

Minutes

Cascade Charter Township
Citizens PFAS Committee
June 5, 2025 at 4:00pm
5920 Tahoe Dr.

Members Present: Ron Hudson, Ben Greemann, Kris White, Patti Baldwin, Jay Barber

Late: Grace Lesperance

Members Absent: Chris Noordyke

Others Present: Township Manager Jade Smith, Management Office Executive Assistant Jessica Stine

ARTICLE 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member White, supported by Member Baldwin to approve the agenda.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

ARTICLE 3. Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2024 meeting

Motion was made by Member Barber to approve the May 2, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Membre Greenman.

ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment

There were not any visitors who wished to comment.

ARTICLE 5. Construction Update

Assistant Stine updated the committee on watermain installation progress, The project is currently on budget and progressing quickly.

Supervisor Lesperance arrived at 4:08pm.

Emails will be sent to residents in the project area when there are road closures or Burger and/or Thornapple River Dr.

Members asked if there would be additional trees planted. Everyone who had trees removed from their property were offered trees at a two to one ratio in phase one of the project and phase two will receive the same offer once watermain installation is complete. Members wondered if residents who didn't have trees removed but wanted trees for their property would receive offers due to the decrease in canopy in their area. Manager Smith said that was something they could look into after phase two trees were allocated.

The watermain will be extended into Cascade Rec Park as part of phase two.

ARTICLE 6. Any Other Business

Member Baldwin shared information about AJ Hornback, a grassroots PFAS supporter who died, and a scholarship for graduate students studying PFAS in Michigan that was created in his name. She said the other PFAS committee she is part of is raising money

for this and is looking to hold a Michigan PFAS Awareness Week in March of 2026. They intend to screen 'Dark Waters' and are looking for corporate sponsorships.

ARTICLE 7. Public Comment

There were no visitors who wished to comment.

ARTICLE 8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member White to adjourn. Supported by Member Baldwin. Meeting adjourned at 4:29pm.

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – TBD

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