

**MINUTES OF THE  
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

AND

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 P.M.

HYBRID FORMAT

- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, Deputy Clerk Brott, Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, Inc. via Zoom, Nick Ballou-Triangle Associates, Inc. via Zoom, Mike Reese-Troyer Group, and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**  
None
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
None
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
    - 1. Township Board – 8/10/2022; 8/11/2022
  - b. Receive and File Reports
    - 1.
  - c. Receive and File Education Requests
    - 1. Tom Hanson – Code Officials Conference of MI – Bellaire, MI – September 27-30, 2022
    - 2. Dennis Rowlander – Code Officials Conference of MI – Bellaire, MI – September 27-30, 2022
    - 3. Brian Wilson – Code Officials Conference of MI – Bellaire, MI – September 27-30, 2022
  - d. Receive and File Communication
    - 1.

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Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**

**a.** Consider Approval of July 2022 Financial Reports

**b.** Consider Approval of July 2022 Payroll, Payables and Transfers

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**048-2022 Consider Peace Park Hunting Ordinance and Regulations**

**(Information added 8.23.22)**

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to set the Public Hearing for September 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**050-2022 Consider Compensation for Boards and Commission**

Consider discussion.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve \$90.00 per meeting for Planning Commission members, and \$100.00 per meeting for the Planning Commission Chair, as well as cost of living increases for both Planning Commission members and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members in line with Township employees. Trustee McDonald, as a member of ZBA, and Trustee Noordhoek, as Planning Commission member, recused himself themselves from the vote. Motion carried ~~6-0~~ 5-0.

**Article 9. New Business**

**060-2022 Consider Use of Township Property for Library Outdoor Gardens & Activity Space**

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the potential use of the library property according to the Friends of the Library outdoor gardens and activity space proposal with final approval by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**061-2022 Consider Award of Fire Station #1 Construction Fire Alarm Bid Package**

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**062-2022 Consider Amendment to Troyer Group Contract to Update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**063-2022 Consider a Contract for Fall 2022 Spongy Moth Survey**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**064-2022 Consider Resolution Recognizing Greenridge Dream Team Foundation as a Non-Profit Organization (Roll Call)**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**065-2022 Consider Approval of Delegates for the 2022 MERS Conference**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**066-2022 Consider Renaming of the Museum Gardens Park to Virgil Nishimura Westdale Memorial Park (Roll Call)**

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote. In favor-Supervisor Lesperance, Trustee Koessel, Trustee McDonald, Trustee Noordhoek, and Trustee Shipley. Opposed-Clerk Slater and Treasurer Peirce.

**Article 10. Discussion**

1. Supervisor Lesperance-Re 36<sup>th</sup> Street bus service termination: Additional research and communication with businesses would have been helpful. Re pathways: It would have been helpful to know about Kentwood building a pathway on Burton Street. Pathways Committee will meet on 9/1/22 at 10 a.m. Re special Board meetings: Because of inadequate audio visual equipment at the Township Hall, future special board meetings should take place at Wisner so that residents can fully participate.

**Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Requested update on Egypt Creek Landscaping matter. Manager Swayze advised that the Township has unleased the full powers of our attorney and is waiting to hear what actions the Township is allowed to take.
2. Tom Richardson-3438 N Applecrest Ct-Re Strategic Plan: Concerned about safety at intersections. Re Pedestrian bridge at Burton: Board should rethink 2/23/22 decision as 2018 millage was approved by voters and the pedestrian bridge was mentioned as a proposed project. The Strategic Plan renews focus on the area.
3. Chris Noordyke via Zoom-3720 Oakbluff Ct-Page 2 of the draft resolution for Virgil Nishimura Westdale Memorial Park naming should be revised to say “Cascade Christian Church.”
4. Jeff Hughes-7250 Red Bud Lane-Re deer population: Discussed the weight of doe/buck vs. impact on vehicles. Provided pictures of deer/car collisions to the Board. Trustee Noordhoek suggested he contact the Kent County Road Commission for signage on Cascade Rd.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

1. Metro Cruise is 8/25/22 and Heritage Day is 9/10/22. Bonds were sold today at 3.65% rate. Triangle will come before the Board with the remaining bids.

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**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Krissi Brott  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk