

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2012**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Trustee Dave Van Dyke. The meeting was held in the Township Hall. The following were present: Clerk Edward Robinette, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Robert Roth, Lee VanPopering, Dave Van Dyke, and Rusty Merchant. Supervisor Michael DeVries was absent. There were ten 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,
JULY 3, 2012.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of July 3, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approval of the Bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Representatives from the Kent District Library presented their annual report to the Township Board.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 491, FOREST HILLS PUD REZONING
CONSIDERATION.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF FOREST HILLS CENTER PUD ORDINANCE NO. 491.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Afendoulis, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke, Van Popering

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVries

Ordinance 491 was approved.

8a. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 488 RE:SIGNS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of ordinance 488. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Merchant, Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Afendoulis.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVries.

Ordinance No. 488 was approved.

8b. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 489 RE: AL FRESCO DINING.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of ordinance 489. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Afendoulis, Merchant.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeVries

Ordinance 489 was approved.

9. 2012 2nd QUARTER BUDGET REPORT-ROBERT ROTH

Trustee Robert Roth summarized the General Fund expenditure and revenue report and reviewed the other funds administered by the Township. The board concurred with the goal of building the endowment funds dedicated to the East Beltline Gateway Partnership Fund (Beltline median plantings), Courthouse at Knapp's Corner, and the Pathways funds beginning with the 2013 budget.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE COMPUTER HARDWARE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to authorize the purchase of computer hardware, as proposed, not to exceed \$12,000. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. Trustee Rusty Merchant gave the board a preview of the results of the survey taken by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. State Rep. Peter MacGregor introduced himself and announced his availability to meet with residents or board members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.