

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

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 5 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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on September 2, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO CRAHEN/FOREST HILL TRAIL FUND.**

Grand Rapids Township has been working on the planning and construction of the Leonard/Crahen/Forest Hill Trail since 2006. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2008. In anticipation of the final invoices, it is suggested to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Pathway Fund. Any amount remaining at the conclusion of the project will be returned to the General Fund.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Pathway Fund to complete the Leonard/Crahen/Forest Hill Trail. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAIL PAVING EXPENSE.**

Michael DeVries reported to the Board that Forest Hills Schools completed an improvement project on the front entrance and drives at Orchard View School on Leffingwell. The Kent County Road Commission has a scheduled improvement at Leffingwell and Three Mile for 2009. At that time, a trail is planned for Leffingwell, from Three Mile to Winesap.

Kent County Road Commission has obtained a proposal to pave a section of the trail in front of Orchard View School.

Michael DeVries requested that this item be tabled until Forest Hills Schools has time to also request a proposal for the project.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to table the request. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 467, AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Proposed Ordinance 467, AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION, was presented to the Township Board.

On September 1, 2008, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2008 became effective. This act requires that any Planning Commission that was established by motion or resolution must be reestablished by ordinance.

This Ordinance will be considered for approval on October 7, 2008.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER RESOLUTION RE: FOREST HILLS INN.**

A request was received for the transfer of ownership of 2008 Class C Licensed Business, located at 4609 Cascade, Grand Rapids MI 49506, Grand Rapids Township, Kent County, from Forest Hills Inn, Inc. to GR8 Restaurant Partners, LLC.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for transfer of ownership. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
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