

Gun Plain Charter Township

Special Meeting

February 26, 2013

6:30 PM.

The Gun Plain Township Board met with Plainwell Community School's Ad Hock Committee to discuss the Joint Recreation Program's Budget.

The following board members were present Kopka, Moerman, Horton, Meert, Vandenberg, Pearson and Morehouse.

Ad Hock Members: Kevin Blue, Amy Blades and Kim Shafer also present Sue Wakefield and Melissa Gelbaugh.

Vandenberg explained to the boards and public how the meeting would be run.

We will ask questions from the information package that the school provided to the board. After the discussion our board will take action at our March 7, 2013 meeting.

Amy Blades stated that once she took over as a serving member of the Joint Rec. she found out that there were questions regarding the budget and left over funds.

Susan Wakefield stated that at one point back in approximately 2004 there was rumored that the fund had some \$70,000.00, she stated that was not an accurate number and that the money was aligned into the general fund.

Wakefield also stated that the State of Michigan allows the schools to charge a 15% indirect cost fees; she stated that in no way does it cover the cost of the losses to the program.

Vandenberg explained that as a board we have a fiduciary duty to our residents to track the monies spent from our tax dollars that we contribute to the program.

Vandenberg stated that we have disagreed since 2009 on the remaining budget balance; we were lead to believe that we had approximately \$12,673.00 in carry over. It was the joint recreation committees' intent to move forward and buy items that were needed such as bleaches for the area between the Middle School and the High School and other items.

The township board feels it is such an important program for the kids, to stay active and involved in a sport.

Amy Blades stated that the amount of carryover in the Joint Recreation Budget that is due to Gun Plain Township is \$4377.00. Wakefield agreed with this amount.

Kim Shafer said it would be a good idea to add the money to the equipment line of the budget.

Wakefield suggested that the township stay in the program, but let the township keep our contribution in house and Plainwell Joint Recreation could bill us once a year for our residents that participate in the program. Meert asked Wakefield and Gelbaugh what fee they would charge us to bill us once a year; they both stated that they would not charge us a fee to bill us.

Vandenberg invited the school board to our March 5, 2013 Law Enforcement meeting.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.