

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

Wednesday, June 8, 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, 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 Noordhoek to approve with a request to amend agenda adding an RFP for engineering in New Business. 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)**
1. Kathy Taylor-6027 Champagne Ct-Re Pathways Ad Hoc Committee: Look for more money to repair existing trails. Ada is spending \$4M on the Pettis Trail, and earmarked \$15M for trail repairs for the next three (3) years.
 2. Kris Taylor-6027 Champagne Ct-Re Cascade Pathways: Repair large sections from east Manchester west to Hall Street and Mont-Rue east to Village. Remove large trees over pathways. The residence at 6480 Cascade looks like a used car lot; there are a dozen cars parked there.
 3. Chuck Whitley-5030 Sequoia-Re Pathway over the Thornapple River by the dam is very hazardous. Though it doesn't connect, it needs a "clean-up."
 4. Ken Van Der Kolk-7200 Leyton Dr-Re Homeowner at 6480 Cascade: Went to the office and was told "he's a collector." The homeowner is storing junk.
- Article 6.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Minutes
 1. Township Board – 5/25/2022
 - b. Receive and File Reports
None

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- c. Receive and File Education Requests
 - 1. Jon Snyder – Lansing Community College – Communications 120: Dynamics of Communication (Education/Tuition Request)
- d. Receive and File Communication
 - 1. Liquor License Transfer – HDDA – Grand Rapids; 5700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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

Article 7. Financial Actions
None

Article 8. Unfinished Business

- 034-2022 a) Consider a Resolution Establishing Forensic Analysis Recommendations Implementation Ad-Hoc Committee (Roll Call)**
b) Appointments: Forensic Analysis Recommendations Implementation Ad-Hoc Committee

Considerable discussion. Discussed entire Board meeting at an agreed upon time to devise a plan and structure for staff members to carry out recommendations from Plante Moran’s forensic audit findings.

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee Noordhoek to approve the Ad-Hoc Committee and appointments as presented. Motion failed by 3-4 vote. In favor- Supervisor Lesperance, Trustees Noordhoek and Shipley. Opposed-Treasurer Peirce, Clerk Slater, Trustees Koessel and McDonald.

Article 9. New Business

- 035-2022 Consider Approval of Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Cascade Metro Cruise Warmup**

Motion by Clerk Slater, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

- 036-2022 Consider Purchase of Entry Sign for 30th Street Cemetery**

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

- 037-2022 Consider Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering Services**

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

Article 10. Discussion

1. Early Bid Package for Fire Station #1 Project-Triangle Associates and Williams Architects recommend that the Township bid early on some items to guarantee a lower price and a place in line.
2. Rules for bidding on Fire Station #1 Project-Triangle Associates requested clarification of bid rules. Their subsidiary, IntegraCore Constructors (IC), would like to bid. The bids are sealed.
3. Kent County American Rescue Plan Act Funding-Manager Swayze requested recommendations from the Board for the open proposals due to Kent County in July

2022. Items discussed included future projects for broadband deficiency in the Alaska Ridge neighborhood, pedestrian bridge on Cascade Road, and PFAS.

4. Projects/Issues Update-

Re Worm Farm: Planning Commission is setting a Public Hearing re zoning ordinance and special use updates. They should be presented to the Board in August.
Re Egypt Creek Landscaping: The Township Attorney sent a letter to the business owner. The site review will occur Tuesday, June 14, 2022, to check on the seven (7) points addressed in the letter.

Re Round Hill Subcommittee: The subcommittee will submit their findings and recommendations to the Board at the July 13 meeting.

Re Deer Culling: Supervisor Lesperance, Manager Swayze, and Parks and Recreation Chair Ginny Wanty met with Dr. Keys from Cornerstone University. Dr. Keys volunteered his time and his students to do a deer population analysis from August to December 2022.

Re McGraw Park: In collaboration with the Kent County Road Commission, a solution to the flooding will be designed and presented to the Board in Fall 2022.

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-Thanked the Board for the Egypt Creek update. The bridge over the freeway at Thornapple River Drive and 36th Street needs to be updated to accommodate for the increased traffic.
2. Ken Van Der Kolk-Are mechanical inspectors required to wear uniforms? Who pays for them? Manager Swayze advised that the Township pays, and they received three bids.
3. Chuck Whitley-Thanked Scott Rissi for reading his letter at a previous meeting. Requested confirmation that there is a communication plan set in place for any problems with the Thornapple River dam. What is the process? Manager Swayze responded.

Article 12. Manager Comments

None

Article 13. Board Member Comments

1. Treasurer Peirce-Would like to see the Conflict of Interest policy for Board members. He disclosed that his wife, Jill Peirce, has been hired to work in the office prior to elections.
2. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Requests that the Board move forward with the Pathways Ad Hoc Committee.
3. Trustee McDonald-What is the status of the Oak Wilt project? Manager Swayze responded that it must be done between November 1 and March 31.
4. Trustee Noordhoek-Complimented the Planning Commission for their hard work.

Article 14. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Krissi Brott
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

Susan B. Slater, Clerk