



Volume 1, Issue 1

# Goodland Township

February 1, 2016

## Township Board

The Goodland Township Board of Elected Officials is a five-member committee, the purpose of which is to make all decisions concerning local governance of Goodland Township:

Supervisor/Assessor – Ron Cischke

Clerk – Mavis Roy

Treasurer – Louis Parsch

Trustees – Norm Tanis, Mike Juip

Deputy Clerk – Amy Nolin

Deputy Treasurer – Michelle Noble

**The offices are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.**

All township Ordinances are online:  
[www.goodlandtownship.org](http://www.goodlandtownship.org)

Telephone: 810-724-0169

## Road Project

The road project, which began in July of 2015, is to put a new topcoat of gravel on every unpaved road in the township within three years of its start. The monies for the project, \$85,000 per year for three years, is coming out of current revenues, which is the first time in Goodland's history that a major infrastructure project has been funded without additional funds being requested from the taxpayers. The gravel was purchased at a 50% discount from the road commission pit in Burnside and approximately 1/3 of the township road system will be completed each year. The project is on schedule.

## Blight Lottery

When blight is recognized, a letter is sent to the property owner. Approximately fifty percent of the time, the problem is solved. When more than one or several instances of blight are noticed in an area, that area is targeted for blight abatement enforcement. After receipt of the first letter the property owner has thirty (30) days to comply. If not, the infraction is reported to the Construction Code Authority for enforcement. The penalty for non-compliance is that a citation is issued at which time a court date is established and fines and punitive action are decided by the judge.

In order to help our residents, we have applied for a scrap tire grant from the DNR, which is monies to collect and dispose of unwanted tires. Residents will be notified after April 1, 2016 for dates and times.



## Cemetery

*Located on the South East side of M-53 and Armstrong Rd, Imlay City, MI*

### Fee Schedule for Cemetery Lot Sales

(Resident= Property owner/Resident for 5+ years)

Resident Per Grave - \$250.00

Resident per 5 Grave Lot - \$1,000.00

Non-Resident per Grave - \$500.00

Non-Resident per 5 Grave Lot - \$2,000.00

### Fee Schedule for Transfer of Graves

When transferred to a Relative (per grave; 1-4) - \$15.00

When transferred to a Relative (per grave; 5+) - \$10.00

Transfer to a Non-Relative is the difference of the original price paid & the current price.

### Fee Schedule for Grave Openings

(Must be a Deed holder to open a grave)

Grave Opening & Closing-Resident - \$525.00

Grave Opening & Closing - Non-Resident - \$575.00

Additional Charge for Sat, Sun, & Holiday Burials - \$125.00

Cremains Burial-Resident - \$225.00

Cremains Burial - Non-Resident- \$275.00

Infant Burial - Resident - \$175.00

Infant Burial - Non-Resident - \$225.00

For arrangements contact:  
Goodland Township Clerk  
*Mavis Roy*  
810-724-0169

## Event Hall

- ◆ Available to residents only.
- ◆ A \$100 deposit is required to reserve event date.
- ◆ The deposit check will remain uncashed and will be returned within thirty (30) days after the event, if there are no messes or damages.
- ◆ General rental is \$150 and will be due no later than seven (7) days prior to the event.
- ◆ Funeral gatherings require ONLY a non-refundable \$50 deposit.
- ◆ Janitor will open and close building for rental.
- ◆ Kitchen may be used for warming foods only—no cooking is allowed.
- ◆ Event hall will hold up to 85 persons.
- ◆ Tables and chairs are available.

To make reservations contact:

Goodland Township Offices and Hall  
810-724-0169

## Board of Review

The Board of Review is a three-member board, appointed by the township board, designed to review property assessments, hear appeals, and make decisions on poverty and veterans' exemptions. The board is responsible for reviewing the assessment roll before notices are published. Ultimately this board is the final voice for the property holder/tax payer. If a property holder has a complaint he or she must first attend a Board of Review hearing, at which time the board reviews the appeal. Any decision that is made, can only be appealed to the Tax Tribunal in Lansing, MI if this process is followed. Meetings (hearings) are public and posted according to law:

**March 8, 2016, 6 p.m.** (Organizational and to receive the Roll from the Assessor)

**March 14, 2106, 9 a.m.— 5 p.m.** (Public meeting for property owners to check their Assessments)

**March 16, 2106, 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.** (Same as above)

**July 19, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** (for principal residence exemptions)

(poverty exemptions can be handled at any meeting)

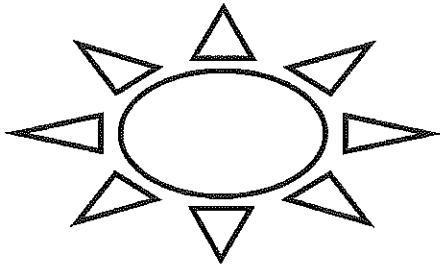
Chair – Terry Kohler

Secretary – Township Supervisor (Ron Cischke)

Member – John Gilliland

Member – Chuck Job

Contact information: (Township Offices) 810-724-0169



## Building Authority

The purpose of the Building Authority is to be responsible for any real estate and/or buildings owned by the township: construction, maintenance, financing, purchasing, and selling, etc.

The three-member board meets twice a year. Meetings are public and posted according to law.

Chair – Dan Fifield

Treasurer – Debbie Tanis

Secretary – Roger Roszczewski

Contact:

Township Offices: (810) 724-0169

## Construction Code Authority

Established in 1978 the CCA issues all zoning and building permits to private and commercial residents, (enforcing ordinances when requested) within the area of its twenty-six-member organization. This intergovernmental agreement brings the members into compliance with Michigan Public Act 230 (every unit of government must have a Building Department). The cooperative ownership of this organization allows the CCA to be self-supporting thereby easing the burden of operation from taxpayers.

Regular board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday monthly at 8:30 a.m., and an annual meeting is held in June to elect board members. There are six full-time and 3 part-time employees.

The main office is in Lapeer at 1075 Suncrest Dr. and a satellite office is in Imlay City at 150 N. Main St..

Board of Directors:

Scott Jarvis – Lapeer Twp. Sup.

Ron Cischke – Goodland Twp. Sup.

Mike Robinet – City of Lapeer

Al Ochadleus – Attica Twp. Sup.

Mike Boskee – Elba Twp. Sup.

Contact Us:

Lapeer — (810) 667-0420

Imlay City — (810) 724-8081



## Fire Department

The Goodland Township Fire Department was established in 1985. It is a volunteer/paid-per-call department, meaning that the fire hall is not staffed during any regular hours. It is, however, currently working with only ¼ of its staffing needs. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in working as a volunteer, applications are available at the township offices and on the website: [www.GoodlandTownship.org](http://www.GoodlandTownship.org).

Chief – Don Bissett (810-417-2091)

Asst. Chief – Dan Fifield (810-656-0294)

Captain – Jim Perreault

Lieutenant – Tom Kirchoff

Lieutenant – Brian Kinzer

Lieutenant – Jeff Ragel

In order burn refuse on your property, FREE Burn Permits are issued with the understanding that “the fire shall be attended until fully extinguished.” If a permitted burn is found to be **unattended**, penalties could include but are not limited to a \$650.00 fine + a fee per truck used + wages for each fire-fighter called. Burn Permits are issued for the purpose of burning ONLY natural products—tree limbs, branches, leaves, plant stubble, etc. It is illegal to burn any type of construction material!

To request a FREE burn permit, call (810) 724-0169, online at [www.goodlandtownship.org](http://www.goodlandtownship.org), or at the numbers listed above for the Chief or Asst. Chief.

As always in case of emergency dial 911.



## Library

The mission of the Goodland Township Library is to furnish township residents with the services of a traditional local lending library and to provide an environment of information sharing and a focal point of community spirit.

### Events (with more listed on the website):

- Feb. 20 — Genealogy
- Feb. 27 — Michigan Back Roads & Trails
- Feb. 29 — Hand Crafters Group
- Mar. 6 — Bowling Fundraiser
- Mar. 14 — Adult Coloring
- Mar. 28 — Hand Crafters Group

### Library Board

- Chair — Dan Fifield
- Vice-Chair — Mary Weemaes
- Secretary — Janie Lupo
- Treasurer — Vicki Marr
- Board Member — Gail Bissett
- Board Member — Judy Walton
- Librarian — Catherine Yezak

### Library contact information: (810) 721-2110

[www.goodlandtownshiplibrary.org](http://www.goodlandtownshiplibrary.org)  
[goodlandtwplibrary@gmail.com](mailto:goodlandtwplibrary@gmail.com)

## Parks & Recreation

In 2015, the Goodland Township Board members appointed a Parks and Recreation Committee to oversee the development of a Recreation Plan and to assist in determining preferred parcels of land to seek for future parks. The Committee consists of five members:

- Frederic Lothrop
- Norm Tanis
- Sarah Boyd
- Michelle McKee
- Robert Sommer

The Recreation Master Plan (copies of which are available at the township offices) is a guide for the development of community park land and recreational/ educational facilities and locations over the next five years. Additionally, it is a requirement for grant solicitation from the DNR, which is a main source of state funding provided to municipalities for these purposes. Assisting the board is the Saginaw-based planning and development firm, Spicers Group.

A public meeting to discuss the Recreation Master Plan was held on February 9, 2016. Subsequently, the plan was adopted at the February 9, 2016 regular board meeting.

The next public meeting remains to be announced, but visit us online at [www.goodlandparkplan.com](http://www.goodlandparkplan.com).

## Planning Commission

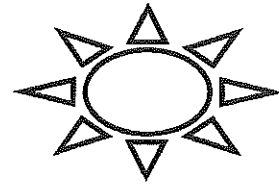
The purpose of the commission is to do long-term planning for the township by approving site plans for new development, reviewing all ordinances, and updating the master plan every five years or as needed. This may be viewed at the township office.

Meeting dates and times for 2016 are 1st Thursday of March at 6 p.m. and April through October @ 7 p.m. As needed.

The board has seven members, appointed by the township board, with staggered terms:

- Chair — Robert VanDenBerg (810) 614-6184
- Vice-Chair — Larry Kohler
- Secretary — Lynne Foltz
- Members — Tom Lupo, Mike Juip, Roger Roszczewski, and Tim Robberstad

For information contact: (810)-724-0169 or Robert VanDenBerg (see above)



## Zoning Board of Appeals

The purpose of the Z.B.A. is to hear appeals, and subsequent requests for variances, when residents cannot meet the requirements of adopted ordinances.

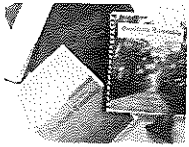
The Z.B.A. meets twice a year or in special meetings when necessary.

It has a five-member board of appointees:

- Chair — Rob Sommer
- Vice-Chair — Earl Hummel
- Secretary — Dan Steckly
- Members — Norm Tanis, Larry Kohler
- Alternate — Lucas Parsch

To request a variance, an application form must be submitted. Forms are available at the township offices or online at [www.goodlandtownship.org](http://www.goodlandtownship.org)

For meeting dates and times call the township offices:  
(810) 724-0169



## Historical Collection

For over a decade the township board and private citizens have been working to preserve the township's historic buildings and records. The Historical Collection resides in a portion of what was once the township offices and recreational/election hall. The room is being used to collect and protect, catalogue, and share historical records, artifacts, and information generated by the township throughout its 160+ years.

This endeavor is being funded almost entirely by private donations and volunteer labor. There are, however, great opportunities on the horizon. As part of the Parks and Recreation plan, moving other historic buildings to the recreational property to "...bring educational and recreation opportunities..." is being considered.

In the meantime, electronically preserving and cataloguing the archival collection continues. While the history room

has been closed for the last several months, work has been continuing and beginning in May, the archive will again be open to the public during regularly scheduled hours. Electronically digitized records and print copies of select documents and manuscripts will be offered for sale.

If you are interested in making a donation, volunteering your time, or contributing historical documents or artifacts pertaining to the township or its residents, past or present, please contact us.

Deb Rubenstein (Collection Director):

Telephone: **(810) 614-8653**

Email: [goodlandhistory@gmail.com](mailto:goodlandhistory@gmail.com)

Facebook: [Goodland Township Historical Collection](#)

Website: [www.goodlandtownship.org](http://www.goodlandtownship.org)

Township offices: **(810) 724-0169**

Goodland Township  
2374 N. Van Dyke Rd.  
Imlay City, MI 48444

## Contact Us

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Township Offices / Hall Rental / Cemetery  
Burn Permit

Telephone: **(810) 724-0602**

Fax: **(810) 721-0698**

Website: [www.GoodlandTownship.org](http://www.GoodlandTownship.org)

Email: general — [goodland@bigtube.net](mailto:goodland@bigtube.net)  
Clerk — [goodlandclerk@bigtube.net](mailto:goodlandclerk@bigtube.net)  
Treasurer — [goodlandtreasurer@bigtube.net](mailto:goodlandtreasurer@bigtube.net)

## 2016 Public Meeting Dates

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Public meetings of the township board are held the second Tuesday of each month, begin at **7 p.m.** unless otherwise indicated.

January 12	July 12
February 09	August 09
March 09	September 13
April 12	October 11
May 10	November 09
June 07	December 13
June 21 (Budget Hearing 6:00pm)	