

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 4, 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 approximately twenty 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, April 19, 2011.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on April 19, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of April 2011 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT.

Kent County Commissioner, James Saalfeld, spoke to the Board about Kent County Commission issues. He specifically spoke about

- Renewal of the County AAA Bond Rating
- Population and equalization changes in Kent County
- One Kent

7. PUBLIC HEARING: RAINBOW CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to open the Public Hearing on Rainbow Child Development Center. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve Ordinance No. 482 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Rainbow Child Development Center Planned Unit Development).

Ayes: DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth
Nays: VanPopering

8. ARBOR HILLS SOUTH TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve RESOLUTION GRANTING TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT OF ARBOR HILLS SOUTH.

Ayes: DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

9. EAST GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST.

A letter was received from East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Department requesting the road closure of M-21 for the bike portion of the annual Reeds Lake Triathlon. The Reeds Lake Triathlon is scheduled for September 10, 2011 from 7:30 am – 9:30 am.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

10. YMCA OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT REQUEST.

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety regarding an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Southeast YMCA. The YMCA would like to conduct a Summer Series Event on June 18, July 22-23 and August 19, 2011 at the Southeast YMCA, 730 Forest Hill SE.

Robert Roth and Rusty Merchant informed the Board that they are members of the Board of the Southeast YMCA. Supervisor DeVries determined that this is not a conflict of interest and they are permitted to vote on this issue.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request for Outdoor Assembly Permit. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 2012 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES.

Michael DeVries presented a proposed fee schedule for services.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the Grand Rapids Township Fee Schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

12. THE RIGHT PLACE, INC. PLEDGE RESOLUTION.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND CONFIRM PLEDGE OF PAYMENTS TO THE RIGHT PLACE, A NONPROFIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, IN CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND OTHER VALUE AND BENEFITS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP.

Ayes: DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

13. PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENT BID.

A letter was received from Robert Bruggink, Moore & Bruggink, reporting on bids received and project costs for the Township park restroom ADA renovation project. The project is scheduled for completion by June 15, 2011.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the expenditure of not-to-exceed \$5,000 for the re-staining of the shelter building. Motion passed unanimously.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the bid for the renovation project of the park restrooms from Kirk W. Rottschafer Building, Inc. for \$25,580, with a total estimated budget of \$30,500.

Ayes: DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP