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The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were supervisors: Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, Clay Cich, & Tim Wagner. Monica Bruning Clerk & Pam Blekestad Treasurer. 25 individuals attended via Zoom, the Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Changes: Include mention of an Addendum with formal names for bank transfer of executive authority. Jim moved to approve minutes. Walter seconded with proposed changes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** as of 4/12/ 2021, reconciled checking account balance is \$277,300.16. Total funds are \$474,009.83, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$271092.32. Jim made a motion to accept Treasury Report, Tim seconded. Pam inquired about penalty for early disbursement on property taxes. Make request by May 31. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **CORRESPONDENCE:** 18 total: 2 mail and 16 e-mails were received and reviewed by the Board. **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Jim made motion to accept checks #10356 to #10373, totaling \$35,446.41. Chair Jim moved to approve. Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **Township attorney Overom's charges for March were investigated. Chair Jim reported Overom was representing the Township's interest and should be reimbursed \$54 for call charges. Chair Jim moved to put Overom invoice on Claims list for June. Walt seconded. 3 Yeas and 2 Nays. Motion PASSED.** **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – Monica introduced herself and thanked Diane Palmstein and Mary Skafte for the training she is receiving. They have made the transition as smooth as possible. Principles of Civility were read for productive meetings and positive, neighborly community. Submission deadlines are as follows: Submissions for newsletter end of month. Reimbursement and payroll documents the Monday prior to the first Wednesday of the month (Board meeting). If Monday is a government observed holiday, deadline is Friday prior to the first Wednesday of the month. **Road Report** – Weather conditions caused much damage across the township. Projects addressed last month: Dahlberg and all roads in the township were graded. **Fire Department-** Multiple trainings – Active shooters, many scenarios rescues, use of fire fighter rehab, and more. Welcome new returning fire fighter Rex Greenwell. Gravel @ Firehall is needed. Pancake breakfast will be scheduled. **Cemetery** – Walter thanked the volunteer who cleaned up the cemetery. Top soil is needed. **Parks & Rec** – Proposed pick-ball nets and equipment key is the Minno-ette. People are wishing to rent Pavilion at the same time they rent CC. Request supported. Trash reciprocal will be added. Notice on Pavilion should be created and updated as needed. **Community Center** - Expected to open in June. Room 2 can be rented. Investigate purpose. Jim reported electrical circuits in CC are adequate. Electrical circuits in CC for the griddles are inadequate.

Recycle Center – Nathan Bell has started working in the Recycling Center. Welcome Nathan! **Preparedness Plan Update** - Completed in April. Governor Walz is scheduled to update executive orders on Thursday. **Other Meetings** – n/a **OPEN FORUM:** Melissa Bell inquired about the playground equipment plans for funds appropriated (\$30K). Deb and Clay are investigating and invite residents' input. Deb Roach discussed Garden Club's interest in planting Native wild flower seed on Township property. Ollie Olson inquired about bid process for gravel work at Fire Hall. Quotes for road work bidding process. Supervisor Deb will research. Deb requests quotes in writing. **OLD BUSINESS: Grant for Township Road Improvement for East Cook Lake, West Island & Wood Duck Drive** – no updates. **FCC** -- Room 2 ready for use. Clay will explore options and secure quotes to finish work. **Local Board of Appeal & Equalization** meeting for May 19 at the Community Center. Register with Clerk by meeting time. **NEW BUSINESS: 2021 Road Review.** Awaiting response on grant submission. 2021 road budget should cover current needs. A resident voiced gravel concerns from weather erosion/plowing on Miller Lane and its effect on the wetlands. The issue will be investigated with parties affected. **Proposed additional pickleball courts** – Fredenberg resident pickleball group described plans to resurface and restripe courts with funds allocated. Basketball and tennis courts will not be affected. Clay made a motion to move forward with the proposed pickleball plans including contractor quotes and description total cost \$17,720. Quotes for the additional work will be presented at the June meeting. Deb seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **Second meeting of the month** May 19, 2021 is cancelled. June 2, 2021 monthly meeting (Zoom or in person) Chair Jim moved to have June meeting in person in the Pavilion. Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **Testing** will be done to see if both Zoom and in person can be offered. **OTHER MEETINGS OR GATHERINGS WHICH MAY INCLUDE A QUORUM OF TOWN SUPERVISORS: Local Board of Appeal and Equalization May 19, 2021 1-2 PM Town Hall** **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



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MONDAY: June 21 & July 12, 2021
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Fireworks Injuries

243 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.



Fireworks Safety Tips

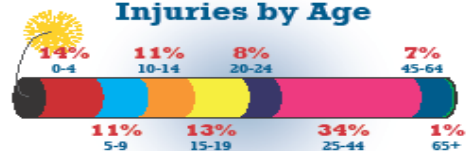
- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – www.cpsc.gov/fireworks

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2019 Fireworks Annual Report
*ED treated injuries during the Special Study period June 21 - July 21, 2019

Injuries by Fireworks Type*



Injuries by Age



NSN 15-06020

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For information about renting the facility and costs**

Noxious Weeds in Northeast Minnesota

By Mari Hardel, Northern Minnesota Noxious Weed Specialist, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Contact: Lori Seele, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Coordinator lori@stewardshipnetwork.org, (218)393-9581

Not all plants in Minnesota behave the same, and not all plants in Minnesota are regulated the same. Some are rare and precious, and others are not native and problematic. While you may be familiar with the concept of weeds or invasive species, there is also a list of plants called noxious weeds.

Noxious weeds are “plants regulated as a Prohibited or Restricted Noxious Weed under the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s noxious weed law” (State statute sections 18.75 to 18.91). Whether you’ve heard of it or not, the noxious weed law applies to all landowners in the state.

Minnesota has 46 species listed as noxious weeds regulated at four different levels. Weeds such as meadow, brown and diffuse knapweeds (*Centaurea* spp.) are designated “prohibited eradicate,” meaning all parts of the plants, above- and below-ground, must be destroyed. The “prohibited control” category requires landowners to prevent the plant from spreading; these are more common in our area and include Knotweed (*Polygonum* spp.) and Common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*). “Restricted” noxious weeds, including buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) and non-native honey-suckles (*Lonicera* spp.) can only be controlled by prohibiting the importation, sale, and transportation of their propagating parts. There are individual rules for the ‘specially regulated’ plants.

A full list of the species listed can be found at <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/minnesota-noxious-weed-list>.

While there is an avenue for enforcement of the noxious weed law, encouraging voluntary compliance and promoting education about the environmental impacts of noxious weeds plays a larger role in our region.

You may be surprised by how many noxious weeds are found in Northeast Minnesota, either scattered across the region or in small pockets here and there. Most species on the “prohibited control” list, and many from the “restricted” list are present, but there are few “prohibited eradicate” species in Northeast Minnesota—let’s work together to keep it that way! Efforts are under way to find and control populations of meadow, brown and diffuse knapweeds (*Centaurea* spp.); Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*); and Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*). If you find locations of these species, please contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or 888-545-6684.

With so much high-quality forest and wetland in our area, slowing or stopping the further spread of noxious weeds is a key piece in reducing their impacts.



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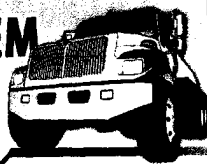
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2. We CANNOT accept Styrofoam in ANY FORM.
3. We DO NOT accept household garbage of any kind and it is NOT to be placed at the Recycle Center or the dumpster.
4. We do not accept any metal or plastic gas cans
5. We NO LONGER repurpose any form of electronics, these must be brought to the Rice Lake Road WLSSD Center.
6. Dumping of garbage of any kind at the Center is IL-LEGAL !!!!
7. We DO NOT ACCEPT take out containers, fruit/veg. plastic containers & deli clam containers.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

RECYCLE NEWS

The outside dumpsters are for cardboard, newspaper/paper and glass/plastic/tin cans.
There are no longer bins for recycling inside the garage.

HOURS

for the Center weekly are:

**Wednesdays 5 pm to 8 pm
Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm**

**NEXT FREDENBERG TOWN
BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, July 7, 2021
AT 7:00 PM @ Town Hall**