

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2012**

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 Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Lee VanPopering, Robert Roth and Dave Van Dyke. There were six people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to amend the agenda to add item 12, to consider a resolution approving the Cielo Site Condominium Plan. Discussion items are moved to item 13 on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,
APRIL 3, 2012.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of April 17, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve the cash disbursements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER THE BILLS TO BE PAID

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF LAURA HILL TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the appointment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER REQUEST TO HIRE RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of hiring someone to fill the position of Receptionist/Office Assistant as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8 FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT APPLICATION.

The Township Board was presented with a memo detailing the request of Outdoor Assembly Licenses for Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park 2012 Summer Concert Series. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to issue the Outdoor Assembly Licenses as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN FOR BALSAM WATERS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES: FIRST READING.

Proposed Ordinance 486 was presented for First Reading.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012 LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to table this item pending receipt of cost projections from the Kent County Road Commission. Motion passed unanimously. This agenda item is tabled.

12. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING CIELO FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN.

David Van Dyke, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

PARKS & RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CITIZEN SURVEY

The committee announced their Citizen Survey, part of the Five Year Park & Recreation Master Plan, and request that Citizens and Township property owners complete the survey on-line or in writing.

STATE LEGISLATION TO CHANGE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Supervisor Michael DeVries presented his analysis of the potential impact of proposed legislation that would phase out and end the collection of the Personal Property Tax.

BOARD COMMENTS. Robert Roth gave a review of his recent business trip to China.
PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no Public Comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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**Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
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