

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the LaPaz Town Council and North Township Advisory Board  
Thursday November 4, 2021 6:00 PM  
LaPaz - North Township Fire Station  
411 S Michigan Street LaPaz, IN 46537

### Council Members

Roger Ecker, Pres.  
Ryan Young  
Kelli Chavez

**Council Members present:** Roger Ecker, Ryan Young

**Council Members absent** – Kelli Chavez

**North Township Advisory Board present:** Steve Davenport, Ronnie McCartney, Angie Huff

**LaPaz Town Clerk- Treasurer** – Lorraine Dove present

**North Township Trustee** – Chelsea Smith present

**Call to order** – meeting started at 6:00PM

**Patrons:** Paul Tyler, Linda Tyler, Alice Oyler, Robert Holowatuk

Roger Ecker started the meeting stating that the Stellar Community Group established Blue Zones. Healthy Activities were the main thing that was established as what is needed for a healthy community. The idea is for walking trails to establish different areas of town together. The envision is someday to connect trails to the school, the park, LaPaz town businesses, and maybe Plymouth. Ball diamonds are dying out in our park. The need is to reestablish the park to benefit the community more. The ideas were possibly a walking trail, dog, park, pickle park court, tennis court, shuffle board, horseshoes and basketball court. Later on add a splash pad once the town puts in water.

Chelsea Smith: Question town on whether to purchase the property, or the ability to maintain it. Ecker answered he wanted it to be a joint venture between the town and township. She asked if Ecker felt if it would be mostly the town be using the park. Ecker answered he felt if redone the park would be used by both the town and township tax payers. Smith disagreed. She felt it would benefit the town more. She was not sure of the support of the township tax payers. Ecker stated to get public input. Ecker stated he is getting park equipment donated from town of Culer for the park. Angie Huff asked about having an engineering firm to lay out the park design. Smith thought she would speak to the grant writer that helped Argos established their park. Ronnie McCartney stated the park is an investment in the future. He had found memories of using various parks. A tax structure maintenance fund would be needed to be established for maintaining, the park for a caretaker and clean-up crew. Steve Davenport stated the park has no benefit as the park is now. He was concerned on who has the true liability. He thought older residents in county would come in to use the park for exercise. 4-H dog obedience club could use the park. Alice Oyler asked about the parking capacity. Chelsea Smith said the old community building area could be used, redesigned for parking. Ronnie McCartney said in 2023 LaPaz will be 150 years old. He would like to see the Old Settlers Picnic make a comeback. Asked how the park supported in the past. Linda Tyler stated they held fund raisers, Euchre games, bake sales, etc. Smith asked if the town had experience doing polls. McCartney thought the two communities would come together to work on the park. Smith had questions on the legal ramifications.

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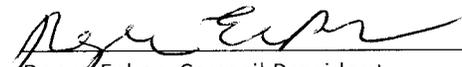
Discussions continued. The town would have their attorney prepare an inter-local agreement between the town and the township. Establish a new tax for the park. A park board needs to be established. Then start with public polls. Step three would be "how do we get there". The town clerk read the old previous agreement and amendments between the town and township. She will send copies to the trustee.

McCartney discussed a bond for the park.

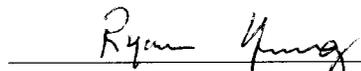
Ecker made a motion for the town council to meet with the township board at their Monday December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:00 PM. Young seconded the motion. Roll call: 2 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried 2-0.

McCartney made a motion for the advisory board to take this issue up at the December meeting. Huff seconded the notion. Roll call: 3 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

  
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Roger Ecker, Council President

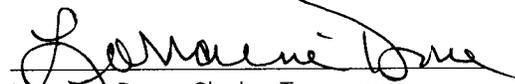
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Kelli Chavez, Council Member

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Lorraine Dove, Clerk – Treasurer

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