

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

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Wisner Center

2870 Jacksmith Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

AND

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 P.M.

HYBRID FORMAT

- Article 1.** Supervisor Lesperance called the meeting to order.  
Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Clerk Slater, Treasurer Peirce, Trustees Koessel, McDonald, Shipley and Noordhoek  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Township Manager Swayze, Fire Chief Magers, Planning Director Hilbrands via Zoom, Deputy Clerk Brott, Brianne Pitchford-Triangle Associates, Inc., Nick Ballou-Triangle Associates, Inc., Parks Committee Chair Wanty, Leslie Abdoo-Foster & Swift, Mary Ann Sabo-Sabo PR, Michelle McHale-Adams-Plante Moran, Chris Khorey-McKenna, and those listed in the Supplement
- Article 2.** Supervisor Lesperance led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Article 3. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Article 4. Presentations**  
a. Parks Committee Update from Committee Chair Ginny Wanty
- Article 5. Public Comments-Anything on the Agenda not scheduled for a public hearing. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**  
1. Scott Rissi-7238 Cascade Rd-Re Ginny Wanty presentation: Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) cleared trees, but the one remaining is diseased. Supports dredging of Thornapple River request.
- Article 6. Approval of Consent Agenda**  
a. Receive and File Minutes  
1. Township Board–8/24/2022–*Trustee Noordhoek indicated a correction should be noted that he also recused himself in the vote to raise Planning Commission pay. The vote was then 5-0.*  
b. Receive and File Reports  
1. Treasurer’s Department Report – June 2022  
c. Receive and File Education Requests  
1. Madison Smith-Jacoby – Planning Michigan Conference – Mackinac Island, MI – October 12-14, 2022

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2. Brian Hilbrands – Planning Michigan Conference – Mackinac Island, MI –  
October 12-14, 2022

- d. Receive and File Communication  
None

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction submitted by Trustee Noordhoek. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 7. Financial Actions**  
None

**Article 8. Unfinished Business**

**034-2022 Plante Moran Audit**

Michelle McHale-Adams-Plante Moran and Leslie Abdoo-Foster & Swift answered questions.

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Supervisor Lesperance to accept the report in final form. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 9. New Business**

**067-2022 Consider Resolution for Road Closure for Hidden Hills Ct. (Roll Call)**

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**068-2022 Consider Award of Fire Station #1 Construction Bid Packages**

Brianne Pitchford and Nick Ballou-Triangle Associates, Inc. and Fire Chief Magers answered questions.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**069-2022 Consider Amendments to Parks Committee By-Laws (Roll Call)**

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**070-2022 Consider Adoption of the Cascade Township 2022 Strategic Plan**

Chris Khorey-McKenna answered questions.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**071-2022 Consider Proposal for Consulting Services from McKenna**

Chris Khorey-McKenna answered questions.

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve; begin by 10/1/22. Motion carried unanimously.

**072-2022 a) Public Hearing to Consider Peace Park Hunting Ordinance Amendment**

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to open Public Hearing.  
Motion carried unanimously.

1. Christian Huempfer-6355 Burton-Manages property near Burton Park. Has noticed trespassing, dogwalkers, etc. Too many permits issued, and it is not the way to deal with excess deer. Suggests it be limited to doe only and no crossbows.
2. Tom Richardson via Zoom-No address given-Lots of people are in parks to see the changing colors; visibility is poor in October. Suggested good communication to non-hunting public using any park where hunting happens.

Motion by Trustee Koessel, seconded by Trustee Shipley to close Public Hearing.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**b) Consider Peace Park Hunting Ordinance and Regulations (Roll Call)**

Considerable discussion.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Koessel to approve as proposed with the requirement to hunt doe only and three (3) ~~permits~~ seasons as defined by Township beginning November 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**073-2022 Consider a Resolution for “Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day” (Roll Call)**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**074-2022 Consider a Request to Allow Dredging of Township Owned Property in Thornapple River**

Motion by Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Shipley to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**Article 10. Discussion**  
None

**Article 11. Public Comments – Any comments...whether it is on the Agenda or not. (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

1. Brian Holcomb-3415 Glenstone Ct-Requested an update on Eagle Creek Landscaping issue. Eagle Creek’s owner spoke with EGLE. EGLE has not responded to the Township, nor the Township’s attorney. Attorney will draft a communication with the State Representative.
2. Scott Rissi-Homeless population under bridge at 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The timer is not being used to monitor the three (3) minute comment limit. Suggested that Deputy Clerk Brott be in charge of it.

**Article 12. Manager Comments**

1. Thanked Brad Anderson for organizing Cascade Heritage Day.
2. New Township Engineer, Aric Thorne, started 9/12/22.

**Article 13. Board Member Comments**

1. Trustee Shipley-Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

2. Supervisor Lesperance-Thanked those who made Heritage Day a success: Manager Swayze, Jessica Stine, Building & Grounds crew, Fire Department, DDA/Economic Development Director Korhorn, and the DDA.

**Article 14. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Shipley, seconded by Trustee McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Krissi Brott  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

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Grace Lesperance, Supervisor

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Susan B. Slater, Clerk