

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING
June 3, 2021 at 4:00pm
Held via Zoom Remote Conferencing Software
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89288614773>

Members Present: Supervisor Grace Lesperance, Ben Greemann, Chris Noordyke, John Lipford, Kevin Flannery, Kris White, Patti Baldwin

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze; Township Special Counsel Doug Van Essen; EGLE Project Manager Aaron Assmann

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

ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Noordyke, Supported by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment: No public was in attendance

ARTICLE 4. Introductions: All committee members and other attendees introduced themselves and discussed what they hoped to accomplish through the committee.

ARTICLE 5. Update from Township Special Counsel Doug Van Essen: Attorney Van Essen provided the committee with an update on the “negotiations” between the Township and the airport regarding responsibility for the PFAS clean-up.

ARTICLE 6. Update from EGLE on GRFIA Investigation: Project Manager Aaron Assmann from EGLE gave the committee and update on the investigation into PFAS being conducted by EGLE. GRFIA has been notified by EGLE that they are the responsible party and need to design a clean-up plan. Conversations are on-going.

ARTICLE 7. Update from Township on Public Water Extension Project: TM Swayze gave the committee an update on the water extension project. The City of GR is finalizing the grant agreement with EGLE. Conversations are ongoing regarding who will assume administration of the project. Interim financing for the whole project may be obtained by the City of GR utility fund in a process known as “system financing.”

ARTICLE 8. Roundtable Q&A: Committee discussed several topics. Request was made to possibly pursue information on the study of the health effects of PFAS in the area effected. TM Swayze indicated he would reach out to EGLE/MPART regarding this.

ARTICLE 9. Discuss and Consider Future Meeting Format: TM Swayze reviewed that the committee was set up as a OMA body, therefore we must follow OMA meeting guidelines. Virtual meetings are allowed now because of the Kent County

emergency order, but the order expires at the end of the month. It is unknown if it will be extended. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to meet virtually if allowed, otherwise meet in person.

ARTICLE 10 Public Comment: None

ARTICLE 11 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – 09.02.21