

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
PLANNING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
JOINT MEETING
May 15, 2012**

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 5:15 p.m.

TOWNSHIP BOARD:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Deb Everett
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Grace Borgfjord
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Scott Ernstes
Trustee Lee Larson

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Millard Loy
Carl Benson
Kitty Gelling
Dick Skalski
Wiley Boulding

ZBA:

Jim Sterenberg
Neil Sikora
Cheri Bell
Roger Taylor

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter, Planning Director Greg Milliken, and Township Engineer Tom Wheat.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION STORMWATER SITE DEVELOPMENT RULES

Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner Patricia Crowley presented information regarding stormwater site development rules proposed by her office along with some history and information regarding the hydrogeology of the Township. She encouraged the Board to consider adopting the rules to use in conjunction with the Township's own site plan review requirements. Consensus was the discussion should start with the Planning Commission.

UPDATE - TREE PRESERVATION

Planning Director Milliken advised the Planning Commission has reviewed draft language regarding tree preservation, will be continuing to take input and working on this issue.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.



DEBORAH L. EVERETT
Township Clerk

Attested: LIBBY HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor

KALAMAZOO AREA BUILDING AUTHORITY (KABA) ^{tentative}

Township representative Trustee Larson advised the KABA Board has adopted a budget and fee schedule which will be going to the respective units for approval within the next month. He also advised thirteen applications were received for the part time director position; the Board will be making the selection in the next few weeks.

MEIJER EAST ENTRY DRIVE

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised she had received information that MDOT is recommending a modification to the West Main Meijer East entry drive, making it right in, right out only through the construction of a triangular island in the drive approach, thus preventing a left turn from that drive onto M43, and also preventing a left turn into Meijer's drive from eastbound M43 traffic; the redirected traffic would use Meijer entry drives on 9th Street via the signalized intersection at 9th and M43, MDOT is in the process of developing cost estimates and options for funding which could include MDOT safety, local, or private monies, or some combination therein. She advised although safety projects are committed five years hence, "left over" monies, if any exist in any given year, could be used for the project.

Trustee Bushouse commented he has the same concerns for the western most Meijer drive onto West Main.

SKY KING MEADOWS 2 – STEP 1 PRELIMINARY PLAN

A request was before the Board for Step I tentative preliminary plan approval for Sky King Meadows 2 Open Space community. Planning Consultant Greg Milliken advised the Planning Commission had reviewed the request and recommends approval subject to the final preliminary plan submitted within one year, appropriate legal documents and conveyances necessary for permanent protection of the dedicated open space are provided with final site plan approval, number of units in a cluster reduced from four to two and side yard setback reduced from 10 feet to 5 feet is found to satisfy the intent of the open space requirements, the stormwater system will require review by the Township Engineer for final site plan approval and shall comply with all county requirements, details as to proposed street lighting are required to be in compliance with Township policy and ordinance standards, and final preliminary plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer and Fire Department.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Larson to grant Step I Preliminary Plan approval subject to the conditions of the Planning Commission recommendation. Carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT APPLICATION

Fire Chief Barnes presented a fireworks permit application from Andy Webb representing Wolverine Fireworks, Inc. to conduct a fireworks show on June 29th (rain date June 30th) at the Prairies Golf Course on West Main. He advised the application was in order and a certificate of liability insurance had been provided with the Township named as an additional insured.

Motion by Borgfjord, second by Everett to approve the fireworks permit. Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Fire Chief Barnes advised in preparation for the upcoming Insurance Services Office (ISO) inspection some deficiencies have been found regarding some mandated equipment and recommended purchasing needed items in the amount of \$15,176.76. He noted due to cost, limited point value from ISO and available space on the apparatus, other items were not being recommended for purchase.

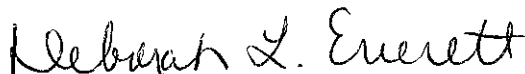
Motion by Bushouse, second by Larson to approve an expenditure of \$15,176.76 for needed items. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Borgfjord commented the recent tree sale coordinated by the Friends of the Parks with the Kalamazoo Soil Conservation District was successful, they advised an increase in orders from the west side of the County.

Trustee Borgfjord also commented volunteers are needed for the Township Park dedication on May 19th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately at 8:00 p.m.



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Supervisor