

CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 7, 2021 at 9:00am
Front Conference Room at Township Hall
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Members Present: Trustee McDonald, Trustee Shipley

Members Absent: Supervisor Lesperance

Others Present: Township Manager (TM) Ben Swayze, Community Development Director (CDD) Steve Peterson, Kent County Drain Commissioner Ken Yonker, Deputy Kent County Drain Commissioner Angie Lataitis

Call to Order: Trustee Shipley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Business: The Infrastructure Committee discussed the following items:

1. Consolidation of Drains – Hidden Hills

KC Drain Commissioner Ken Yonker and Dpt. Drain Commissioner Angie Lataitis explained the situation regarding the Hidden Hills Drainage districts. In this neighborhood the KCDC has several drains on the same water course but were established at different times based on the subdivision boundary. The watercourse is established under 3 separate drains and 5 different districts depending on the location/plat. DC Yonker explained that the KCDC would like to consolidate the 5 drainage districts into 1 for clarity. The 5 districts are:

- Apple Hills
- Apple Hills East
- Ashton Ridge
- Cascade Highlands
- Hidden Hills

The requested action is for the Township Board to approve, by resolution, a petition of the KCDC to consolidate the districts. If the petition is approved by the Township Board and transmitted to the KCDC, all residents in all proposed consolidation districts would be notified and invited to a Board of Determination. The ultimate decision is determined by the Board of Determination whether consolidation is necessary and any necessary maintenance. Discussion ensued. The committee agreed that it seemed more efficient to have one drain for the area.

Motion by Trustee McDonald, supported by Trustee Shipley to recommend the Township Board approve the petition for the consolidation of the Hidden Hills area drainage districts. Motion carried.

2. Burger Goodwood Neighborhood Project Administration

TM Swayze led a discussion regarding the administration of the grant funded Burger Goodwood Neighborhood project. As the funding has been awarded to the City of Grand Rapids, and the city has the engineering expertise, it makes sense that city administer the project with the Township participation. Discussion ensued. TM Swayze indicated that the project would begin with an RFP process for engineering. The committee agreed that the City administering the project made the most sense.

No action, discussion only

Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Shipley, supported by Trustee McDonald to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am

Approved by the Infrastructure Committee – 09.01.2021