

MINUTES
Cascade Charter Township
THORNAPPLE RIVER SAD AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
June 8, 2026, at 4:30pm
Cascade Charter Township Office
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

ARTICLE 1. The meeting was called to order at 4:28pm.

Members Present: Scott Rissi, Leann Rowland, Trustee Shipley, Chuck Whitley, Jeff Carpenter, Thomas Keith
Absent: Michael Wiegand
Others Present: Township Manager Jade Smith, Executive Assistant Jessica Stine

ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda

Motion was made by Member Carpenter to approve the agenda as written. Supported by Trustee Shipley. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment

There were not any visitors that wanted to speak at that time.

ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Meeting

Motion was made by Member Rowland to approve the minutes as written. Supported by Member Shipley. Motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. Sedimentation Mitigation Study

Brian Vilmont and Kevin Koster from Prein & Newhof presented their sedimentation study findings to the committee. They showed timestamped drone footage of the river and explained that a large portion of the actions to reduce sedimentation would best be solved through education of property owners on what they need to do to reduce sedimentation and how they may be causing it. Some items they suggested education on included clearing out fallen trees and deflusive material, placement of branch bundles, coconut logs, and bank stabilization. Prein & Newhof have not completed targeted education to residents in the past.

They highlighted Quiggle Lake drain and Burger Bayou as areas that would be useful to address. They suggested completing a bathymetric survey every 3 to 5 years and comparing surface levels over time, using those points to determine the loading rate of the river.

Their suggested next steps were to process the information and choose human induced sites to address.

ARTICLE 6. Staff Updates

Township Staff heard back from Larry's Tree Service and will likely be relocating additional mobile river debris within the next week. They are unable to go under the railroad bridge, so and debris south of the railroad bridge would need to be relocated by Beaverwood.

There were not any changes to the finance report from the previous meeting as PLM nor Prein & Newhof have provided invoices yet.

ARTICLE 7. Any Other Business

Member Rissi has replaced all the navigational buoys except for the one near Member Whitley's property. It took Member Rissi an hour to complete but the committee may want to consider paying a professional service to do it in the future. Discussions may be had with Viking Marine about maintenance of the buoys and how they fare in ice.

ARTICLE 8. Public Comment

There was not any public comment at that time.

ARTICLE 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.

Approved by the Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee – July 10, 2026