

**MINUTES OF THE
CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.

- Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Peirce, Trustee Koessel, McDonald and Lewis.
Absent: Trustee Goldberg
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Community Development Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg and those listed in Supplement #1.
- Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Article 3.** Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**
Scott Rissi, 7238 Cascade Rd., commented on “riverfront property” purchased on Thornapple River regarding creating more access to the river.
Chris Becker, candidate running for Kent County Prosecutor was present to introduce himself to the Board.
Ron Young, 2747 Cascade Springs, questions regarding the “Tassell Park” expansion.
Kier Breckon, 2925 Cascade Springs, commented on “riverfront property”.
Nancy Eardley, 1441 Sandy Point Ave., addressed the Board regarding the “riverfront property” and asked that several questions be answered in writing.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**
- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Township Board Minutes for 12/16/15.
 - b. Receive and File Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s Department Monthly Report for October, 2015.
 - 2. Fire Department Monthly Reports for Nov., 2015.
 - c. Education Requests
 - 1. Denise M. Biegalle – Labor & Employment Conference – Plymouth, MI – April 14-15, 2016.
 - d. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letters from Comcast – re: Channel Lineups.
- Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions**
- a. **Consider Pay Draw #6 for the Museum Gardens Project.**
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Pay Draw #6 for the Museum Gardens Project in the amount of \$13,119.06. Motion carried.
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**

a. Public Hearing – Amend P.U.D #55 to permit 10 Unit Single Family Detached homes for Roundhill.

Community Development Director reviewed the request to permit 10 Unit Single Family Detached homes for Roundhill. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried.

Mark Rohde, 3087 Thornapple River Dr., S.E. , representing himself and Sentinel Pointe addressed the Board regarding the “blighted visual nightmare” for adjacent property owners and other issues.

Cliff Bloom, Township Attorney was asked to publicly address some of the issues Mr. Rohde brought up.

Andy Mayer, 3003 Thornapple River Dr., voiced a few of his concerns and some “glossing overs” to the Board regarding this project.

Ron Young, 2747 Cascade Springs, had concerns regarding the “retaining walls”.

Jeff Dionne, 2984 Thornapple River Dr., had several comments regarding the “civil” cases within his neighborhood and also issues regarding “water runs downstream”.

Ron McCollum, 7550 Cascade Rd., voiced concern regarding protecting the Thornapple Drain.

Discussion followed regarding the “boring tests” with the Township Engineering.

Kyle Wilson, Nederveld Associates the Engineering Firm on the Project was present to review the process taken regarding the soil borings, infiltration basin and perk data.

Kerry Gorsuch, 3044 Thornapple River Dr., must be really careful with the drainage...periodically dredge the bayou.

Motion was made by Trustee McDonald and supported by Trustee Koessel to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried.

b. Consider Approval of Ordinance to Amend P.U.D #55 to permit 10 Unit Single Family Detached homes for Roundhill.

Trustee McDonald stated his reservation regarding the landscaping (i.e., replacement of any trees being taken down).

Kyle Wilson, Nederveld stated the developer has considered and is willing to do some buffering...he intends to provide some buffering and “dress it up”. Additional discussion followed regarding the buffering.

Cliff Bloom stated the landscaping plan is not a requirement, but the Township does have the authority as a “condition of approval” to require a landscaping plan.

Trustee Koessel questioned the erosion issue is a significant one. Is it reasonable to also make a recommendation that a bond be provided in order to further control the erosion...if it should occur, even after they get the soil erosion permit from the County.

Cliff Bloom stated that the Township has full authority to provide security and/or to ask the Planning Commission to look at that.

Trustee Koessel stated he felt this property was zoned for this use. It has met all the ordinance standards; however, it is a unique situation...soil erosion being one. I am also sensitive to the buffering. I think it would be wise for us to remand this back to the Planning Commission to consider the developer provide a detailed landscape plan as well as have the Planning Commission discuss this issue of “bonding” for the soil erosion (during construction) and/or beefing up the maintenance agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to table this item and remand it back to the Planning Commission for consideration for the following three points: Landscaping Plan (buffer), bonding during construction and the review of the maintenance agreement to see if it could be amended such that it provides a little more protection long term. Motion carried.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 1 (Peirce) Absent – 1

- 002-2016 Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt 2016 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines.**
Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution to Adopt 2016 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 003-2016 Consider Approval of Fire Chiefs Vehicle.**
Chief Sigg was present to address the Board regarding the purchase of a new Fire Chiefs vehicle. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe from Tinney Chevrolet in the amount of \$37,512.40 with additional emergency equipment costing \$7,000 for a total estimated purchase price of \$44,512.40. Motion carried.
- 004-2016 Consider Approval of Resolution of Support for Liquor License for Blue Sky Brewing, LLC at 6262 28th St., S.E.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the request being made by Blue Sky Brewing, LLC. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Resolution of support for a Liquor License for Blue Sky Brewing, LLC at 6262 28th St., S.E. Motion carried by roll call vote.
- 005-2016 Consider Approval of Dog Park Naming Application.**
Manager Swayze reviewed the process of naming rights within Cascade Township. Cascade Hospital for Animals/ Dr. Siegle has committed to donating \$25,000 towards the cost of constructing the dog park. Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the application to Request a Name for a Township Asset to name the Recreation Park Dog Park the “Cascade Hospital for Animals Dog Park” and accept the gift of \$25,000 from Dr. Richard Seigle to be utilized for construction of the Dog Park. Motion carried.

006-2016 Consider Approval of Resolution to Recognize the Pine Ridge Elementary PTO as a Non-Profit Organization.
Manager Swayze reviewed the request. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution to recognize the Pine Ridge Elementary PTO as A Non-Profit Organization. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Article 9. Public Comments on any other matters. (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Mark Rhode, 3087 Thornapple River Dr., thanked the Board for the Thornapple Drain restoration budget for 2016.

Ellen Waalkes, 7346 Ventura, voiced her concern on the development of the DeKoster property into a park.

Nancy Eardley, 1441 Sandy Point Ave., questioned the total cost of the Museum Gardens project. Manager Swayze responded with \$318,000.00.

Jeff Dionne, 2984 Thornapple River Dr., it was nice to see the Board address everyone's concerns tonight. It was nice to witness how government should work. Thank you.

Article 10. Manager Comments

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Budget books were passed out tonight.
- Had a meeting today at the Chamber of Commerce to talk about the dispatch authority.
- We are anticipating by the end of this month on getting word on the Disaster Resiliency Grant.
- We did have the ribbon cutting for the bus this week. The bus is now running up and down 28th St. This was held at the YMCA.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Looking for an update on the infamous "no right turn" lane on Thornapple River Dr. Manager Swayze commented there is no update.
- Right at Riverton and Bridgewater there are some pretty significant potholes in the road...can the County come and hot patch those until they can be fixed.

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Talked about the subcommittee structure within the Board. Talked about the possibility of getting an "at large" subcommittee member that the Chairman of the different subcommittees can call to get his quorum back up to (3) board members. I would like to see us go in that direction and appoint some subcommittee "at large" members.

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- The Township was well represented at the Bus dedication. Ben, Steve, Ron, myself and Rob attended. Supervisor Beahan did an excellent job in representing the Township with his comments before the group.

Trustee McDonald offered the following comments:

- Related to the bus issue, the ZBA approved a bus shelter at Meijer.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Received a comment from the Disability Advocate Group they were very appreciative of having bus service in Cascade.
- Longtime member of our Zoning Board of Appeals Jack Neal passed away on December 25th. Also a previous member of our Planning Commission Gary Burns passed away this past week. The Township sends their condolences to the families.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Treasurer Peirce and supported by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.