

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2007**

The Grand Rapids Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall by Supervisor Michael J. DeVries. The following persons were present: Supervisor Michael J. DeVries, Clerk Janice K. Hulbert, Treasurer Angela M. Weiss, Trustees Chris Afendoulis, Rusty Merchant, Edward J. Robinette, and Lee VanPopering.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board gave honor and remembered President Gerald R. Ford.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to add item # 7 to the agenda, Kent County Community Block Grant Funds. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 19, 2006**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE 2006 AND 2007 COMCAST EQUIPMENT GRANTS TO FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Grand Rapids Township franchise agreement with Comcast requires an annual grant for public educational or governmental purchase of equipment. The 2006 grant is \$4,453 and the 2007 grant will be received in February.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the payment of the 2006 and 2007 Comcast Equipment Grants to Forest Hills Public Schools for the purchase of equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO VACATE EUGENIA DRIVE.**

Gary DeHaan, Michael Oezer, Michael Reimink and Jill Kooistra have requested that the Township consent to vacation of Eugenia Drive between Dean Lake Avenue and Lawton Drive.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the attached resolution, RESOLUTION OF CONSENT FOR VACATION , EMERALD LAKE GARDENS PLAT – EUGENIA DRIVE RIGHT OF WAY. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. REPORT TO BOARD ON 2004-2008 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN.**

Supervisor DeVries presented the 2004-2008 Grand Rapids Township Recreation Report. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant moved to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Kent County Community Development Department has notified the Township that HUD Block Grant funds are available in the amount of \$23,500. Supervisor DeVries presented a proposal for the demolition of two buildings on the new Township park site for \$17,750.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to authorize Supervisor DeVries to apply for \$17,750 of HUD Block Grant funds for the demolition project at the new Township park. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor DeVries presented a sample newsletter article and requested suggestions regarding methods of distribution. Suggestions were discussed. Mr. DeVries will bring costs and suggestions to the Board at the next meeting.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were received.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.