

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the special joint meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board and Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: French, Kieft, Behm, Redick, Hutchins & Meeusen

Board members absent: Larsen

Commissioners present: Robertson, Reenders, Kantrovich, and Gignac

Commissioners absent: Taylor, LaMourie, and Wilson

Also present were Manager Cargo and Planner Fedewa.

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Redick to appoint Treasurer Kieft as temporary Clerk. **Which motion carried.**

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Redick to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

IV. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- The Township Board and Planning Commission discussed the updated Strategic Plan draft presented by staff. Including the purpose of the plan, how the Board utilizes the plan, and approximate date of adoption (*i.e., September of 2015*).

V. RESILIENT GRAND HAVEN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- Staff noted that U of M has placed Grand Haven as the primary testing area for Phase II of the Resilient Michigan project. If/when the funding is approved for the next phase, the U of M team will draft “resilient standards” to be adopted as text amendments to the zoning ordinance. The purpose is to ensure Grand Haven achieves the “resiliency” goals that will be adopted in the Master Plan update.
- Staff noted the consultant, Land Information Access Association (LIAA), has offered to take aerial photographs of Grand Haven Township. Aerial photographs are part of the Resilient Holland Master Plan update, and due to our close proximity, LIAA offered to provide the service at no charge.
- The Township Board and Planning Commission discussed the most recent draft of the goals and objectives, and directed staff to move forward with incorporating them into the project with the following changes:

- Fedewa will amend the language regarding “affordable housing”;
 - Fedewa will give a greater emphasis to the Township’s pathway system;
 - Fedewa and Kantrovich will amend the language regarding “urban farming” and forward the language to Behm and Reenders to review and comment; and,
 - Fedewa will modify the language regarding solar energy to “renewable” to be more broad and inclusive.
- The Planning Commission and staff gave an update on the proposed timeline for the completion of this project (*i.e., September*).

VI. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Staff provided a review of the Community Engagement Workshop, and noted two projects are good candidates—pathway expansion and 40 acre addition to Hofma Park. In the coming weeks, the Parks and Recreation Committee and Planning Commission will begin to identify the appropriate level of engagement and develop a strategy. At which time, the proposal will be presented to the Township Board for approval to proceed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to adjourn the special joint meeting at 7:54 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

William Kieft III
Grand Haven Charter Township Temporary Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor