

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Held at the Brampton Township Kipling Hall
May 19, 2025

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maufort at 7:00pm. Roll call confirmed all board members present with visitors John Malnar, Pat Young, Ashley Edwardsen, Craig Peloza, Brent Desjarlais and Mark Caswell.

M/Edwardsen S/Thull to add item 8a (Bike Path Update), 10a (Down payment to Rock Road Masonry) and 10b (MTA Dues Invoice of \$784.79) to the agenda.
M/C

M/Thull S/Elegeert approving the April Regular Monthly meeting minutes.
M/C

Public Comments:

Brent Desjarlais, Township Assessor, informed the group of the following:

- BOR met in March. 2 petitions were clarified due to data base errors found by Brent.
- Township Land Values & ECF are uploaded on the County Website to meet State requirement.
- Brampton will have State Assessing audit next year. Brent has already done audits for his other Townships and all have gone well so he is not concerned about ours.
- The mandated database freeze timeframe has expired, so during April he started entering information into system and is all caught up.
- Brent and Pierce have completed Annual State Mandated training.
- They did 20% field visits 5/19 in the NW of Township – N of 26th Road – W to M35 and most of 27.5 Rd. All went well – only a few small items added.

John Malnar noted the following:

- The current County Administrator was hired as the Airport Manager and they will be looking to replace the Administrator, HR and Controller positions.
- He has been invited to the White House on June 17th for a Michigan Leadership Conference. He's not sure if he will be able to attend.

Craig Peloza, Rec Committee Chair, reported below updates on both the playground, grants, and bike path:

- Craig, Debbie and Ashley attended Escanaba Kiwanis meeting to answer their questions on the playground.

- An information packet was provided to the Escanaba Rotary for review. No word from them yet on grant approval.
- A \$2,000 grant check was received from the Dagenais Foundation.
- A letter was received from the Delta County Community Foundation. Our grant request was received and they will visit the request once their funding is approved.
- Craig and Debbie attended the MDOT virtual meeting and were able to announce Brampton's request to move the Iron Belle bike path from US 2 Highway to the Kipling Road.
- Craig and Dennis met with Jody from the DCRC and they are on board with the bike path move as well.

M/Thull S/Smauley to purchase new laptop for the Supervisor. The current laptop age will not allow Windows 11 update. M/C

M/Elegeert S/Thull approving the DNR Grant Resolution of Authorization – Brampton Township Match Without Donated Funds.

✓ Roll call showed:

Ayes: Maufort, Smauley, Elegeert, Edwardsen and Thull.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

M/Edwardsen S/Thull to provide 50% payment to Rock Road Masonry for sidewalk work at the Kipling Park. Total cost \$5,839.00 with 50% payment of \$2,920.00. M/C

M/Elegeert S/Thull to pay the MTA annual dues of \$784.79 covering 7/1/25 – 6/30/26. M/C

M/Thull S/Elegeert confirming review of the April Expense/Revenue report. M/C

Fire Chief report:

- 2 call outs – one for smoke in house and one for house struck by lightning.

Supervisor report:

- A cost breakdown of one resident house number sign with post was provided along with a sign sample.

Clerk report:

- Onboarding with Mission Square has begun. Should be able to login within 5 weeks.

- Received approval letter from Par Plan for \$2,500 grant for installation of 4 new cameras (3 outside monitoring playground, pavilion, and parking lot and 1 inside Township Hall) Have 6 months to complete to get reimbursed. Clerk working with Travis at DSTech.
- Asked about sending Thank you cards to grant donators. Board agreed.
- May School election went well. Clerk was sick. Deputy Clerk and crew did a fantastic job. Had 232 total voters.
- Hall inside/outside cleaning and bug spray was completed.
- Spoke to DNR rep Merrie Carlock about the grant. Two items were needed: Approved Resolution showing Township's Financial commitment and March approved minutes (originally submitted drafted minutes).
- Merrie Carlock and her boss from the DNR will be visiting our playground site on May 31st at 5:00. Dennis, Craig and Debbie plan to attend.

M/Thull S/Elegeert approving the DSTech camera quote change due to delay in purchase and knowing exact hardware needed. M/C

Treasurer report:

- Received invoice from Assessor for annual state training reimbursement.

M/Elegeert S/Edwardsen to pay the Assessor training of \$34.98 noting all future training costs get approved first. M/C

There was no trustee member comments/report.

M/Thull S/Elegeert to pay the General Fund bills of \$8,496.08 and Fire Fund bills of \$3,179.00. M/C

M/Edwardsen S/Thull to adjourn at 8:07 pm. M/C

I, Debbie Edwardsen, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the approved Regular meeting minutes of the Brampton Township held on the 19th day of May, 2025.

Debbie Edwarden, Clerk