

Concord Village Voice ♦ July 2019

Village of Concord: 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am–6pm

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Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

Village Council: July 9th & 23rd— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: July 2nd — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: July 16th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: July 17th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED! Concord United Methodist Church is looking for a Music Director who helps develop and lead the contemporary worship music ministry for the church, in consultation with the pastor and other team members, in a way that is consistent with the mission and vision of the church. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, 524-6156.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 8-11 from 6-8 pm, Concord United Methodist Church, 119 S. Main St. Our theme this year is "WaterWorks Park!" Each day kids will visit all the fun park attractions: Splash-tacular, Raging River games, Bible Bay Bible Story dramas, Snow Mountain "Cool" activities, Gift & Souvenir Crafts, plus Coconut Island Puppet time and Snack Shack!! Children 4 years up to 11 years old are welcome!!

ABC Academy is now offering Preschool and Latch Key services for Concord Community Schools!

Our programs include:

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age

State-funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age

Before and After School Latch Key Program

Music & Yoga Enrichment Programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology Centers

Security Access Doors

Electronic Parent Communication System

Please contact Cody Blair, Program Director, at cody@abcacademyjackson.com

or by phone at 517-740-0167 if you are interested in enrolling your child in our

high-quality programs. Visit our website for more information

www.abcacademyjackson.com

ABC Academy – a great place for your child to grow, learn, and succeed!

Concord Heritage House July Event

Cemetery Tour

Meet at Maple Grove Cemetery

July 17th @ 6:00 pm

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:
524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

Concord Classic Weekend

Concord Classic Weekend was a great success! If you have comments/suggestions for next year please email the Village Office at office@villageofconcord.com.

Summer Meals Program Info

Locations and Times:

Parma Elementary School- 11:00 to 11:45

Warner Elementary- 12:15 to 1:00

Hanover Park- 11:30 to 12:15

Concord Elementary- 9:00 to 10:00 and 11:30 to 12:30

Contact Info:

Alan Breneman

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(517)990-3603

Facebook Page: Summer Food Service Program

ABC Academy Summer Camp

Partnering with Jackson Area Career Center to bring you the best educational, adventuresome summer experience!

Reserve your space today!!

517-784-9161

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Yoga:—Saturday's @ 10:00 am. Bring your yoga mat and bottled water. \$3.00 suggested donation. Adults. No yoga June 22nd.

Tai Chi:—Wednesdays @ 9:30 am. Adults.

Eat Healthy, Be Active: Wednesdays from July 17th-Aug. 21st. Adults.

Cameron Zvara: Magician & Entertainer: July 8th @ 2 pm. All Ages. Registration Required.

Moon Cups:—July 15th @ 2 pm. Children. Registration required.

"Bee" Amazed:—July 17th @ 6 pm. Adults. Registration required.

Storytime at the Mann House:— June 19th-26th @ 11 am. Bring a blanket and a sack lunch. All ages. Registration required.

DIY Upcycled Book:—July 20th @ 11 am. Teens & Adults.

Exploring the Night Sky: - July 23rd @ 9 pm. All ages.

Intro to Ozobots: - July 29th @ 2 pm. Children. Registration required.

The Exotic Zoo: - July 31st @ 6 pm. All Ages. Registration Required.

Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: office@villageofconcord.com. All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the August issue is July 18th.

GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage outside of bin if you have 90 gal trash bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Recycling Pick Up: July 10th, & 24th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-May 28, 2019 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 5/14/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt stated he heard loud fireworks over the weekend and it seemed like they were coming from the north and he wondered if anyone knew who was setting them off. B. Jones said he thought they were coming from a place on Eckert Rd.

B. Jones stated he has lived in the Concord area all his life and never knew there were two Railroad Streets in the Village.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$28,801.47. Motion approved by all.

F. Lucas informed the Council they need to decide on a fee structure for the Foreclosed, Vacant and Abandoned Property Registry Ordinance. Once that is done F. Lucas will revise and have ready for adoption at the next meeting.

J. Bush informed the Council they needed to reapprove the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance and the Village Property Maintenance Code at tonight's meeting as they were not published in the time frame allowed.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance as the Village Building Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. All were in favor. Motion approved.

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L. Jacobson mentioned a call he responded to in the Township where two neighbors were cutting their grass, neighbor one's grass blew over on neighbor two's yard, neighbor two threw the grass back over on neighbor one's yard and the grass hit neighbor one. Neighbor one called 911 and wanted to file assault charges. He also mentioned he has been monitoring the Village for overgrown lawns and warning letters are being mailed.

J. Bush discussed the email regarding the Food Truck in the Park. The Martines family has purchased a mobile food vending trailer and has asked the Council for approval to set up in the park during ball tournaments. The Council is concerned this might take sales away from the Village's brick and mortar businesses and particularly the Lions Club Concession Stand, a local non-profit who has volunteered to run concessions in the Park for last 38 years and regularly donates profits to improvements in the park, Concord Baseball and Softball Club, Concord Schools, and other charitable endeavors. The Council discussed putting together a Mobile Food Vending Ordinance to address their concerns which could include possibly allowing some mobile food vending operators deemed non-competitive, while not allowing other vendors, parameters of a permit process discussed, and etc. The Council tabled a decision on allowing or not allowing mobile food vendors in the Park and surrounding community until next meeting when more research could be completed.

J. Blossom was unable to attend the meeting. He emailed these comments to the Council - The USDA project is moving along very well! Fred finished up his part of the paper work last week. Judy spent numerous hours last week hammering out a list of 16 items that USDA sent us which had to be done before we can start the bid process. Jack should be done later this week with the final bid documents and then the 30-day advertising period can start. Fingers crossed we can open bids the first of July.

Jack looked over the bids of the sewer for the easement behind the businesses on the west side of N. Main St. in the Downtown Business District and everything checked out so the job was awarded to RJT Construction at a cost of \$28,500.00. I made contact with the business owners adjoining the alley and as I expected it did not go well with one particular business owner who is concerned. However, the project will continue and the Village and the construction company will do our best to accommodate them. RJT plans on starting the project next week and they figure it will take 2-3 weeks depending on weather.

Council Comments:

J. Bush mentioned the Planning Commission is pretty much done with the Master Plan. No one showed from the Township at the last meeting. A. Cavasin was reached and will attend the next meeting to review and the Planning Commission will then be ready to roll out the Master Plan in a public meeting for public review and comments.

Village Council Meeting Minutes- June 11, 2019 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 5/28/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Jones mentioned vehicle break-ins on Pulaski Road from the Village to Swains Lake. It was mentioned this sounded very familiar to the previous break-ins in the Village earlier this year.

D. Harrison returned to inform the Council about the speeding traffic on Main St., especially before and after events going on at the school. She told the Council any of them or officer Jacobson could sit in her living room and watch the speeders at any time. J. Bush stated when Deputy Jacobson returns from vacation, he will talk with him about this issue. It was also mentioned by Bush we could try to use the speed limit cart in this area when the Village gets to use it.

B. Barton asked about the sale of the former Concord Café, J. Jackson stated that there is a purchase agreement and some kinks are still being worked out. She also asked about the former Shannon's building. J. Bush informed her the owner J. Bufalino has not returned messages or replied to letters and citations he has been mailed on the property.

M. Lehman discussed Concord Classic Weekend and the events that will be taking place.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$32,477.03. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush discussed the email regarding the Mobile Food Vending Ordinance he put together, he asked the Council what they would like to do as far as setting a permit fee. He asked J. Martines to present what his plans were for his Food Truck while being at the Park during events. J. Martines stated that he had six dates during Baseball & Softball games in mind which he would like to have his food truck in the Park. J. Bush stated he has heard from several residents including the Township Clerk and Assessor, Township Treasurer, the Baseball and Softball Club, along with concerns from various members of the Lions Club voicing their opinion against allowing food trucks or any vendors at the park except non-profit organizations. E. Ropp, a member of the Lions Club, stated she is concerned that it will take profit away from the Lions Club Concessions and that the ball games are the Lions Club's biggest fundraiser. E. Ropp also stated she felt if the profits were cut into too much the Lions Club would stop having a concession stand. T. Brooks stated that he felt it would hurt his business and other similar local businesses who pay taxes such as Subway and Jax BBQ during tournament weekends.

T. Brooks also stated he doesn't feel it should be allowed because J. Martines doesn't send his kids to Concord Schools and that J. Martines's mom runs a daycare and does not support the Concord Community by encouraging her daycare parents to send their kids to Hanover Schools. Several members of the public and Council stated that what school his kids attend is not relevant as J. Martines is a Village resident and pays Concord Village and Township taxes. J. Martines stated that T. Brooks is a Concord School Board Member and sends his daughter to Hanover Schools. Once again several Councilmembers stated the topic of school attendance has no relevance to this conversation and asked all parties to move on. K. George stated he understands where both sides are coming from but he feels that J. Martines and/or any other local resident who wanted to start a small business such as a food truck should be given a chance. B. Jones stated he, as a member of the Lions Club would like to allow J. Martines to set up his food truck this Sunday and see if it impacts the Lions Club Concession sales. He will report back to the Village. J. Bush stated that since he has been on the Council and served as Village president people always ask, "what are you doing to bring businesses into the Village?" In his research mobile food vending can lead to future brick mortar businesses, one of these mobile food vendors could choose one of our community's many vacant downtown buildings to house their future restaurant (i.e. Concord Cafe, Shannon's, etc.). He also stated that while working through the decision process he can ensure the Council's intention is to protect the Lions Club from competition so they can be successful in their charitable endeavors. The Council tabled the decision on passing an ordinance until the next meeting as they are still looking into permit fees and/or percentage of profit fees. However, J. Bush and K. George did state until there is an ordinance on the books J. Martines is allowed to set up his food truck at the park and so could technically anyone else and that is why it is important the Village gets an ordinance in place to ban outright or limit the number of food vending services which would be allowed.

J. Bush asked the Council if they agree with the fee structure they received previously on the Foreclosed, Vacant and Abandoned Property Register Ordinance. They agreed with the fee structure. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the fee structure on the Foreclosed, Vacant and Abandoned Property Register Ordinance as presented. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson was on vacation. J. Bush discussed his May 2019 Blotter with the following incidents to note:

5/2: Domestic disturbance on Albion Rd. featuring a man, a live-in female and the female's cousin. A vehicle, drugs and missing property involved. 5/3: Assisted Parma unit on Neptune Dr. in a domestic situation involving an adult mother and her adult daughter throwing dog feces at each other. (Yes, you read that correctly) 5/14: Assisted Parma unit on John St. in a domestic situation involving a woman jumping on the hood of her boyfriend's vehicle as he drove away from their apartment. She stated, 'I started the fight and I didn't want him to leave without finishing it.' 5/16: Domestic Disturbance in the village. Verbal argument in which an adult daughter threatened to strangle her adult mother. 5/17: Handled an accident on Hanover St. in which a work van suddenly veered up a hill, off the road and through a mailbox.

J. Blossom was unable to attend the meeting as he is coaching baseball. He emailed these comments to J. Bush - We are waiting on the USDA for approval on the water project. Once accepted it can be put out for the bidding process. Then the 30-day advertising period can start. Hope to open bids the middle of July. RJT Construction will begin work on the sewer project for the easement behind the businesses on the West side of N. Main St. in the Downtown Business District the last full week of June, they figure it will take 2-3 weeks to complete depending on weather. He also noted the 10U baseball team won their division over the weekend. Their trophy is on display at the Village Office.

Council Comments:

J. Bush mentioned there is a Harwood meeting on Wednesday June 19th at the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library.