

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting & public Hearing
August 5, 2019

MINUTES

Supervisor Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Jim Mortensen and Diana Lowe. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately 25 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Daniel Kehn – I want to thank Genoa Township for their contribution to the soccer benches. This was a project close to my heart. The benches were built with donations from friends and family, especially my grandfather, Joe Mackle. We have \$322.00 to return to Genoa Township after the completion of this project. Skolarus suggested that the balance could be used toward the new basketball courts that the township will be constructing this fall.

A second call to the public was made with the following response: Linda Rolley – I am here with regard to the pet cemetery. I would like to see that land remain as agricultural. I have ten pets buried there and it is a special place for our pets to go. Alisha Lazalo – I have two pets buried there and would ask that the township preserve the property without having to dig up our pets. Betty Steward – I am a widow and have two pets buried there I would like to have them removed but you need experts to do that. It is difficult to adhere to the restricted schedule. The township should keep the zoning agricultural. Dee, from Whispering Pines Pet Cemetery in Ypsilanti, read a four page typed document outlining the problem with the Heavenly Acres Pet Cemetery and the attorney requests for vacating the animals. A picture of the cemetery depicted excavations where owners had tried to remove their animals that were buried there. The Board was asked to put pressure on Ms. Pollesch asking for more time to remove the deceased animals. Fred Tinker – This has been a harrowing experience. In 2005 I put my pet to rest at Heavenly acres. I visit at least twice a year and it would be nice if my pet could remain as this is very difficult for me.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Croft to approve all items under the Consent Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: July 15, 2019

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval to combine Precincts 12 and 7. This combination will allow the Pinckney Schools, Brighton Area Schools and the Brighton District Library elections to coordinate and save expense for both schools and library district in the future. This action was recommended by the Genoa Township Election Commission on April 11, 2019.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve the Combination of Precincts 12 and 7 as requested by Skolarus. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of participation in the Edinburgh Drive micro-surfacing project at 25% of the project cost.

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve the request for financial support for Edinburgh Drive as requested, not to exceed 25% of the total cost and to require the receipt of all funds from property owners prior to the commencement of construction. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Conduct second reading and consider for adoption ordinance number Z-19-03 regarding Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments involving changes to Article 7 entitled “Commercial and Service Districts” and Article 25 entitled “Definitions” to modify existing and add new uses and related definitions.

A Call to the Public was made with no response. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve the request for approval of Ordinance Z-19-03 as submitted. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers Nays – None. Absent - Hunt

Correspondence:

A resolution was received from the Secretary of the Board of Education of Brighton Area Schools for a bond proposal in the amount of \$60m216m499.00 to be placed on a special election ballot to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019.

Correspondence was also received from Ann Arbor SPARK outlining their achievements.

Member Discussion:

Skolarus asked Township Assistant Manager Kelly VanMarter what the future use plan was for the Heavenly Acre’s site considering the comments addressed to the Board this evening. VanMarter – The property will be either agricultural or country estate.

Archinal – The basketball courts are still on the drawing board. We should have a definitive recommendation for you at the next meeting.

The regular meeting and public hearing of the board was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township Board