2 community members spoke regarding their concerns regarding the Beerman Firewood & Logging conditional use permit

\* 1 person spoke regarding the permit and had some explanations as to why it would be an allowable conditional use

\*Community member would like the board to write up a notice to not sell township property to any foreign companies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Information on the COLA payment in the form of one lump sum at the end of four years; in 2027.

\*Rob made a motion to appoint Gary Ebels to the road committee. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

\*Solar company- George will have them attend a planning commission meeting – June 2023.

\*Rob made a motion to adopt the resolution 230425 as presented. Kristin seconded. Discussion regarding the conditional use and the ability to look into the information that was presented. Rob made a motion to table the motion to adopt the resolution 230435. Kristin seconded, motion carried, 5-0.

\*George made a motion to set a special meeting on June 5 at 7pm regarding the conditional use permit for Beerman Firewood & Logging with no additional documentation to be accepted from the parties or their council regarding the conditional use permit. The intent is for the board to better understand the information that has already been submitted. Ray seconded. Roll Call; Amy-yes, Rob-yes, George-yes, Ray-yes, Kristin-yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Committee Reports:**

**Roads:**

**Cemetery:** Rate change for burials from the vault company-an increase of \$100 notice needs to be sent to the funeral homes

**COLA:**

**Walking Path/Trail:**

**Public Comments:** Question regarding site plans & online images –what do we want to set as precedent moving forward?

Rob made a motion to approve the bills as presented, Amy seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Seconded. Motion carried at 8:07pm, 5-0.

Kristin Melvin  
Garfield Township Clerk