

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009**

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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were 4 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no comments from the audience.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on December 16, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the bills paid for December 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER 2009 ADVERTISING PROPOSAL FROM THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS.

A proposal from the Grand Rapids Press was presented. The proposal is for legal advertising for the calendar year 2009 as follows:

Daily	21.00 per column inch
Saturday	22.40 per column inch
Sunday	28.60 per column inch

Lee VanPopering seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve Grand Rapids Press proposal for legal advertising 2009 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SITE CONDO RESOLUTION RE: WINTERWOOD DEVELOPMENT.

Michael DeVries presented RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF WINTERWOOD SITE CONDOMINIUM (Application of BDR, Inc.). The request is to add the 7.8 acre parcel adjacent on the east of Winterwood Drive to the Winterwood Site Condominium development. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary site condominium plan on November 25, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the Resolution.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering

NAYS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2009 – 2010 PROGRAM.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Community Development Block Grant Program. Michael DeVries will gather information regarding use of this grant program.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Crahen Road Railroad Bridge

Michael DeVries presented information from the Kent County Road Commission regarding construction of a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks on Crahen. Several options were discussed.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to permit Michael DeVries to request the Kent County Road Commission to apply for a grant for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Fulton/Forest Hill Trail Recognition Area

Michael DeVries presented an estimate and drawing for the Trail Donor Recognition Area from Michael VanderPloeg, Knapp Valley Landscape Design. The estimate is for a rest area at Fulton and Crahen, with an area for recognition of the donors of this pathway,

James Saalfeld, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to request a quote from Knapp Valley Landscape Design and also an accounting of the 2008 and 2009 Pathway Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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