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Castle Rock Board of Supervisors
Meet monthly - 2nd Tuesday-7:00 p.m.
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Castle Rock Planning Commission
Meet monthly-4th Tuesday-7:00 p.m.
Arlyn Lamb, Chair 651-460-4927
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Colette Mumm

Parks Committee
Mark Molitor (Supervisor)

Roads Committee
Russell Zellmer (Supervisor)
Ken Betzold, Chair
Elaine Wikstrom, Secretary
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Mark Henry
David Mumm
Jim Ozmun

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was convened at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. Arlyn Lamb was elected as moderator.

An operating budget with proposed total disbursements of \$359,107.00 was approved. The breakdown is \$116,120.00 for the General Fund, \$155,320.00 for the Road and Bridge Fund, \$79,017.00 for the Fire and Ambulance Fund, \$3,650.00 for the Park Fund, and \$5,000.00 for the Escrow Fund. The recommended levy of \$301,040.00, which is a 0% increase from last year, was tabled. A motion was approved to reconvene the annual meeting on August 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to set the final levy for 2012.

A motion was approved to hold the 2012 annual meeting on the second Tuesday of March, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. The meeting recessed at 9:54 p.m.



Parks

The Parks committee is looking for ideas, donations, etc. to build a shelter on the slab at the Hwy 50 baseball park. If you or someone that you know, i.e. Eagle Scout, 4-H club, neighborhood or community group, is interested, please contact the Township office at 651-460-2221.

Memorial Trees

The Castle Rock Valley Cemetery Association is seeking families who would like to help support the continuing maintenance of the Cemetery by donating a tree in memory of a loved one. This will be an on-going replacement program, since many of the older trees have had to be removed in recent years. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Cemetery Board President, Roger Randall at 651-463-7549.

Weeds Gone Wild

Minnesota State Statute 160.23 states that road authorities, including road authorities of cities shall cause all noxious weeds on their respective highways and streets to be cut down or otherwise destroyed or eradicated as often as may be necessary to prevent the ripening or scattering of seed and other propagating parts of such weeds.

Some of the more common invasive troublemakers are *exotic buckthorn*, *leafy spurge*, *exotic honeysuckles*, *garlic-mustard*, *spotted knapweed*, and *reed canary-grass*.

For more information or to report prohibited exotic species, call the DNR Exotic Species Program, 651-259-5100. For prohibited noxious weeds, call the MDA, 651-296-6123. For a more detailed list, along with photographs, you can visit the MDA website at <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plant/badplants/noxiouslist.aspx>.



Legal Issues

Image Cowboys

The Board is very pleased to announce that the lawsuit brought by Image Cowboys, Inc. and David Sodergren against the Township, Board members, and other individuals was voluntarily dismissed by Mr. Sodergren. Although the Township had to incur time and expense defending the meritless claims for the last year, the Board is happy that the lawsuit is over and that the claims cannot be brought again.

Empey Property

On April 4, 2011, the Empey property case regarding Use Not Permitted in Agriculture Districts and Unlawful Outdoor Storage was settled in Dakota County District Court. Conditions have been put in place by the court and will be monitored by the township board.

Dustproofing

Dustproofing on some town roads has been applied. Dustproofing has only been done on roads not to be graveled this year and where spring breakup has healed. Residents with questions about dustproofing or wishing to buy more than their allotted 300 feet should contact the town clerk. The cost for additional footage is \$45.00 per 100 feet.

LeDuc Estate Summer Camp

Registration is now open for two summer camps for youth ages 10-14 at the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings. Register through Hastings Community Education @ www.HastingsCommunityEd.com, or call 651-480-7670.

“Experience Life with the LeDuc Family I” will take place June 13-17, 8 a.m.– noon each day. Students will experience life as it was lived by the LeDuc children who grew up in a marvelous house in Hastings during the 1860’s. They will immerse themselves in the 19th Century as they dress in period costumes, participate in activities of daily life and make projects to take home.

“Experience Life with the LeDuc Family II” will take place August 2-4, 8 a.m.-noon each day.

CapX2020

CapX2020 is a joint initiative of 11 investor-owned, cooperative and municipal utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region to upgrade and expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable and affordable service. The CapX2020 Group 1 projects include three proposed 345 kV Transmission lines and a proposed 230 kV line. It is the largest development of new transmission in the upper Midwest in 30 years. The projects are projected to cost nearly \$2 billion and cover a distance of more than 700 miles. The new infrastructure will provide a foundation for the region’s projected electricity growth as well as connect into renewable energy sources in southern and western Minnesota and the Dakotas. The CapX2020 utilities recently started construction on one of the projects, a 30-mile, 345 kV line segment between Monticello and St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Field construction on the Brookings County-Hampton project is scheduled to begin in 2012 and be completed in 2015. Along with the approximately 250-mile transmission line, four new substations will be built, and four existing substations will be expanded.

The final route includes a combination of the original preferred route, alternate route and routes submitted during the EIS scoping process. Landowners will be contacted in 2011 to begin the easement negotiation and purchase process. The construction schedule is dependent upon the certainty of cost allocation by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator and completion of commercial arrangements by the CapX2020 utilities.

Election Results

The results of the 2011 Township election are as follows: Supervisor C - three year team

Michael Rademacher	76 votes
Write in	7 votes

Total ballots cast were 85.

'Politics' is made up of two words, *'poli,'* which is Greek for *'many,'* and *'tics,'* which are blood-sucking insects. - *Gore Vidal*

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CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES

Planning Commission
Regular Meetings
7:00 PM
Tuesday May, 24th, 2011
Tuesday, June 28th, 2011
Tuesday, July 26th, 2011
Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011

Meeting Calendar
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meetings
7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 14th, 2011
Tuesday, July 12th, 2011
Monday, August 8th, 2011
Tuesday, September 13th, 2011