

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Special Meeting
April 6, 2017

The Oshtemo Township Board Special Meeting was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny-Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ken Hudok

ABSENT:

Treasurer Nancy Culp

Also present were Township Attorney James Porter and Parks Director Karen High.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Consideration of Resolutions of Necessity for Redefined Electrical Easements as Public Utility Easements – South Drake Rd Pathway Phase

a. Harley Properties, LLC

Attorney Porter presented a new appraisal and electrical easement for the property on South Drake Rd. He advised that the Township has not received any contact from Harley Properties with regard to the new proposal since it was hand delivered to them on March 29, 2017. The Township will remain open to any correspondence between now and the date of filing if the property owner has objection. There was no public comment.

Motion by Everett, second by Heiny-Cogswell to adopt a Resolution of Necessity to Acquire Temporary Pathway Construction Easement, and Public Utility Easement for the property of Harley Properties, LLC at 1300 South Drake Road and authorize the Supervisor to execute the Declarations of Taking to establish Phase 1 of the Drake Road Non-Motorized Pathway. Roll call vote. Resolution adopted 6-0.

b. Audrey Homes

Attorney Porter presented a new appraisal and electrical easement for the property on South Drake Rd. He advised that the Township is in contact with Audrey Homes and they have requested that the Township wait until April 13, 2017 to file, which the Township agrees to do. The Township will remain open to any correspondence between now and the date of filing if the property owner has further objection. There was no public comment.

Motion by Everett, second Ford by to adopt a Resolution of Necessity to Acquire Permanent Non-Motorized Pathway Easement, Temporary Pathway Construction Easement, and Public Utility Easement for the property of Audrey Homes/Seville Apartments on South Drake Road and authorize the Supervisor to execute the Declarations of Taking for Audrey Homes/Seville

Apartments to establish Phase 1 of the Drake Road Non-Motorized Pathway. Roll call vote. Resolution adopted 6-0.

Request to Enter Closed Session Regarding Sale of Property

Motion by Everett, second by Ford, to adopt a resolution to enter closed session to discuss sale of Township property. Roll call vote. Adopted 6-0.

Motion by Farmer, second by Ford, to leave closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Everett, second by Ford to authorize the Supervisor to proceed with the proposal to terminate the agreement with the DEQ for the park property on Stadium Parkway. Motion carried 6-0.

Property Sale Proceeds Allocation and Request for 2017 Budget Amendment

Parks Director Karen High presented a request to place significant property sale proceeds into the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Oshtemo Township Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund. This would require an amendment to the 2017 budget for revenue allocation.

Motion by Hudok, second by Ford to place the proceeds of the Stadium Parkway property sale into the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Oshtemo Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund. Motion carried 5-1, with Farmer voting No.

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:37 pm.

Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk

Attested: Elizabeth Heiny-Cogswell
Supervisor