

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 4, 2022 at 4:00pm

Township Hall– Large Conference Room

5920 Tahoe Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Supervisor Grace Lesperance, John Lipford, Chris Noordyke, Ben Greemann

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze; Members of the Public

ARTICLE 1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 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: Several members of the public were in attendance.

Mary Heems – Update regarding the water table and irrigation. Concerns regarding meter sizing for project.

Walter Bujak – Republican nominee for Kent County Commission seat. Former Thornapple River Watershed Council Board member. Solicited feedback from committee.

ARTICLE 4. Update on Public Water Extension Project: TM Swayze reviewed the plumber information for residential connections. Concerns among committee members regarding the information that residents are receiving from plumbers. Plumbers themselves seem to be confused about rules. Manager Swayze indicated he would contact project engineers to make sure all are on the same page.

Regarding connection requirements, legal has confirmed that there is currently no mechanism to require residents to connect or to disallow wells for irrigation. Information needs to be disseminated to project team and residents.

ARTICLE 5. Discussion on Disclosure Requirements: Item was tabled until next meeting.

ARTICLE 6. Roundtable/Q&A: Various discussions among Committee members and members of the public.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment: Various discussions among Committee members and members of the public.

ARTICLE 9. Adjournment: Motion by Member Farmer, Supported by Supervisor Lesperance, to adjourn at 5:07. Motion carried.

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – 10/6/2022