



# Topinabee Development Association

## Ninth Annual Meeting – Township Hall

June 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am, by Mary O’Hare, TDA President. Attendance was counted as 45+ persons. Time was taken to acknowledge some of the audience members that have had an impact on the township thru the year and an introduction of the TDA Board of Directors.

Dawn Bodnar, TDA Vice President, called for nominations and elections to Board of Directors. Mary O’Hare, current president, was re-elected and will continue to serve another term. Ken Hoehn, who had stepped in when David Ogg resigned due to illness, was elected, and will now serve his first full term. The minutes from the meeting of June 25, 2016 and this year’s agenda were both approved.

Treasurer Ken Hoehn read the 2016 Annual Treasurer’s report. Starting balance as of January 1 was \$27,198.67. Income obtained from dues and contributions was \$4151.40, less expenditures for supplies, community memberships, donations, and expenses of \$2312.05, for a total net income of \$1839.35. Closing balance as of December 31, 2016 was \$29,038.02. Ken also discussed the Amazon Smile program. As part of the program, purchases through smile.amazon.com will allow the buyer to select Topinabee Development as a charitable organization. In doing so, the TDA will receive 0.5% of the total purchase from Amazon at no extra cost to the buyer.

President O’Hare noted the passing of David Ogg who was instrumental in the transformation of Topinabee Beach Park. A plaque for David will be placed at the base of the new flagpole when it is installed. The plaque is available for viewing at the Topinabee Beach Park.

President O’Hare indicated paving for the parking area at the north end of the park will begin early fall and will include an ADA approved walkway and landscaping. This should be completed by September this year. Going forward we will be working with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Mullett Township Board on the addition of rain gardens for the reduction of pollution into Mullett Lake.

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ALWAYS IN SEASON ON MULLETT LAKE

President O'Hare also thanked Brian and Pat Callaghan who are great supporters of TDA. Brian maintained the TDA website with many current happenings and pictures. Unfortunate for us, Brian and Pat have moved downstate and won't be able to add all the personal touches as in the past. But as luck would have it, a new resident has stepped forward to become our webmaster and maintain Topinabee.org website. We welcome John Gross to this position and you'll find him busy at community events taking pictures.

Our TDA involvement over the past year has included being present at Township meetings and offering assistance to the Streetscape Project. We've made donations to Topinabee Friends of the Library and the Topinabee Fire Department. We've renewed our membership with the Indian River Chamber of Commerce and became a member of the Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce.

Dawn Bodnar, Vice President, introduced our speakers; Sherry Stefanos, President, Topinabee Friends of the Library; Mike English, Topinabee Fire Chief; Hobie Kirsch, Mullett Township Supervisor; and Rachel Osborn, Mullett Township Clerk.

Sherry Stefanos covered the great services available at the library; from books, free Wi-Fi, Audio and E Books, and magazines. Available also is a CD of historical photos of Topinabee. Other happenings are Storytime (Tues. at 11am), a Fire Department Demonstration, a Used Book Sale, and Free Lunch Day. There is also ongoing work to restore the garden in front of the library. Many activities to become involved with.

Mike English explained the new Lock Box Program. Community residents can purchase a lock box and have it installed by the fire department. It should contain a spare key to the house where it is only accessed by the fire department in the case of an emergency. Discussion took place on the departments ISO rating. Efforts have been underway to help lower the rating. With a lower rating, the community residents may see lower insurance costs. They are currently working on locations/sites for dry hydrants. Annual fundraising BBQ will take place Aug. 20th along with centennial celebrations. Lastly, the fire department has formed a committee to begin looking at the location and requirements of a new fire hall.

Hobie Kirsch called for volunteers and more community involvement by the residents. There are plenty of projects that can use the support of those living in Topinabee. The Streetscape is slowly moving forward, but at least progress is being made. Paving of the north parking area will be completed this fall, new crosswalks are being planned, and the south parking area will be next

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big piece to be worked on. It's been 100 years that Mullett Township broke away from Burt Township. With the celebration day coming up, more volunteers are needed to help.

Rachel Osborn thanked the TDA for its support and assistance in paying the engineering costs on the north end park parking area. This has allowed the Streetscape project to move forward. Now starts the steps to get the ball rolling on the south end parking. Part of reducing the cost of the overall project was the removal of the rain gardens. This would have helped reduce the pollution of the road runoff into Mullett Lake. TDA and the Township Board will be working with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to see how we can reincorporation these gardens back into the plans via grants to reduce the cost to the township.

The meeting was concluded at 11:30 am with President O'Hare thanking everyone for attending. Various door prizes and gift cards donated by local businesses were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Holland  
TDA Secretary

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