

San Francisco Township Special Meeting Sept 14th 2019

The special meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on 9/14/19 to discuss the road definition project. Board members and 16 residents convened at 7:00.

Heidi Schmidt called the meeting to order and asked for nominations of a mediator. Doug Weber was appointed.

Doug explained the purpose of the meeting was for the board to seek authorization to undertake the recording of the township roads and their right of ways. A special town meeting is required to change any township road. Doug read the applicable statutes. They stated that the land owners must be notified. DNR must be involved if the road abuts a waterway. Surveys may be required. Damages may be agreed upon. Owner may appeal or challenge any decisions made. Roads shall be recorded by the township clerk at the county.

The township board is seeking permission to platt & register all township roads. SFT has 26.3 miles of gravel roads.

Public Discussion:

Any newer developments have platted roads already.

This is for an easement by the township, not ownership.

The benefit is the ability to maintain ditches and repair roads.

There are incidents of people parking vehicles along the road. Or having large rocks in the right of way of way. This makes it dangerous for other vehicles and snow plows.

If someone goes off the road and hits something in the ditch, the township could be liable for not keeping them clear and safe. A lawsuit would come out of township funds.

Cost would be established after project is approved.

A Yes vote gives the board permission to proceed with the project.

The project would be done in small increments over many years and as roads need repair.

Motion made to authorize the Township Board to proceed with the project to platt and record all township roads. Second. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38

Respectfully submitted

Heidi Schmidt – Township Clerk