

**SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, November 10, 2022**

Board Chairman Charles Quale called the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of 520th Lane and Maple Ridge Road. Present were Supervisors Allen Eld and Ron Smith; Clerk Candace Kral; and Peter Thorson.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the Vacation of Maple Ridge Road as petitioned for by Mr. and Mrs. Thorson. The board noted that Maple Ridge Road is an undeveloped, unmaintained public road. Mr. and Mrs. Thorson are the owners of the properties on both sides of the Maple Ridge Road. Mr. Thorson provided the clerk with an Affidavit of Mailings of Notice of Public Hearing to all property owners as platted in Big Sandy Lake Highlands Second Addition as required by State Statutes.

The members of the town board walked through the road to the bluff like side of the road near where the Maple Ridge Road connects to 521st Lane. Mr. Thorson stated his intention of building a pole barn as his reasoning for his requested for the road to be vacated. The public hearing was suspended, the group disbanded to go to Shamrock Town Hall for further discussion.

10:18 – the Public Hearing reconvened at the town hall. The board and Mr. Thorson were joined by Jack Brula, treasurer in person and four individuals who own property within said plat via Zoom. The attending property owners stated their oppositions to the vacation of the road. It was stated that individuals use the road to go down to the public access rather than walking the maintained roads, they also just enjoy little walks in the wood, and have enjoyed a bench with a view overlooking Big Sandy Lake. They informed the board that there are even some rock steps that had been built on the 521st Lane side for ease of going up and down the little bluff/cliff incline at that end. While at location, the board did not take note of any path or steps.

Upon further discussion the board agreed that a continuation of the public hearing for the benefit of all parties involved would be the best way for the board to get a clear picture of usage or lack of in regards to Maple Ridge Road.

At 10:48, motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to continue the public hearing to Friday, November 18th, 2022 at 10:00 am; motion passed unanimously

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 8, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING