

AGENDA
Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
8 am
5920 Tahoe Dr

- ARTICLE 1. Call the meeting to order
Record the attendance**
- ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda**
- ARTICLE 3. Approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.**
- ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.
(Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.)**
- ARTICLE 5. Strategic Plan Update
Update from Strategic Plan Subcommittee**
- ARTICLE 6. Pathways Discussion
Update and information from Staff**
- ARTICLE 7. Revisit Parks Committee Bylaws
Review and discuss current Parks Committee bylaws**
- ARTICLE 8. Parks Master Plan Discussion
Discussion and presentation from Troyer Group team including survey results.
Update on the property acquisition checklist.**
- ARTICLE 9. Update on Oak Wilt Situation at Burton Park
Update from Staff and Ginny**
- ARTICLE 10. Submissions for Cascade Spring Newsletter
Update on possible article topics**
- ARTICLE 11. Bittersweet Flyer
Provide flyer and information regarding workday at Burton Park**
- ARTICLE 12. Old Business**
- ARTICLE 13. Any Other Business**
- ARTICLE 14. Adjournment**

Meeting format

- 1. Staff Presentation** *Staff report and recommendation*
- 2. Project presentation-** *Applicant presentation and explanation of project*
 - a. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - i. Open Public Hearing.** *Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker; exception may be granted by the chair for representative speakers and applicants*
 - ii. Close public hearing**
- 3. Committee discussion –** *May ask for clarification from applicant, staff or public*
- 4. Committee decision - Options**
 - a. Table the decision**
 - b. Deny**
 - c. Approve**
 - d. Approve with conditions**
 - e. Recommendation to Township Board**

Meeting Minutes

Cascade Charter Township
Parks Committee
Monday, January 18, 2022
8:00 AM
2870 Jacksmith Ave SE

ARTICLE 1. Chairperson Wanty called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.
Members Present: Joe Engel, Chair Ginny Wanty, Supervisor Grace Lesperance, Mike Reese, and Windy Korstange
Members Absent: Matt Douglas

Others Present: Interim Planning Director Brian Hilbrands, Rachel Walsh with Troyer Group

ARTICLE 2. Welcome new Committee Member

New member Windy Korstange was welcomed to the Parks Committee

ARTICLE 3. Approve the current Agenda

Motion was made by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the current Agenda. Supported by Member Engel. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the minutes of the November 16, November 30, and December 6, 2021 meetings.

Motion was made by Member Engel to approve the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by Supervisor Lesperance. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by Member Engel. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Member Engel to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by Supervisor Lesperance. Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 5. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

ARTICLE 6. Township Follow-up on Previous Public Comments

Interim Planning Director Hilbrands said that Manager Swayze has not heard anything new from the Sheriff's department about the cameras. On the Porta-a-potty for the Pickleball court, the township orders Porta-potties in the spring so they will add an additional one to their normal order to be placed near the Pickleball court on a trial basis. He did not have anything to report on the potential for placing a gate at Burton Park.

ARTICLE 7. Status of Parks Committee Email and Open Meeting Question

There was confusion as to if the Parks Committee has to comply with the Open Meetings Act. In the bylaws it states that the committee follows the Open Meetings Act but, since the Parks Committee is advisory only, some members thought that meant the Open Meetings Act did not apply. Interim Planning Director Hilbrands and Supervisor Lesperance agreed to talk to the township lawyer about this and, if the committee isn't required to follow the act by law, they may request the Township Board allow them to amend their bylaws. Revisiting the bylaws will be added to the February agenda. The township is changing to a cloud-based server in April and then the Parks Committee will have a general email address so that they can communicate with residents without sharing their personal information.

ARTICLE 8. Update on Oak Wilt Situation at Burton Park

Member Engel said that Manager Swayze provided him with contact information for a resident of Cascade Farms who may allow the township to drive through their property to access the oak wilt at Burton Park. Member Engel will follow up with the property owner. Three out of four companies said that they don't want to go near the driveway. They'd rather go through the grass where there is only a slight incline. There is currently a cottonwood tree in the way that would have to be removed but Building and Grounds Supervisor MacDonald does not think the property owner would have a problem with that. They also mentioned that they could potentially plant a new tree if they had to remove the cottonwood tree.

An oak wilt information sheet from MSU Extension was included in the packet. Supervisor Lesperance praised Chair Wanty's presentation at the last Township Board meeting and said the audience seemed interested and engaged.

Chair Wanty shared that the township is having a difficult time getting bids on the oak wilt project. There have been four bids to take out the trees and only one bid for the trenching. She said there will be a meeting next Thursday to discuss if they want to push the tree removal to November of 2022 and accept a trenching bid or if they are going to push it all until November 2022. The state has a vibratory plow that communities can use for trenching. This year the state said there was too much cable that needed to be laid, so they didn't allow counties to use the plow for vibratory trenching. The Cascade Township Oak Wilt Consultant is certain that communities will be able to use the plow this November but will need to find out cost and availability. In Cascade Burton Park, oak wilt site #1 has 67 trees that need to be removed and it is in its second year of oak wilt. Oak wilt site #2 is in its first year and only has one triple trunk tree that needs to be removed. At the Thursday meeting they will also talk about if they want to consider only removing the tree at site two immediately, either by the township Building and Grounds crew or hiring someone to remove it, as it is a large, triple trunk tree, and its removal could stop the spread at that site. The consultant, Julie Stachecki, thinks that there will only be an additional ten trees if trenching and removal does not occur until November 2022.

Chair Wanty has reached out to the state forest management planner for resources. Nick Sanchez, who used to be the forester for Kent County and now works for the Land

Conservancy, has volunteered to do a walkthrough in the spring to check for oak wilt but the tricky part is that he won't be able to see up in the tree's branches. This could be accomplished with the assistance of a drone but they would need to get special permission for its use because there is an airport in Cascade Township. Every conservation district is supposed to have access to a forester but currently Kent, Montcalm, and Ionia counties haven't re-hired a forester since the last one left. When this position is filled, residents can have a forester visit their property to give them forest health advice for free. There are residents near the current oak wilt sites that would like to have someone come check their trees and provide advice. Member Engel said that Bartlett will also come out, assess the trees, and recommend a course of action for free but they are also looking for tree work.

ARTICLE 9. Discussion with Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Supervisor Jim MacDonald talked about each park and any maintenance needed.

Rec Park: Overall Rec Park is doing well, but the roof of the gazebo needs to be replaced. They want to keep the same aesthetic, replacement parts, and style among all the buildings in the park so they will look into what type of roofing would be best. Their maintenance building needs to be replaced but other projects are currently higher on the township's priority list. The township is looking to hire an inhouse engineer/project manager who would be perfect to work on this type of project. The blacktop on the way to the gazebo is completely crumbled and can't be fixed. It will need to be completely redone. The ball fields are infested with weeds and the bases need to be taken out and redone. They would need to hire someone who is a ball field expert to reset everything. Member Engel said the committee is probably looking at a half a million-dollar project to fix this park back to acceptable.

Chair Wanty suggested these items be included in the Master Plan and five-year plan. Chair Wanty and Supervisor Lesperance shared that it is helpful to have B&G Supervisor MacDonald at these meetings as he is an expert on the parks and they want him to feel like he has somewhere to go with his concerns. How this maintenance is going to be funded will be a big question this year. Member Korstange asked if there was a millage paying for any part of the park maintenance and was told that there is currently a pathway maintenance millage but not one for the parks. If the township wants to look at offering programming at the parks and expanding their offerings, that would require more paid positions such as a Parks Director. B&G Supervisor MacDonald asked where the new port-a-potty would be placed and Interim Planning Director Hilbrands said they were thinking of putting it between the pickleball courts and the dog park.

Peace Park: Supervisor MacDonald did not have any concerns for Peace Park except that there are many people who have wanted to donate benches for the park. Due to supply chain issues, they are backlogged by at least a year. The Parks Committee will further look into the process of people donating benches and think about how it could be used for a park's fundraiser, similar to what Ada did. Chair Wanty would like to see the form the township gives people looking to donate benches. Member Reese suggested the committee create a wish list of improvements they would like to see

completed. Member Engel mentioned creating a list of donations people could make at a variety of price points.

Burton Park: The dirt parking lot is a trap. It is at the worst angle and people get stuck in it. FTC & H was hired for the project and it has had problems from the start. It is too small of a lot and people have difficulty getting out. Member Engel asked if there was room to reengineer the lot to be more usable and Supervisor MacDonald said that the nearby residents do not want a parking lot near their property due to it becoming a potential site for drug use and other illicit activities (though Building and Grounds hasn't ever seen any sign of that). Foot traffic on the road to Burton Park has become so heavy that Building and Grounds has a difficult time getting through. B&G Supervisor MacDonald said that they would eventually need a foot path separate from the road.

Tassell Park: There is a broken handrail and the dock and the boardwalk are damaged. They would like to switch from wood to something else that does well in wet areas. The pillars in the parking lot need to be regouted. Previous Director Peterson had said he shared this information with Fishbeck to work out a plan on how to fix these problems but Supervisor MacDonald said he never heard anything back on it. Multiple committee members expressed concern about the amount of money the township is paying Fishbeck compared to the quality of product they are getting back.

Interim Planning Director Hilbrands said that he thinks the Engineer/Project Manager position may solve some of these problems. The committee doesn't understand why Fishbeck is contracted for all township projects when the cost is so high and the projects aren't being bid out. Staff will try to see what routine maintenance projects they can get quotes for in the meantime. The Committee would like there to be a parks budget so they know what they can improve, fix, and spend. Supervisor Lesperance said that she hasn't seen anything come up on the Township Board level in relation to Fishbeck and contracts or funding.

ARTICLE 10. Parks Master Plan Discussion

The committee talked through the objectives from the previous Master Plan and to review park data and public engagement. Member Reese asked everyone for one or two goals they would like on the new Master Plan. Member Engel suggested that acquisition and protection of green space be near the top of the list. Chair Wanty agreed and suggested community engagement be added to the list (whether that's getting more volunteers, hosting classes, wildflower walks, etc.). She is also unclear how the pathways system works and hopes to learn more about that at a future meeting. Getting a parks director is also high on her list of priorities. Member Korstange echoed Member Engel's sentiment about green space and added that she thinks the community needs to get more involved in parks decisions so they know what type of amenities the community wants as time goes on. Supervisor Lesperance said she prioritized acquisition and preservation of green space/natural areas first and a close second would be maintaining what they have and community engagement. Member Korstange added the safety of walking on pathways that run close to the road and the lack of pleasant aesthetic as so many trees needed to be cut down for it and

weren't ever replaced. They talked about adding an ordinance about replacing trees that are removed during this type of construction.

ARTICLE 11. Property Acquisition Checklist

Member Engel met with Rob Beahan and Mr. Theule to begin talking about the Theule property next to Peace Park and how the township could work on acquiring it. Member Engel is also working on the property acquisitions check list.

ARTICLE 12. Strategic Plan Update

Member Reese shared that there are still surveys coming in and the survey will be ending on January 28th. Member Korstange recommended adding the end date to the social media posts about the survey as she sees them daily and hasn't found an end date anywhere. Member Reese said that they will need a longer meeting in the future to go over the survey and prepare for the strategic plan.

ARTICLE 13. Old Business

There was not any other business to discuss.

ARTICLE 14. Any Other Business

Ralph Moxley expressed interest in serving on the Parks Committee at the previous Township Board meeting. The members believe he would be a welcome addition but it says the committee is made up of five members in the bylaws. They will recommend he attends meetings as a private citizen if he would like to contribute to Parks Committee discussions.

ARTICLE 15. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Reese to adjourn. Supported by Supervisor Lesperance. Motion carried 5 to 0.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Engel, Secretary

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP PATHWAY MAP

MAP LEGEND

- PROPOSED PATHWAYS
- CURRENT PATHWAYS
- CURRENT PARK TRAILS
- CURRENT PUBLIC SIDEWALKS (ON MAJOR STREETS)
- RESIDENTIAL ON STREET CONNECTOR

PROPOSED PATHWAY KEY NOTES

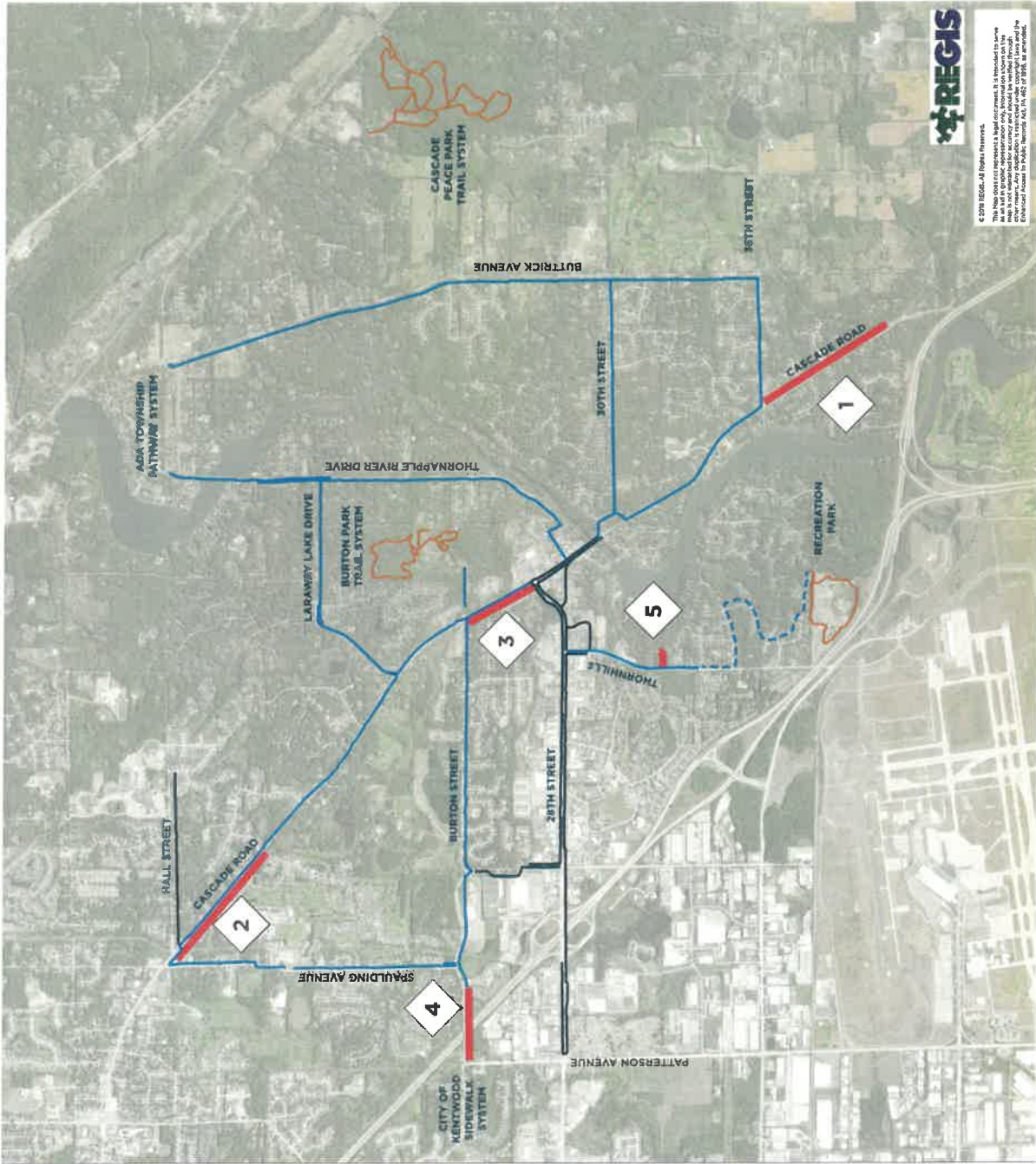
1. CASCADE RD, 36TH ST TO CAHOON DR
2. CASCADE RD, WATERMARK DR TO HALL ST SOUTH SIDE OF CASCADE RD
3. CASCADE RD, BURTON ST TO 28TH ST SOUTH SIDE OF CASCADE RD
4. BURTON ST, PATTERSON AVE TO SPAULDING AVE INCLUDES BRIDGE OVER I-96 TO BE PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH GRANT MONEY
5. THORNAPPLE RIVER DR, THORNHILLS AVE TO BURGER DR

PATHWAY MAP

SCALE: 1" = 1/4 MILE

0 1/4 MILE 1/2 MILE

NORTH



REGIS

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 This map does not represent a legal document. It is intended to serve as a guide to the general location and approximate location of the proposed pathways. The actual location and location of the proposed pathways shall be determined by the local government and the local government shall be responsible for the actual location and location of the proposed pathways.

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMITTEE

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. AUTHORITY

These rules of procedures are adopted by the Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, the Open Meetings Act.

2. OFFICERS

2.1 *Selection.* At the February meeting, the Committee shall select from its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary who shall serve for a twelve month period and who shall be eligible for re-election. The vice-chairperson may also hold the position of secretary.

2.2 *Duties.* A chairperson shall preside at all meetings and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with the rules provided herein. The vice-chairperson shall act in the capacity of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson and shall succeed to the office of chairperson in the event of a vacancy in that office, in which case the Committee shall select a successor to the office of vice-chairperson at the earliest practicable time. The secretary shall execute documents in the name of the Parks Committee, and perform such other duties as the Committee may determine. The Cascade Township Manager or Planning Director shall serve as the recording secretary who shall be responsible for the preparation of minutes, keeping of pertinent public records, delivering communications, petitions, reports, and related items of business of the Committee, issuing notices of public hearings, and performing related administrative duties to assure efficient and informed Committee operations.

2.3 *Tenure.* The officers shall take office immediately following their election. They shall hold their office for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected and assume office.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 *Membership.* The Parks Committee shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) alternate member and one (1) ex-officio member. All members shall be representative of the Township and the major interests present in the Township. All voting members shall be residents and qualified voters within Cascade Charter Township. One (1) member of the Township Board shall be on the Committee, with their term of service running concurrent with his/her service on the Township Board. The Township Supervisor may appoint one (1) alternate member for the same term as regular members to the Parks Committee, upon approval by the Township Board. The alternate member shall sit as a regular member of the Parks Committee in the absence of a regular member.

A representative of the Forest Hills Schools administration may serve as an ex-officio member of the Parks Committee as a means of communicating common recreation needs to the township. This representative shall not have any voting privileges on the Committee.

3.2 *Terms.* Members of the Parks Committee shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor with approval by the Township Board. The term of each member shall be for three (3) years, and

may extend only to an additional three (3) year term if reappointed by the Township Board. Members shall be appointed with staggered terms, but members may continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.

3.3 Vacancies. In the event that a member of the Parks Committee can no longer serve because of health or any other reason, the Township Supervisor may appoint, upon Township Board approval, another person to the Committee for that unexpired term. Should the unexpired term be two (2) years or longer it shall be considered as a full term.

If a member moves outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of the Township, that shall constitute a resignation from the Parks Committee effective upon the date a replacement is appointed by the Township Supervisor and approved by the Township Board.

3.4 Member Absence. In the event that a member cannot attend a meeting they shall call and inform the Recording Secretary before 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Should a member have three (3) consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings or miss at least fifty (50) percent of the meetings within any twelve (12) month period, it shall constitute a reasonable ground for removal. To initiate this action the chairperson shall prepare a memorandum requesting that member to resign. The memorandum of attendance or a letter of resignation shall be forwarded to the Township Supervisor, with a request that an appointment be made to fill the vacancy.

3.5 Removal

a. **Reason for Removal** - Members of the Parks Committee shall be removable by the Township Board for non-performance of duty or misconduct in office or on written charges and after public hearing. Failure of a member to disqualify himself/herself from a vote in which he/she has a conflict of interest shall constitute misconduct in office.

b. **Conflict of Interest** - A member may be excused from voting on a particular issue by majority vote of the remaining members present for reasons of a conflict of interest if:

- 1) The member has a direct financial interest in the outcome of the matter at issue; or
- 2) The matter at issue involves the member's business or place of employment; or
- 3) Participation in the matter might violate the letter or spirit of a member's code of professional responsibility; or
- 4) The member has such close personal ties to the applicant that the member cannot reasonably be expected to exercise sound judgment in the public interest.

4. MEETINGS

4.1 Meeting Notices. All meetings shall be posted at the Cascade Charter Township Hall according to the Open Meetings Act. The notice shall include the date and time of the meeting.

4.2 Regular Meeting. Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held in accordance with the meeting schedule adopted by the Committee. At the Park's Committee meeting in November the Recording Secretary shall submit to the Committee a proposed meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. At this meeting, the schedule shall be approved as submitted or amended to reflect the changes directed by the Parks Committee. The dates and times shall be posted at the Cascade Charter Township Hall in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Any changes in the date or time of the regular meetings shall be posted and noticed in the ~~same manner~~ as originally established. When a regular meeting date falls on or near a legal holiday, the Committee shall select suitable alternate dates in the same month, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

4.3 Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called by two members of the Committee upon request to the Secretary or by the Chairperson. The business which the Committee may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Public Notice of the time, date, and place of the special meeting shall be given in a manner ~~as required~~ by the Open Meetings Act, and the Recording Secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to committee members not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

4.4 Quorum. In order for the Committee to conduct business or take any official action, a quorum consisting of the majority of the voting members shall be present. When a quorum is not present, no official action, except for closing of the meeting may take place. The members of the Committee may discuss matters of interest, but can take no action until the next regular or special meeting. All public hearings without a quorum shall be scheduled for the next regular or special meeting and no additional public notice is required provided the date, time and place is ~~is~~ at the meeting.

4.5 Hearings. Hearings shall be scheduled and due notice given in accordance with the provisions of the act cited in Section 1. Public hearings conducted by the Committee shall be run in an orderly and timely fashion.

4.6 Motions. Motions shall be restated by the Chairperson before a vote is taken. The name of the maker and supporters of the motions shall be recorded.

4.7 Voting. An affirmative vote of the majority of the Committee shall be required for the approval of any requested action or motion placed before the Committee. Voting shall ordinarily be voice vote; provided however that a roll call vote shall be required if requested by any Committee member or directed by the Chairperson. All members of the Committee including the chairperson shall vote on all matters, but the Chairperson shall vote last. Any member may be excused from voting only if that person has a bonafide conflict of interest as recognized by the majority of the remaining members of the Committee. Any member abstaining from a vote shall not participate in the discussion of that item.

4.8 Order of Business. A written agenda for all regular meetings shall be prepared as follows. The order of business shall be:

- Call to order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Hearings
- Old Business
- New Business
- Public Comments and Communications Concerning Items Not On the Agenda
- Any Other Business

A written agenda for special meetings shall be prepared and followed, however the form as enumerated above shall not be necessary.

4.9 Rules of Order. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted parliamentary procedure, as governed by "Robert's Rules of Orders."

4.10 Notice of Decision. A written notice containing the decision of the Committee will be sent to petitioners and originators of a request.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Committee minutes shall be prepared by the Recording Secretary. The minutes shall contain a brief synopsis of the meeting, including a complete restatement of all motions and recording of votes; complete statement of the conditions or recommendations made on any action; and recording of attendance. All communications, actions, and resolutions shall be attached to the minutes. The official records shall be annually deposited with the Township Clerk.

6. OPEN MEETINGS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PROVISIONS

6.1 All meetings of the Committee shall be opened to the public and held in a place available to the general public.

6.2 All deliberations and decisions of the Committee shall be made at a meeting open to the public.

6.3 A person shall be permitted to address a hearing of the Committee under the rules established in subsection 4.5 and to address the Committee concerning non-hearing matters under the rules established in Section 4.8 to the extent that they are applicable.

6.4 A person shall not be excluded from a meeting of the Committee except for breach of the peace, committed at the meeting.

6.5 All records, files, publications, correspondence, and other materials are available to the public for reading, copying, and other purposes are governed by the Freedom of Information Act.

may be amended by the Committee by a concurring vote pursuant to subsection 4.7
regular meeting, provided that all members have received an advanced copy of the
at least 3 days prior to the meeting at which such amendments are to be

**BY LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1993.**

Cascade Charter Township

Resolution 71 of 1993

- WHEREAS**, the Cascade Charter Township Board had established a Cascade Charter Township Park Board by Resolution # 1 of 1977, consisting of six citizens to advise the Township on matters related to the Cascade Charter Township Park;
- WHEREAS**, since its existence, the Park Board has met on a regular basis to address the recreational needs of the residents of Cascade Charter Township;
- WHEREAS**, the current membership of the Park Board has developed a set of by - laws and rules of procedure to handle its administrative functions and advisory duties to the Cascade Charter Township Board;
- WHEREAS**, the Parks Board has requested that the Township Board adopt the recommended by - laws and rules of procedure to assure the efficient operations of this advisory body;
- WHEREAS**, the Parks Board also requested that the Township Board reorganize the Park Board with a membership consisting of five (5) regular members, one (1) alternate member and one (1) ex-officio member, as stated in the proposed by -laws;
- WHEREAS**, the Parks Board also requested that the Township Board rename the Park Board to be hence forth called the "Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee";
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Resolution #1 of 1977 is hereby rescinded and all powers and duties of the Park Board shall be transferred to the "Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee" in accordance with the by - laws and rules of procedure hereby adopted and attached to this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board member Henning supported by Boardmember Johnson. The roll call vote being as follows:

YEAS: Boonsberg, Carpenter, Hansen, Henning, Johnson and Julien
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: VanStrien


Brenda J. Henning
Cascade Charter Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Cascade Charter Township Board on the 22 nd day of December 1993.


Brenda J. Henning
Cascade Charter Township Clerk



INVASIVE WORKSHOP/ ECO-STEWARDSHIP CONTROLLING BITTERSWEET VINES

SATURDAY, FEB 26TH 9:30-11:30AM



Cascade Township Parks are partnering with Kent Conservation District to control several aggressive non-native invasive species including buckthorn and bittersweet vines at Burton Park.

Join the strike team for a hands on demonstration on how to properly cut and treat your bittersweet vines and other problem invasive species. Treatment kits and various supplies (\$8 daubers) will be available for sale using check (preferred) or credit card.

Treatment will involve cut stump application on targeted specie that are growing unchecked. Learn about habitat restoration and non-native invasive species that alter ecosystem processes in complex ways. All supplies, gloves, eye protection and tools will be provided by the strike team for the demonstration. Families and individual students welcome. For information call Kent Conservation strike team at (616) 222-5801. Walk-ins welcome - stay for an hour or the morning. RSVP if larger groups



**WHERE: BURTON PARK: 6805 BURTON ST SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546.
PLEASE MEET NEAR THE BARN/RESTROOMS IN THE BACK OF THE PARK:
42.924170, -85.498725.**