

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2010**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Michael DeVries. The meeting was held in the Township Hall. The following were present: Supervisor Michael DeVries, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

Supervisor Michael DeVries requested permission to add Item 8 to the agenda, Request for Outdoor Assembly Permit. Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to add Item 8 to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, MAY 5, 2010.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on May 5, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE REQUEST TO AMEND THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN.

Supervisor Michael DeVries and Planner Richard Sprague reviewed the actions of the Township Board and Planning Commission regarding the southwest corner of Cascade Road and Forest Hill Avenue.

The following options for the Township Board to amend the Grand Rapids Township Master Land Use Plan are:

- a. Do nothing, which will delay any Master Land Use Plan change for 18-24 months until the 5 year review is completed.
- b. Decide to send the request back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Township Board.
- c. Send the request to the Planning Commission and allow them to decide the Master Land Use Plan amendment.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to send the request for Master Land Use Plan amendment back to the Planning Commission and allow them to make a decision on this amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

Michael DeVries requested that this item be delayed until further notice. Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to delay this item until requested by the Supervisor. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REGARDING BONEFISH GRILL.

Michael DeVries presented a notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requesting local approval for a Liquor License transfer of Bonefish Michigan Limited Partnership to Bonefish Grill, LLC.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request for Liquor License transfer as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT.

A request for Outdoor Assembly Permit was received from Celadon Association. The concerts are planned for June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19, September 16 and September 23, 2010.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request for Outdoor Assembly Permits, subject to the review of Supervisor DeVries. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Supervisor DeVries discussed the following items: Township parking lot repaving in the next two weeks; New person at the front desk; Completion of sidewalks on Plainfield Avenue; Continuing work on the Courtyard Plaza; Property Committee; Hiring of a consultant for the Transportation Study; Metro Council's review of their mission; Repaving of the East Beltline from Three Mile Road to the Plainfield bridge; Township participation in The Right Place Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.