

**MINUTES OF THE CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
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 Goldberg, Koessel, McDonald and Lewis.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Swayze, Planning Director Peterson, Fire Chief Sigg, Assistant to the Manager Korhorn 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 Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4.** **Presentations/Public Comments (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
Brian Ellis a candidate for Congress in the Republican Primary was present to introduce himself.
- Article 5.** **Approval of Consent Agenda**  
a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes  
1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 02/26/14.  
b. Receive and File Various Reports  
1. Building Department monthly Report for February, 2014.  
2. Treasurer's Department monthly Report for January, 2014.  
3. Fire Department monthly Reports for January/February, 2014.  
4. Fire Department Annual Report for 2013.  
c. Education Requests  
1. Jeff Biegalle – Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan Spring Conference – May 8-9, 2014, Clare, MI.  
Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 6.** **Financial Actions (None)**
- Article 7.** **Unfinished Business**
- Article 8.** **New Business**  
**018-2014** a. **Public Hearing – Confirming Special Assessment Roll, Establishing Lien and Providing for Payment and Collection of Special Assessments for the Oak Terrace Water Special Assessment District Roll.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Clerk Goodyke to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.  
No public comment received.  
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to reconvene into regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Consider Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll, Establishing Lien and Providing for Payment and Collection of Special Assessments for the Oak Terrace Water Special Assessment District Roll.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Resolution Confirming Special Assessment Roll, Establishing Lien and Providing for Payment and Collection of Special Assessments for the Oak Terrace Water Special Assessment District Roll.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**019-2014**

**a. Public Hearing – Consider East Imports P.U.D. Expansion and Amendments.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request.

Discussion pursued within the board regarding the storm water run-off. Trustee Goldberg requested that the information regarding the soil borings and what basins on the site are even connected to the County drain would be provided if we do in fact table tonight for a subsequent meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven Fry, from Concept Design Group the Architect on the project was present to further address the run-off issues on the site.

John Sperla had sent an e-mail to Planning Director Petersen regarding his concerns on the run-off and School House Creek.

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

**b. Consider Approval of Ordinance to Amend the East Import Planned Unit Development Project.**

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to table the approval of Ordinance to Amend the East Import Planned Unit Development Project until the next regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**020-2014**

**a. Public Hearing – Consider Approval of New Park and Recreation Plan.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the plan with the highlighting the following items:

- Provision for a dog park.
- Integration of the DDA plans for the Township property at the Library and Museum Garden.
- Multi-use park on the AYSO property in the SE section of the Township.
- Concept plan for Cascade Rec Park.
- Concept plan for the multi-use park.

Planning Director Peterson also stated that we are planning on applying for a state grant this year.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Treasurer Peirce to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Rowland, 1829 Linson Court introduced himself as the Parks Committee member who voted against the proposal. Mr. Rowland stated that he did not feel Cascade Park is the right place for a dog park. It is already “packed” with amenities; it would disturb the current layout, which would cost additional funds. We have all these wonderful parks that nobody knows about because we put everything in Cascade Park. Mr. Rowland stated that the majority of the feedback (although limited) said they wanted the dog park in Burton park.

Trustee McDonald stated that there was a millage that was passed for Burton/Peace Parks that had language in it that would not allow the Dog Park.

Planning Director Peterson stated that it was talked about at the Parks Committee level and there was even debate about that...the way the language talks about limited improvements, I think there is just a different philosophy for some people to think an off leash dog area could be a limited improvement...where some feel otherwise.

Trustee McDonald inquired whether the current plan that you are asking for approval for, still doesn't preclude or include a dog park at Burton Park or anywhere else.

Planning Director Peterson stated that it doesn't.

Discussion followed.

Lynne Wells from Williams & Works was present to answer any questions/concerns.

Supervisor Beahan asked Ms. Wells if she was happy with the response we got back from the surveys and focus groups...and what was that total.

Ms. Wells responded there were over 167 responses to our community wide survey. We also had a community work session/workshop so we could capture input from people/families.

Discussion followed.

Tom McDaniels, 2569 Orange Ct., I am nervous with a public operative facility about aggressive dogs and and who's going to clean up. Would want to give it a thought on how park will be operated.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Consider Approval of Resolution to Adopt the 2014-2019 Recreation Plan.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee McDonald to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2014-2019 Recreation Plan. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to amend the original motion to seek additional feedback as to the

possible location of the Dog Park before this Fall. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously. Original motion carried unanimously.

**021-2014**

**Public Hearing - Cascade Recreation Park Improvement Grant Application.**

Planning Director Peterson stated the Parks Committee has been working on securing a State of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for improvements to the Cascade Recreation Park. This is our oldest park and believe it is need of some upgrades. The improvements for the park include:

- Basketball/ice skating
- Off leash dog area
- Parking
- All inclusive playground-poured in place surface
- Handicapped accessibility improvements
- Improved access to Forest Valley neighborhood

The total amount for this project is about \$750,000. We would be asking the State for the maximum amount of \$300,000 for a development grant. In addition to the money the Township has budgeted (\$200,000) we have secured a \$200,000 commitment from the Cascade Community Foundation that they have targeted for the basketball improvements.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to move into public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments received.

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

**022-2014**

**Consider Approval of Contract with Mid-Michigan Helicopter Inc. for Gypsy Moth Suppression Services.**

Manager Swayze reviewed the recommended services required for the 2014 spraying. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Clerk Goodyke to approve the Contract with Mid-Michigan Helicopter Inc. for Gypsy Moth Suppression Services in the amount of \$22,320. Motion carried unanimously.

**023-2014**

**Consider Approval of Automatic Aid Agreement with Ada Township Fire Department.**

Chief Sigg stated this was another agreement for cooperation with our neighboring departments. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with Ada Township Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Article 10. Manager Comments**

Manager Swayze offered the following comments:

- Supervisor Beahan and I had a meeting with the Airport today...it went very well.
- With the weather warm up that we had this week; we had significant roof leaks and damage in our building department. To the point where we had to call in contractors and the insurance company.
- There will be a couple of committee meetings coming up...Infrastructure Meeting next Wednesday; we will be considering some entry way signage and improvements. I also anticipate having a FDAC meeting shortly.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Would like to wish the Infrastructure committee a lot of luck trying to prioritize road repairs for this summer....

Trustee Goldberg offered the following comments:

- Would like to express my appreciation to those people who served on the Parks Committee for coming up with a fine plan.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert S. Beahan, Supervisor