

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael DeVries in the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present: Supervisor Michael J. DeVries, Treasurer Angela M. Weiss, Trustees Lee VanPopering, Edward Robinette, and Rusty Merchant. Absent were Clerk Janice K. Hulbert and Trustee Chris Afendoulis. There were approximately 22 people present in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. PRESENTATION ON THE CRAHEN/FOREST HILL BIKE TRAIL PROJECT BY PROJECT ENGINEER ROBERT BRUGGINK.

Bob Bruggink gave a brief power point presentation regarding the Crahen/Forest Hill Bike Trail Project. He showed a street map of Grand Rapids, Ada, and Cascade Townships with an existing trail system showing. He talked about all the Townships and their trail connections. An audience member asked where the connection to Ada's path would be. Mr. Bruggink showed the project breakdown of cost, funding, and scheduling. The estimated cost of the project is \$900,000. The Township has applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Federal Government for \$331,000. The Township is planning to pay \$300,000. The remainder of the project is being funded by private donations. Construction is schedule for June through November 2007.

Rusty Merchant spoke thanking the fundraisers: Megen and Kevin Cusak and Jenny Seyferth for their hard work. The Township Board took a picture with the Fundraisers presenting the Township Board with a check.

3. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public comments were accepted.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2007.

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

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve bills to be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE THREE YEAR GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PARKS/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL FROM LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the three-year maintenance proposal from Luscious Landscapes with the contract amount to increase 4% from previous contract. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF KENTWOOD OFFICE FURNITURE'S PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF SYSTEMS FURNITURE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the proposal from Kentwood Office Furniture for systems furniture for the Public Safety office and Deputy Chief office with the amount not to exceed \$5,272.92. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER DAN MADDEN'S RESIGNATION WITH REGRETS.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve with regret the resignation from Paid-on-call Firefighter Dan Madden. Motion passed unanimously.

10. PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE.

Michael DeVries gave an update regarding the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority.

11. BOARD COMMENTS.

Board comments were accepted.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,