

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
TOWNSHIP BOARD
JOINT BOARDS MEETING
February 21, 2017**

A joint meeting of the various boards of the Township 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
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Ken Hudok

PLANNING COMMISSION
Cheri Bell
Fred Antosz
Ollie Chambers

ZBA
Bob Anderson
Neil Sikora
Mike Smith

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS
Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Deb Everett

SoDA
Teresa Spurr

DDA
Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Also present were Planning Director Julie Johnston, Parks Director Karen High, Township Attorney James Porter, and Public Works Director Marc Elliott.

Township Board – Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided updates on the Township Board retreat, mission and vision statements. A staff retreat will be held in March. She also advised the Board will be looking at long term budget issues through strategic financial planning.

Parks – Parks Director High provided updates on the Grange Hall renovations which will begin in June and the Drake Farmstead Capital Campaign and Phase I projects to begin this year.

Public Works – Public Works Director Marc Elliott provided information on the application the Township will make to the USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant program for funding to begin construction of sanitary sewer infrastructure.

Non-Motorized Planning - Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell provided updates on the Drake Road non-motorized path to begin construction this fall, a KL Avenue path from Drake Road to Copper Beech looking to coordinate construction with the Road Commission in 2018, and the DDA is working to seek a Safe Routes to School grant for South 9th Street.

Planning Commission – Planning Director Johnston advised work has begun to update the Master Plan with a workshop on February 23rd highlighting rural character; the Maple Hill Sub Area Plan will also be updated; there is a new web host for Township ordinances, WMU recently mapped natural features through GIS, and the Sub-Division/Site Condo ordinance is being updated. Upcoming projects include development by AVB at the northwest corner of West Main and US 131, Latitude 42 on West Main west of 10th Street, and the Corners at Drake will be adding more retail space.

DDA – Planning Director Johnston advised a sub-committee of DDA and Planning Commission members will be reviewing the Village Theme Development Plan.

SoDA – Chair Teresa Spurr advised the Board has budgeted to assist with snow removal and maintenance of the path to be constructed on Drake Road.

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

DUSTY FARMER
Township Clerk

Attested: ELIZABETH HEINY-COGSWELL
Supervisor