

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 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, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, David Van Dyke, and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There were three people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no public comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of February 7, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. THE BOARD WELCOMED NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEE DAVID VAN DYKE TO  
THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD.**

**6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ALLOW MITIGATION OF WETLANDS ON GRAND  
RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.**

The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park is seeking approval for an 8 acre Japanese Garden and is requesting permission to mitigate up to 3 acres of wetland at the Knapp Ct. Township property. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION OF ED ROBINETTE AS BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to accept the resignation of Ed Robinette as the board representative to the Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission, effective March 1, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DAVID VAN DYKE AS THE BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to appoint David Van Dyke as the Township Board representative to the Planning Commission, effective March 1. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON STEWART TO THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the appointment of Brandon Stewart to the Township Planning Commission beginning, with term beginning March 1, 2012 and ending July 1, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS.** There were no Board comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** State Rep. Peter MacGregor introduced himself to the board and discussed current activity in Lansing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP