

**Cascade Charter Township Parks Committee**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**  
**8 am**  
**5920 Tahoe Dr**

**ARTICLE 1.** Community Development Director Steve Peterson called the meeting to order just after 8:00 am.  
Members Present: Dawn McDonald, Alan Rowland, Mike Reese, Ginny Wanty, Matt Douglas, Joe Engel, and Grace Lesperance

Others present: Planner Brian Hilbrands

**ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda.**

Supervisor Lesperance moved to approved the agenda as written, seconded by Member McDonald. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 3. Approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting.**

Supervisor Lesperance moved to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Member Engel. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items. (Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.)**

Wayne Meulendyk, who lives across from Cascade Burton Park, brought three concerns to the committee.

1. Parking off Burton St is totally secluded. He thinks this could be rectified by talking to the Kent County Sheriff's office to install a camera.
2. There are safety concerns with the Harmony Woods and Burton St corner and he requested the township maintain it. Another solution is to talk to the Kent County Road Commission about clearing the right of way.
3. The NE corner is also a safety concern as you cannot see around the corner.

**ARTICLE 5. Soccer Fields at the Airport**

**Requested Action: Presentation from Township Supervisor**

Manager Swayze presented the topic. Manager Swayze, Supervisor Lesperance, and Director Peterson will be meeting with the airport and county on the next Monday about this proposal. Member Reese motioned to support a square field sports complex, while keeping access to the fields open to the public; the motion was seconded by Member Rowland. Motion carried.

**ARTICLE 6. Park Committee By-laws**

**Requested Action: Consider implementation of existing By-laws**

Supervisor Lesperance motioned to have Member Wanty become the Chair of the Parks Committee and Member Engel seconded the motion. Supervisor Lesperance motioned for Member Engel to be the vice-chair of the Parks Committee and Member Reese seconded

the motion. Member Reese motioned for Member Engel to be the Secretary of the Parks Committee and Member McDonald seconded the motion. All motions carried.

**ARTICLE 7. Park Master Plan Postcard**

**Requested Action: Review Proposed Postcard**

The committee was presented with a mockup for a potential postcard to encourage patrons to fill out the park's survey. The heading was changed to, "We need to hear from you!" The paragraph below the heading was changed to, "Your feedback will shape the future of parks, open spaces, and recreation by participating in this survey."

**ARTICLE 8. Township Owned Property**

**Requested Action: Presentation of map showing township owned property**

The map showing township owned property was included in the meeting packet. Director Peterson reviewed the map. They will reach out to Renucci to gauge interest in selling property on the river.

**ARTICLE 9. Park Master Plan**

**Requested Action: Use of the Master Plan survey results**

Discussion was held regarding the opening of the survey and how results would be included in the Master Plan update.

**ARTICLE 10. Old Business**

**Wycliff Property Update**

Supervisor Lesperance provided an update. A church is buying the Wycliff property and the Township will then purchase a vacant portion of the property for use as a park.

**ARTICLE 8. Any Other Business**

**Topics of discussion with Ada Township at Sept meeting**

Ada Township Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick will be giving a presentation at the next meeting.

**ARTICLE 9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.