

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2018**

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 Edward Robinette, Treasurer David Van Dyke, and Trustees Vas Christopoulos, David Pierangeli, Lee Van Popering, and Philip Yeiter. There were 56 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT. There were none.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2018.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved approval of the cash disbursements as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved approval of the bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING, re: FORMER SUNSHINE CHURCH PROPERTY REZONING.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Twenty three residents of Grand Rapids Township and some from Plainfield Township voiced their concerns regarding the proposed rezoning. Most were opposed to the traffic generated by the development having access to 4 Mile Rd. Several questioned the density of the project and its impact on neighboring properties. None were in favor of the proposed development as presented. The names and addresses of those that spoke will be attached to the minutes for the permanent record. Daniel Dick of 4284 4 Mile Rd also presented a petition representing 120 signatures in opposition to the development. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor DeVries and Treasurer Van Dyke responded to questions raised regarding the Planning Commission process. It was explained that MDOT and the Road Commission determine where driveways may access the State Highway or 4 Mile Rd. and the density of the proposed development meets the requirements of the Township zoning ordinance.

7. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 523 FOR ADOPTION, re: 3300, 3450, & 3590 EAST BELTLINE AVE NE R-PUD REZONING.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved adoption of Ordinance No. 523 as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Christopoulos, DeVries, Pierangeli, Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering

NAYS: Yeiter

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 523 is adopted.

8. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 524 FOR ADOPTION, re: PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved adoption of Ordinance No. 524 as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: DeVries, Pierangeli, Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Yeiter, Christopoulos

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 524 is adopted.

9. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A 2 YEAR PARK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES.

Philip Yeiter, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve the 2 year park maintenance agreement with Luscious Landscapes. The motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION OF CELL TOWER LEASE EXTENSION PROPOSAL.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed extension to the lease with American Tower which currently ends in 2036. The board directed the Supervisor to seek more information.

11. CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kara Hammond, Administrative Assistant. The motion passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.