

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CITIZENS PFAS COMMITTEE MEETING

October 6, 2022 at 4:00pm

Kent District Library– Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Ave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Engineer Aric Thorne, Management Office Administrative Assistant (Admin Assist) 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 Noordyke, Supported by Member Baldwin to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment

There were not any visitors who wished to comment.

ARTICLE 4. Approval of Minutes from 8/4/2022 meetings

Motion by Member Noordyke, supported by Member Baldwin to approve the 8/4/2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Update on Public Water Extension Project

Brian Vilmont, a project manager with Prien Newhof, who previously worked at Fishbeck as engineer from 1990 to 2013 and was on the Goodwood Water Lane project, updated the committee on the water extension project. The survey is complete and 50% met with the City of Grand Rapids on January 12th.

Engineer Thorne and Admin Assist Stine will now be handling communications through the project email account.

ARTICLE 6. Discussion on Disclosure Requirements

There aren't currently disclosure requirements for Cascade homes effected by PFAS and some residents think that should change. There was discussion as to if Cascade could or should require residents to disclose if their home was in the PFAS project area or had their water test positive for PFAS. It was suggested that the 'environmental hazards' clause on disclosures when selling a home may already apply but Township Staff will research the statute and disclosure requirements. They will also will look into how other townships effected by PFAS are handling disclosures.

ARTICLE 7. Roundtable/Q&A

Supervisor Lesperance introduces the Township's new Engineer, Aric Thorne, and impressed the importance of through restoration of resident property after they are connected to the water main. The funding for landscaping, previously planned to be completed through P&N, was taken off their bill and Engineer Thorne will now bid out and design the restoration landscaping. The restoration project has yet to be designed but does have money to set aside for it.

Manager Swayze explained that there are roads that will be repaved after the project is completed. The ones that are currently rated as the worst will be replaced post-project and the township may look into adding sidewalks or bike paths to the area.

The next meeting will be held in November with the date dependent on when more information on the project becomes available.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment

There weren't any visitors in attendance who wished to comment.

ARTICLE 10. Adjournment

Motion was made by Member Noordyke to adjourn. Supported by Member White. Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – TBD