

Public Hearing
400th Street Road Extinguishment
October 18, 2011

The Extinguishment meeting for 400th Street began at 7:00 pm on October 18, 2011. Present were: Russ Nickerson, Michael Schmidt, Roger Corson, Rebecca Beevor, Amanda Lofthus, Linda Blanchard, John Casson, Dale Bunes, David Bessler, Alan Rairdon, David Horn, Delano Bunker and Barry Horn.

The meeting began with the pledge to the flag. Russ reviewed a brief history of the road. The road is not registered or recorded as being owned by Guthrie Township and we do not want to establish the road as such. The floor was opened to discussion. This road is shared with Hendrickson Township. The only revenue loss to either township would be the state Gas Tax, a minimal amount paid annually for this stretch. It is basically a trail that was expanded over the years. Michael explained that the liability possibilities are what is pressing this extinguishment. What does this extinguishment mean to the landowners that are along the road? Landowners would move their property line up to the mid line of the road. If necessary, easements between owners would need to be drawn for access to and fro across property lines. They may barricade or post as they wish concerning their own properties. Will the township prepare a cul de sac for unknowing travelers? The supervisors would strongly consider this need. Paul Bunyan communications should be notified. Is anyone harmed with this extinguishment? No one spoke that they would be adversely affected. The minimum maintenance road sign should be removed and in its place put a Dead End road sign. A formal resolution acknowledging the township's lack of interest in the road is needed. It will then be recorded of record.

The possibility of abandoning the recorded road right off of County Road 36 was discussed. Landowners present are interested in this idea. In order to start the process, a petition signed by at least seven landowners would need to be obtained and follow with a public hearing or discuss it as part of the agenda at the Annual Meeting in the Spring. Russ motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michael seconded the motion.