

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 6, 2021 at 9:00am
Held via Zoom Remote Conferencing Software &
Large Conference Room at Township Hall
2865 Thornhills SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee McDonald, Trustee Shipley

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Community Development Director (CDD) Steve Peterson, Fishbeck Engineers Mike Berrevoets and Greg Whittle

Call to Order: Trustee McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Business: The Infrastructure Committee discussed the following items:

1. Officers of the Committee

TM Swayze explained that per the committee policy, the committee is responsible for electing a Chair and a Vice Chair.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Trustee Shipley to appoint Trustee Shipley to Chair and Supervisor Lesperance as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

2. Pathway Construction Update

CDD Peterson reviewed the current issues with the Burton Street bridge pathway. The condo association have expressed some concerns with the pathway placement they would like addressed prior to approving the required easements. Concerns include:

- Want pathway moved further away from Burton Street
- Want center turn land on Burton
- Would like enhanced tree replacement/landscaping

Fishbeck engineers and CDD walked through the issues. Discussion ensued. IT was generally agreed that the center turn land should not be a condition of the project. Township will offer the 1 for 1 replacement program for landscaping. Township will continue to review options for moving the pathway further away from Burton Street, including looking at moving existing utility poles.

CDD Peterson and Fishbeck engineers reviewed the issues with the Cascade road pathway near the entrance to Watermark. The original pathway was supposed to go all the way to Watermark, but construction stopped at McNider due to easement issues. Fishbeck engineers reviewed the pathway layout alternatives. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that Township should approach Watermark one last time, but if they aren't willing to offer easement Township should move on.

Trustee McDonald brought up the Laraway Lake pathway issue. Discussion ensued. Committee asked staff to return to the committee with further information on a possible pathway extension from Cascade road north to where it currently ends.

No action, discussion only

3. 2021 – 2026 Capital Improvements Plan

TM Swayze reviewed the proposed 21-26 CIP. Discussion ensued. Conversation was had regarding the merits of the Gathering Space project in the DDA section. Supervisor Lesperance indicated she is interested in pursuing the property on Wycliff with the church that is currently for sale.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to forward the 21-26 Capital Improvements Plan to the Planning Commission for consideration. Motion carried

****Trustee Shipley excused himself from the meeting****

4. Updated Cascade Township PASER Map

TM Swayze reviewed the updated PASER map with the committee. Discussion ensued regarding investigating areas for improvements for FY21. TM Swayze indicated that areas of work for 2021 will be back to the committee at the next meeting.

No action, discussion only

Adjournment: Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am

Approved by the Infrastructure Committee 3.3.21