

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
September 2, 2008
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following persons were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Todd Smith, Jean Ledford, Steve Wildman and Jim Mortensen. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and 25 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with township residents living near the Saint George Caldean Camp responding. Residents advised the board that they had phoned the State Police and Sheriff's Department because of the amplified speakers within the facility broadcasting music and prayer all day and evening this past weekend. The sound from the speakers vibrated the windows of the homes of residents living $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the facility. Residents were frustrated because they could not reach township officials to notify them of the problem. Cars were parked outside the camp ground on both sides of the roads leading up to the entrance of the facility and residents were treated rudely by church members. "We are just asking them to be good neighbors." stated Sandy Harrison. Joe Buzack said that he could not hold personal conversation in his own home – $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the facility. The music and party lasted from noon on Sunday until 1:40 a.m. Monday morning. Two residents complained that there was dynamite being used at the camp. Tom Grostic who farms land in that area was unable to drive his farm equipment down the road because he needed more than 12' to pass along the roadway.

McCririe – We have to balance their rights versus your rights. If they are in violation of our ordinance we will notify them. They need to operate in a manner that is respectful of their neighbors. Please give us the opportunity to address your concerns. We will call them concerning the upcoming event scheduled for the 14th.

Archinal – We will be glad to loan a sound meter to one of the neighboring property owners. Video of the violations would also be helpful when we speak with them.

Smith – According to our zoning ordinance parking outside of the camp is only allowed within 50' of the entrance. Anything else is a violation unless they ask for a special use permit. Should a special use permit be requested, residents within 300' of the camp would be notified.

All members of the board agreed that the issue would be raised with the Caldean Church and that the township's position and zoning ordinance would be complied with.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills

2. Request to approve minutes: 8-18-08

3. Request for approval of assigning Genoa Charter Township Whitehorse Drive easement to the Livingston County Road Commission.

4. Request for an amendment to the general fund budget increasing legal fees from \$125,000 to \$275,000.

5a. Consider acceptance of a letter of resignation from Teri Olsen and to commend and thank her for her years of excellent service to the Township.

5b. Request for appointment of Lauren Brookins to the Planning Commission to complete the unexpired term of Teri Olson, ending 06/30/10.

6. Approval of the NATaT Conference Budget.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Smith asked to be excused from any discussion concerning item 10 on the Agenda since he has a financial interest in the outcome. Moved by Skolarus, supported by Mortensen, to excuse Mr. Smith from discussion of item No. 10. The motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and consideration of an adjustment to the refuse collection and disposal fee.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman, to approve refuse collection and disposal fees of \$100.00 to be placed on the winter 2008 tax roll. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Request for approval and adoption of Ordinance Number Z-08-01 to amend the Zoning Map of Genoa Charter Township by rezoning 42 parcels consisting of approximately 127 acres of land in Sections 6, 10, 13, 14, 21, 24, 27, 28, & 36, petitioned by Genoa Charter Township.

A call to the public was made with no response.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt, to approve the adoption of Z-08-01 as presented. The rezoning request is granted because it meets the criteria of Section 22.04 of the Genoa Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

9. Request for approval and adoption of Ordinance Number Z-08-02 to amend the Zoning Map of Genoa Charter Township by rezoning properties located at 4489 and 4495 Oak Pointe Drive (Parcels 4711-28-400-002 and 4711-28-400-003) from MUPUD to LRR,

petitioned by Genoa Charter Township.

A call to the public was made with no response.

Moved by Smith, supported by Wildman to approve the adoption Ordinance Number Z-08-02 to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels 4711-28-400-002 and 4711-28-400-003 from MUPUD to LRR. The rezoning is granted because it meets the criteria of Section 22.04 of the Genoa Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None. Absent – None.

10. Request for approval of a special use application, impact assessment and site plan for a proposed day care center located in an existing building at 1183 Parkway Dr. Howell, MI 48843, Sec. 5, petitioned by AZD Associates.

A. Disposition of special use permit.

Moved by Hunt, supported by Skolarus, to approve a child care center in an industrial zoning district as allowed with a special use permit. The motion carried with Smith abstaining.

B. Disposition of impact assessment

Moved by Ledford, supported by Wildman, to approve the impact assessment dated 08/12/08 as submitted. The motion carried with Smith abstaining.

C. Disposition of site plan.

Moved by Skolarus, supported by Ledford, to approve the site plan with the following conditions:

1. As requested by the Planning Commission, the dumpster and enclosure shall be reoriented to allow for direct access rather than angled.
2. The landscape plan shall be revised to reflect the changes made to the site plan.
3. Approval from the Brighton Area Fire Department regarding the requirements in their letter dated June 30, 2008 will be obtained prior to issuance of a Land Use Permit.
4. The applicant should be aware that additional connection fees might be required prior to issuance of a Land Use Permit. Township Staff will determine these fees.

The motion carried with Smith abstaining.

11. Request for approval to adjourn to a closed session of the Board to discuss the purchase of real estate.

Moved by Smith, supported by Hunt, to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. as requested by McCririe. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Wildman, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

The closed session was adjourned and the regular meeting was resumed and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk

(Press/argus 09/12/08)