

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Fox, Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg, Treasurer Peirce and Clerk Goodyke.
Absent: None
Also Present: Manager Cousins and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 3. Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 04/28/10.
- b. Receive and File Communications
 1. Letter from Comcast – re: Price Adjustments
 2. Letter from Charter – re: Price Adjustments
 3. Letter from Michigan Supreme Court – re: Resolution on Statutory Mandates.
 4. Letter from the City of Grandville – re: Biosolids Application Notification.
 5. Letter from Kent County Road Commission – re: Change in date for Lunch on the Grill.
 6. Public Hearing Notice – re: Michigan Consolidated Gas Company Case No. U-16289.
- d. Receive and File Various Reports
 1. Building Department April, 2010 Monthly Report.
- c. Education Requests
 1. Steve Peterson – Grand Valley State University – PA 693 Transparency in Government.

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Article 5. Financial Actions (None)

Article 6. Public Actions (None)

Article 7. Public Comments

Candidate for State Senate Lori Wiersma, 2047 Jefferson Dr., S.E., was present to address the Board.

Joanne King, 6820 Burton offered the following comments:

- Watched the parking lot at Cascade Burton St. Park go in today.
- Follow- up on Cascade History open house.

Steven Underwood, 6858 Maplecrest Drive offered the following comments:

- Firearm possession in parks

Article 8. Unfinished Business

Article 9. New Business

042-2010 Discussion on Fencing at Cascade Burton Park.

Supervisor Beahan stated that a site visit was done by Trustee Lewis, Clerk Goodyke, Manager Cousins and himself. The committee came up with some varying opinions.

- Two members of the committee are of the opinion that the park boundary on the east (north of Windcrest) and north sides of the property should have a fence that is on the property line. This fence should be a four-foot tall “field fence”. This fence would provide a clear definition of the park property for all who walk it. The shorter fence would allow easier movement of animals (deer) for their protection. The interior fence that parallels the east and north property lines would be removed. Signage should be placed along the boundaries of the park that do not have fencing. Lastly, the two fences around the small pole barn should be removed. Signage should be placed along the boundaries of the park that do not have fencing.
- One member of the committee stated he does not want any new fence erected. The existing fence serves the purpose of keeping people off private property. Moving or erecting a fence on the property line will cost money that could be better spent elsewhere in the park. The existing fences around the small pole barn should not be removed. We should let the user of the park determine what fencing (if any) should be removed.

Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to remove all of the perimeter fence which is not on or very near the property line. This would in effect be the North and East perimeter fence since the West fence is on or near the property line. The work is to be done by our B & G staff as they have time. The construction of a new 4 foot high perimeter fence in specific locations will be taken up at a future date after an assessment is made by the Township, considering the views of adjoining property owners, regarding whether or not one is needed in such locations. The property line, where the fence is removed, is to be defined by signage as it is in other parts of the property where no fence exists. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 2 (Goodyke, Lewis)

043-2010 Consider Resolution for Permits to Work in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Right-of-Way.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Resolution for Permits to Work in the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Right-of-Way. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Article 10. Manager’s Comments

Manager Cousins offered the following comments:

- Introduced Summer Intern, Michael Vandenberg.
- Estimate (not to exceed \$6026.00) from Rook’s Landscaping regarding initial clearing of the trails at Cascade Peace Park.
- The Church is still considering making an offer to move the house at Cascade Burton Park.
- There is no work planned, unless or until the Board desires on trails in the Cascade Burton Park. The same would follow with the

restroom...that there not being any action on constructing or refurbing a building for restroom until the Board is determined to take that step.

- Grand Valley Metro Council has a legislative committee that met today. The committee has been working on a candidate survey for quite some time. This survey will be sent out to all candidates running for State House/Senate.
- Friday is Armed Forces Day and there is a celebration at the Amway Aviation Facility at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Treasurer Peirce offered the following comments:

- March balance for our delinquent personal property taxes was \$292,000. We have collected \$141,000 of that. We are taking a more aggressive approach to collect those taxes.
- Request for proposals for Banking Services. We have received 5; staff is in the process of reviewing/analyzing them. Should be ready to come to the Board with some kind of a recommendation in June.

Clerk Goodyke offered the following comments:

- Anybody who hasn't taken a walk through Cascade Burton Park...take a walk back there, especially on the north side.

Trustee Fox offered the following comments:

- Grand Valley Metro Council met Tuesday to have their "brainstorming" session with their facilitator.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- Offering the opportunity tomorrow for everyone to go to Cascade Peace Park for another garlic mustard pull.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor