

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

Thursday, September 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Article 1. Supervisor Beahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Supervisor Beahan, Trustee Lewis, Koessel, Goldberg.
Absent: Clerk Goodyke, Treasurer Dood and Trustee Fox.
Also Present: Manager Cousins, Planning Director Peterson, Senior Appraiser McCarty and those listed on Supplement #1.

Article 2. Supervisor Beahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 3. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Article 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Receive and File Various Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of 8/12/09 and 8/26/09.
 - 2. Kent County Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 7/28/09 and 8/11/09.
 - 3. Parks Committee Meeting Minutes of 8/25/09.
- b. Receive and File Various Reports (None)
- c. Receive and File Communications
 - 1. Letter from Comcast re: Channel Additions
- d. Education Requests
 - 1. Steve Peterson – Masters Degree Program in Public Administration – Grand Valley State University.
 - 2. Doug Poolman – Fall Conference for Michigan Fire Inspector’s Society – Kellogg Center/MSU/Lansing, MI – Sept. 22-25, 2009.

Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Discussion followed regarding Steve Peterson’s education request. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to amend the original motion to remove Article 4d. 1 and add to New Business Article 9. 064-2009. Motion carried.

Article 5. Financial Actions

Article 6. Public Actions

Public Hearing – Amend the current plan to remove the requirement to construct pool, clubhouse, tennis court and walking paths for South side of 28th St. approximately ¾ mile east of Buttrick.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Public Hearing. Motion carried. Planning Director Peterson reviewed the request with the Board. What they are asking for is that they simply amend their project so the requirement to build those things is removed...that they still may build those things if the homeowner association chooses to in the future. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the changes. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to close the public hearing and reconvene into regular session.

Article 7. Public Comments

Abbey Dilley, 6840 Sunrise Ct., questioned on any change in status on the Burton St. property and whether there was any response to Dick Gottlieb questions submitted at the last Board meeting.
Manager Cousins stated he had received an e-mail from Dick Gottlieb that he asked to be placed into the record at public comment. A copy had been given to each Board member.

Article 8. Unfinished Business (None)

Article 9. New Business

055-2009 Consider Amending the current plan to remove the requirement to construct pool, clubhouse, tennis court and walking paths for South side of 28th St. approximately ¾ mile east of Buttrick.

Motion made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve amending the current plan to remove the requirement to construct pool, clubhouse, tennis court and walking paths for South side of 28th St. approximately ¾ mile east of Buttrick. Motion carried by roll call vote.

056-2009 Consider Request for Authorizing Resolution for Riviera Tool LLC Recovery Zone.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request by Riviera Tool LLC. There was a recent amendment to the Enabling Legislation which allowed companies over seventy-five employees to apply for Tool & Die Renaissance Zones. They are requesting that we establish the zone for 10 years. They are going to be joining an existing collaborative which has 10 more years to run. They would be exempt from almost all of the property taxes. The only exemption would be debt millage, which here is Cascade Township would be the Caledonia Township Schools debt millage. They are also exempted from the Michigan Business Tax. They have various requirements that they have to go through; which Riviera has met. It is our recommendation that the Township pass a Resolution establishing the Tool & Die Renaissance Recovery Zone District for Riviera for 10 years. Representatives from Riviera were present for questions. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Goldberg to approve the Request for Authorizing a Resolution for Riviera Tool LLC Renaissance Recovery Zone. Motion carried by roll call vote.

057-52009 Consider Request for Authorizing Resolution for Paragon Die & Engineering Recovery Zone.

Senior Appraiser McCarty reviewed the request by Paragon Die & Engineering. We are recommending that this district be established for 10 years. Paragon is establishing a new consortium; they have the option of going up to 15 years. They would have the option to come back to the Township prior to the “wind-down” period for District for the additional 5 years. Representatives from Paragon were present for questions. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve the Request for Authorizing Resolution for Paragon Die & Engineering Renaissance Recovery Zone. Motion carried by roll call vote.

058-2009 Consider Approval of Resolution for New Entertainment Permit for Meadowood Liquor License, 3361 SE Charlevoix, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Trustee Goldberg made a request that he be excused from the consideration of this item because his firm represents Meadowood. Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to allow Trustee Goldberg to abstain from Article 9. 058-2009. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution for a New Entertainment Permit for Meadowood Liquor License, 3361 SE Charlevoix, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Discussion followed. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes – 3 Absent – 3 Abstain -1

059-2009 Consider Approval or Resolution for Transfer of Liquor License at 5039 28th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49512, from Quick Casual Corporation to Don Julios, LLC.

Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Resolution for Transfer of Liquor License at 5039 28th St., Grand

Rapids, MI 49512, from Quick Casual Corporation to Don Julios, LLC., subject to the taxes being paid prior to the transfer of the license.

060-2009 Consider Approval of MERS Officer Delegate Certification Form.
Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Koessel to approve Manager Cousins as the MERS Officer Delegate for the MERS Annual Meeting being held September 15-17 in Grand Rapids, MI. Motion carried.

061-2009 Consider Approval of Quote for Website Redesign.
Sandra Otey was present to review the quote. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Goldberg and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the quote from Municipal Web Services in the amount of \$10,800 for a Website Redesign. Motion carried.

062-2009 Consider Approval of Extension to Water & Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.
Manager Cousins reviewed the agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. Manager Cousins stated that we have an existing agreement that expires in the end of 2033. The City has asked all of its customer communities, both retail and wholesale to extend that contract by 5 years. By doing this, it gives them some longevity of contracts so that they can bond for improvements. The request is for a 5 year extension of our current contract. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the Extension to the Water & Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids. Motion carried by roll call vote.

063-2009 Consider Approval of Recommendation of Parks Committee to accept the suggestions made by Ms. Cornelisse to continue with the mowing program for next year at Cascade Recreation Park.
Amy Waugh was present to review the mowing changes within the Cascade Rec Park. Amy stated that our aim has been to give it a more naturalized look and promote natural habitat for wildlife, native plant growth, water retention, and cost savings to the Township. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve the recommendation of the Parks Committee to accept the suggestions made by Ms. Cornelisse to continue with the mowing program for next year at Cascade Recreation Park. Motion carried.

064-2009 Consider Approval of Education Request by Steve Peterson for Master Degree Program in Public Administration at Grand Valley State University.
Trustee Lewis asked Steve Peterson for his thoughts. Steve felt that what the Board was proposing was fine. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Trustee Koessel and supported by Trustee Lewis to approve Steve Peterson's request for his fall semester course of \$1,341.00 subject to our current policy that is in place. Motion carried.

Article 10. Manager's Comments

Manger Cousins offered the following comments:

- There is a Spanish Company considering coming to the area. They are specifically considering purchasing property in Cascade Township. I will be meeting with them next Tuesday, for a tour of the area...followed by a dinner meeting with Right Place, Chairman of EDC will be here, representatives from the City of Grand Rapids will also be here to help describe our region to this company and work to convince them that this is a place for them to locate.

Article 11. Board Member Comments

Trustee Koessel offered the following comments:

- Laraway Lake Dr. house has been abandoned?

Trustee Lewis offered the following comments:

- Sign on Cascade Rd., Watermark entrance, temporary "lean-to" sign by another Dance Studio. Would like to see it removed.

Supervisor Beahan offered the following comments:

- I think we are at a point that the signs are starting to “explode”, that being one of the cases...I know that the sign at the International Beverage they have added on to the top of their sign a little banner. They have increased the size of their sign. A few other companies are doing that. Now we have a lot of “Sale” banners out there and open flags. We either have to amend the ordinance or really start “tightening” it up.

Article 12. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Lewis and supported by Trustee Goldberg to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Biegalle
Deputy Clerk

Approved by:

Ron Goodyke, Clerk

Robert Beahan, Supervisor