

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 10, 2006, 7 p.m.**

Board Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Supervisor Nancy Karjalahti, Treasurer John Brula, Clerk Candace Bartel; Angie Johnson, *Voyageur Press*; and twenty-five property owners.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the recent changes in state statute relating to the Aitkin County Riparian Lands Dedicated to the Public Ordinance.

Angie Johnson requested permission to tape record the meeting. Permission was granted.

State Senator Linda Scheid, property owner on Lake Minnewawa, gave background on the change in the state statute and explained the term "public land" as land owned by all. In 1988 the county sought state legislation to regulate riparian lands dedicated to the public. Ms. Scheid stated she had met with Scott Arneson, Aitkin County Administrator, and she felt the county did not want to change the 1988 state statute that was enacted specific to Aitkin County riparian lands dedicated to the public. The change to the state statute was enacted in May 2006. The bill was introduced by Senators Scheid and Metzen.

Gary DeMars asked if the board was going to revisit the proposed township ordinance from 2001. The board suggested that a committee be set up to review the draft ordinance.

Those attending introduced themselves and told what lake they live on. Jim Mikkelson, Big Sandy Lake, had served on the county committee that looked into the dedicated to the public land issue, many diverse issues were identified. The committee worked for several years to develop the 2000 county ordinance. Nancy Karjalahti also served on the county committee. Nancy has a list of road issue parcels. It was noted that some of the parcels have been recently surveyed by the county.

It was suggested that the first step should be to contact the county board. Several questions were addressed to the use and maintenance of the parcels; these will be addressed in the township ordinance.

The following volunteered to serve on a committee to review the proposed ordinance: Jeff Schoenbauer, Carrie Greene, Helen Jenner, Neil Ostby, and possibly Ron Conzet; all from Lake Minnewawa. Nancy Karjalahti will be the board representative on the committee. Ron Smith will attend the Big Sandy Lake Association meeting on July 13 and ask for volunteers to serve on the committee.

The first committee meeting was set for Monday, July 31, at 9 a.m. at the town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Candace Bartel
Shamrock Township Clerk

Ronald Smith
Shamrock Township Board Chairman

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE JULY 13, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.