

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JOINT MEETING
May 20, 2014**

A joint meeting of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell Clerk Deb Everett Trustee Dave Bushouse Trustee Dusty Farmer Trustee Lee Larson	PLANNING COMMISSION: Terry Schley Fred Antosz Millard Loy Pam Jackson	ZBA: Mike Smith Jim Sterenberg
DDA: Terry Schley Grant Taylor	FRIENDS OF THE PARKS Wes Freeland	

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter and Fire Chief Mark Barnes.

The various boards provided updates on their respective activities

Township Board – work continues on the North Drake Road non-motorized plan, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) will be reviewing non-motorized and complete street initiatives. The Township has joined with 10 other entities and initiated litigation against the City of Kalamazoo regarding water and sewer rates, the Township Board will be considering whether some or all of the Township precincts should be included in the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority (KCTA) to be assessed for line haul bus service, the Township auditors have completed the 2013 audit and a report will be made in June to the Board, the State Tax Commission has completed an audit of the Township's Assessing Department with a report to follow.

Planning Commission – the Commission will be holding work sessions on the ordinance language to implement the West Main/9th Street Overlay envisioned in the Master Land Use Plan.

ZBA – will hold its first regular meeting of the year next week and a special meeting on June 12th.

Friends of the Parks – the group has held two educational sessions on the Parks Endowment Fund held by the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

South Drake Road Corridor Improvement Authority (SoDA) – the development and tax increment financing plans have been approved; the plan is currently in the 60 day public comment period during which other taxing entities can opt out; the comment period ends on June 17th.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – purchase of the Citgo property has been completed, bids will be sought for demolition, discussion/planning for future use of the site will begin.

Oshtemo Historical Society – the group will be holding a capital fundraising workshop on June 3rd, and a 10 year anniversary celebration on July 19th. With the recent donation of an additional 11 acres for the homestead, work on a master plan can be initiated.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor