

## Minutes

Cascade Charter Township  
Citizens PFAS Committee  
March 7, 2024 at 4:00pm  
5920 Tahoe Dr.

**Members Present:** Ron Hudson, Ben Greemann, Chris Noordyke, Grace Lesperance

**Members Absent:** Kris White, Patti Baldwin

**Others Present:** Township Manager Jade Smith, Management Office Administrative Assistant Jessica Stine, Township Engineer Aric Thorne, County Commissioner Walter Bujak

**ARTICLE 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.

**ARTICLE 2. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by Member Noordyke, supported by Supervisor Lesperance to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4 to 0.

**ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment**

There were not any visitors who wished to comment.

**ARTICLE 4. Approval of Minutes from the 10/5/2023 meeting**

Motion was made by Member Noordyke to approve the 10/5/2023 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Supervisor Lesperance.

**ARTICLE 5. Approval of Minutes from the 12/7/2023 meeting**

Motion was made by Member Noordyke to approve the 12/7/2023 meeting minutes as written. Supported by Member Greenmann.

**ARTICLE 6. Phase 1 Remediation**

There were 22 houses with trees removed during Phase 1 and approximately a third of them had responded to the township questionnaire about what types/numbers of trees they wanted replaced. There will be a public meeting later in the month, inviting any residences where trees were removed to discuss plans for replacement. There will be another meeting like this when phase two nears its end. Not all homeowners want the originally promised two trees per tree they lost, so Engineer Thorne will be working with them to build an individualized plan for their property. These trees will be funded through a Township ARPA grant.

Members asked about repaving of the roads in the Burger/Goodwood neighborhood and Staff said that would be completed after phase two of the project ends. There are many miles of road in the project area, so resurfacing may take two years.

**ARTICLE 7. Phase 2 and Construction**

Township Staff met with the City of Grand Rapids the previous week to discuss phase two. Some of the trees that were in the path of the water main have already been removed as tree removal can only be completed during part of the year due to the roosting habits of bats. The project is estimated to run from late summer 2024 through

November 2025, with a break in the middle for winter weather. Members asked Staff to work on creating or obtaining a GIS map that clearly shows which properties were in phase one and which are phase two. The County is currently retesting the water at some properties.

**ARTICLE 8. Committee Members**

All members of the committee, other than Member Hudson who was appointed fall of 2023, are part of phase one. Now that phase one remediation is wrapping up, there was interest in replacing one of the phase one members with a resident who is part of phase two, since that will increasingly become the focus of the committee. Jay Barber was suggested as a potential candidate.

**ARTICLE 9. Roundtable/Q&A**

There weren't any additional questions at that time.

**ARTICLE 10. Any Other Business**

There wasn't any other business to discuss at that time.

**ARTICLE 11. Public Comment**

Commissioner Bujak shared that he is pleased how well the Township and residents have worked together on this project.

**ARTICLE 12. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Supervisor Lesperance to adjourn. Supported by Member Greenmann. Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

**Approved by the Citizens PFAS Committee – TBD**