

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
April 5, 2011**

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, Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, Robert Roth and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There were four people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no public comments

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, MARCH 15, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on March 15, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

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

**5. CONSIDERATION OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of March 2011 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. PRESENTATION: KENT COUNTY PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM UPDATE.**

Dennis Heffron, Vice Chair, Kent County Farmland Preservation Board, spoke to the Board about the Farmland Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING RE: USE OF KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to open the Public Hearing on use of Kent County Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO REQUEST KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION RF2011-CDBG-HALS TO APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR TOWNSHIP HALL HEARING AID LOOP SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT.

Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT REQUESTS.**

**a. Indian Trails Camp at Celadon New Town.**

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, regarding a request for an outdoor assembly permit for Indian Trails Camp fundraising event. The event is scheduled for May 19, 2011. It is his recommendation to grant this permit.

**b. West Michigan Urgent Care at Cascade West Parkway.**

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, regarding a request for an outdoor assembly permit for West Michigan Urgent Care, Inc, 5K run. The event is scheduled for May 21, 2011. It is his recommendation to grant this permit.

**c. Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, 2011 Concert Season at Amphitheater.**

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, regarding a request for an outdoor assembly permit for Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, 2011 Summer Concert Series and Tuesday Evening Concert Series. The concerts will be held during June, July and August. It is his recommendation to grant this permit.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the requests for Outdoor Assembly Permit for Indian Trails Camp at Celadon New Town, West Michigan Urgent Care at Cascade West Parkway, and Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, 2011 Concert Season at Amphitheater. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF BOB DAVERMAN.**

A letter was received from Bob Daverman stating that he will be unable to continue his membership on the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to accept the resignation of Bob Daverman from the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN STODDARD TO THE PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (PACIA) BOARD.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the resolution to appoint Stephen Stoddard to the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board from April 5, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY PURCHASE.**

At 7:13 pm, Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to go to Executive Session to discuss property purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7: 25 pm, Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS.** There were no Board comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP