

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

Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

**Article 1.** Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Goldberg, Koessel (arrived at 7:02), Lewis, Fox, Clerk Goodyke and Treasurer Peirce.  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Auditors Phil Saurman and Jason Mitchell and those listed on Supplement #1.

**Article 2.** Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
  1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 05/26/10.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports
  1. Treasurer's Department April, 2010 Monthly Report.
- c. Receive and File Communications
  1. Letter from Charter Communications – re: Channel line-up
  2. Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of Consumers Energy Company Case No. U-16247

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

**Article 5. Financial Actions**

- a. **Consider Approval of May 2010 Payables, Payroll and Transfers.**  
Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the May 2010 Payables as presented. Motion carried.

**Article 6. Public Actions**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Lewis to convene into Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **Public Hearing – Consider Cascade Burton Park Ordinance.**  
Planning Director Peterson reviewed the re-formatted version for the new Cascade Burton Park Ordinance. We have made the changes that were requested by the Board/residents. It is now exactly like the Peace Park Ordinance with the exception of the specifics for this park. Judy Ullery, 7021 Windcrest was present to ask for the copy of the Ordinance. Ms. Ullery also had some concerns regarding the closing time of the Park and having a trash receptacle at the entrance of the Park. Jim Aidala, 6840 Sunrise Ct. was present and distributed a letter to the Board with the following comments:
  - Concern with Township Vehicles in the Park
  - Fencing
  - Ad-hoc local user/citizen Committee

**b. Public Hearing – Consider Amendments to Existing Park Ordinances Regarding Firearms in our Parks.**

Planning Director Peterson reviewed the changes in all our Park ordinances to be consistent with the State Law regarding firearms.

**c. Public Hearing – Consideration of Proposed Centennial Park Overlay Zone and Overlay Zoning Ordinance.**

Planning Director Peterson stated that this had been a process for a number of years. The hope was to make Centennial Park the business park to be again... We tried to base the rules on what was already out there, what we have already done as the Township in finding out what has worked. We tried to not re-invent the wheel. The Overlay Zoning District is just over the Office Portion of the Business Park.

George Wanty, Centennial Park Building Owners Association was present for questions/concerns. Positive comments were made by George Wanty and Larry Fleis regarding the process and result of the work...compliments to Planning Director Peterson for his work.

Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Lewis to re-convene into Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Public Comments**

Dave Hildenbrand, a candidate for the State Senate seat was present to address the Board.

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**Article 9. New Business**

**047-2010 A Presentation of 2009 Audit**

Phil Saurman and Jason Mitchell from Hungeford Aldrin Nichols & Carter PC were present to give an overview of the 2009 Audit to the Board.

**048-2010 Consider Approval of Proposed Centennial Park Overlay Zone and Overlay Zoning Ordinance.**

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Proposed Centennial Park Overlay Zone and Overlay Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**049-2010 Consider Approval of Cascade Burton Park Ordinance.**

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Cascade Burton Park Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**050-2010 Consider Approval of Amendments to Existing Park Ordinances Regarding Firearms in our Parks.**

Motion was made by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Clerk Goodyke and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the Amendments to Existing Park Ordinances Regarding Firearms in our Parks. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**051-2010**

**Consider Support for PDR Application at 4205 Quiggle Ave.**

Planning Director Peterson stated that this property is located in the newly developed Farmland Preservation Zoning District. This area was designated as such to help facilitate PDR application such as these. This application is also consistent with the Master Plan. The Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board is asking the Board for their decision on whether or not you support this application. They also ask if the local community is willing to make any kind of financial contribution. This is not required. You can still support the project without a contribution. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to support this application and a Township contribution of \$1,500.00 that staff has suggested. Mrs. Frances Cox was present to answer any questions/concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

**052-2010**

**Consider Bathroom Construction at Cascade Burton Park.**

Planning Director Peterson wanted to get some direction before we spent too much more work on this project. Are we headed in the right direction.... Part of the plan for the Cascade Burton Park was to have bathrooms in the “storage building”. Peterson reviewed the Master Plan for Cascade Burton Park as it related to the bathroom construction and where the bathroom would be located inside the “storage building”. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Clerk Goodyke that we continue forward with a more refined plan for the park bathrooms including the cost and construction schedule and have the Infrastructure Committee review the plan prior to it going back to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**053-2010**

**Consider Banking Services RFP for Cascade Charter Township.**

Trustee Koessel (member of the Finance Committee) stated that he did not review/participate in any of the RFP’s for Banking Services discussions as he works for one of the potential Banks under consideration. Trustee Koessel asked if he could be recused from the discussion. Motion by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Fox to recuse Trustee Koessel from this decision. Trustee Koessel exited the Board Chambers.

Treasurer Peirce reviewed the process taken over the past few months regarding the Banking Services RFP. Compliments were given to staff regarding the internal review. After several internal meetings it was a unanimous recommendation to the full Board that we appoint Chemical Bank to become our general day to day operating accounts bank. Financial verification of their credentials and referencing checking has been done. Motion was made by Trustee Fox and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the proposal to adopt Chemical Bank as our new banking institution. Clerk Goodyke asked if Trustee Koessel being an employee of Chemical Bank and being on the Finance Committee is that an ongoing issue. Trustee Goldberg stated that he didn’t think it would cause any conflict role. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Koessel re-entered the Board Chambers.

**054-2010**

**Approval of 2010 Township Road Repairs.**

Manager Cousins reviewed the list of roads slated for repairs this summer. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Fox to approve the recommended 2010 Road

Repairs at the cost to the Township of \$141,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Manager's Comments**

Manager Cousins offered the following comment:

- Reminder that the Transit study for the Metro area is underway. There is a focus group meeting next Monday, 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall.

**Article 11. Board Member Comments**

Trustee Koessel offered the following comment:

- I know we can't do much about it, we had talked about it a little bit at our last meeting regarding what was once to be "27<sup>th</sup> St." I see there has been a cone put up there. Another place is an area around the Gathering Place there is a hole in the parking lot that you definitely don't want to drive thru...it is deep. It is private property, but from a jurisdiction standpoint maybe we can write a general reminder letter to the owners of the property stating that it would be in the best interests of the community if they would fix major holes like that. Anything we could do would be helpful.
- Reminder of Picnic at Manager Cousin's house on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comment:

- Looking for volunteers for the Cascade July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We are celebrating it on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Article 12. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Ron Goodyke, Clerk

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Robert Beahan, Supervisor