

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: French, Larsen, Kieft, Behm, Hutchins, and Meeusen

Board members absent: Redick

Commissioners present: Kantrovich, Robertson, Reenders, Taylor, LaMourie, Cousins, and Wilson

Commissioners absent: Gignac

Also present were Manager Cargo and Planner Fedewa.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Chair Kantrovich and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

IV. RESILIENT GRAND HAVEN MASTER PLAN DRAFT

1. The Township Board and Planning Commission discussed the most recent draft of the Resilient Master Plan and noted the following:

- ✓ The economic data from the 2010 Census will be “skewed” due to the impacts of the so-called “Great Recession”;
- ✓ Differences in land acreages between the previous and proposed Master Plan have been addressed; but, without a clear starting point and definition, it is expected that the plans will not completely match;
- ✓ A side table will provide a more detailed breakdown of road mileages and classifications;
- ✓ It was noted that “Health Impact Analysis” is not defined and may not be suitable for a small community;
- ✓ There was a consensus that the language regarding housing choices for households with an income of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 would be removed;
- ✓ There was consensus that additional information would be inserted regarding current traffic rules (e.g., limiting driveway access on local and major roadways);
- ✓ There was consensus that additional emphasis will be placed on pathways.
- ✓ There was consensus that staff would develop a separate “Executive Summary” of the plan (e.g., *three to five pages*) to allow for a quick overview of the Master Plan.

2. **Motion** by Commissioner Robertson, supported by Commissioner LaMourie to recommend the Township Board approve the current draft of the Resilient Master Plan for public distribution as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. **Which motion carried.**
3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen, supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve the current draft of the Resilient Master Plan for public distribution as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. **Which motion carried.**

V. STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS

1. Staff noted the Strategic Plan has been slightly updated to ensure the language found in the Resilient Master Plan section was appropriate for the current state of the draft Plan. The 2015-18 Strategic Plan will be brought before the full Board for approval at the October 26th Board meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Robertson discussed the Community Engagement Subcommittee and noted that this subcommittee should not be used as a mechanism to explain or address the controversy surrounding the Witteveen Trust.

The Board agreed and instructed Manager Cargo to maintain the November 5th meeting at 7:00 p.m.; but, to use another Committee or work session to meet with the interested residents and have Attorney Bultje explain the trust documents.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Chair Kantrovich and seconded by Commissioner Robertson to adjourn the special joint meeting at 6:48 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor