GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.
1. The Board discussed short-term rentals (STRs) and additional regulations / prohibitions.

   Attorney Bultje reviewed two memoranda regarding guidelines for a STR regulatory ordinance and Zoning ordinance amendment.

Public Comments included:
   a) Noah Selby-Theut (13257 Greenleaf Lane) is a resident of Fox Hollow and moved to this subdivision because rentals were not allowed. Believes STRs undermine the fabric of the neighborhood. Wants to ban STRs.
   b) Bryan Link (13266 Greenleaf Lane) is a one-year resident of Fox Hollow and lives behind a STR and has complained because of frequent noise problems and believes it has changed the character of the neighborhood. Wants to ban STRs.
   c) John Sommers (Florida) has a nephew who lives in Ohio and purchased a home in Fox Hollow this past March for use as a vacation home and STR. Does not support the selective enforcement that is occurring and felt the attorney’s letter was too harsh.
   d) Richard Bullington (12857 Wilderness Trail) appreciates the attention that the elected officials and staff are giving to STRs. Believes STRs erode the integrity of neighborhoods. He has lost a peaceful neighborhood. Any STR regulations should include a minimum duration of stay (e.g. one-week as opposed to a single night). The regulations should also examine fire safety issues.
   e) William Greene (13407 Redbird Lane) believes there is a consensus of opinion to regulate STRs because STRs change the character of communities.

After public comments were received, the Board discussed the possible STR regulations including:
   ✓ Septic systems and the public health regulations which could impact the number of people allowed in STR units;
   ✓ Support the use of SLU permit for STRs. (*Administrative approval could be used for residential units that allow two weeks or less per calendar year.*)
   ✓ STRs should not allowed in subdivisions.
   ✓ Knox boxes should be required to allow fire/rescue entry.
   ✓ Inspections should be utilized for all rental units.
   ✓ Minimum of seven days for STRs. Examine maximum number of weeks per calendar year.
   ✓ Examining proximity of Day Care facilities might be included in the SLU process.

Attorney Bultje and staff will draft STR rules into both a zoning ordinance amendment and a regulatory ordinance and schedule another work session to review the same.
REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER
Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL
Board members present: Gignac, Meeusen, Behm, Redick, Reenders, Larsen, and Kieft

Board members absent:

Also, present was Manager Cargo, Attorney Bultje and Community Development Director Fedewa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
Motion by Trustee Behm and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the meeting agenda. Which motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve July 22, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of $490,522.30 (A/P checks of $383,468.45 and payroll of $107,053.85)
3. Re-appoint John Heinritz, Dan Luckey, Rob Robbins and Alompradith Sphabmixay to the DDA Board for a three-year term ending on August 31, 2022
4. Re-appoint Joy Gaasch to the North Ottawa Community Hospital Board for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2022
5. Re-appoint Phil Chalifoux and Dave Reenders to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending August 31, 2022
6. Re-appoint Mary Jane Belter to the North Ottawa Recreation Authority for a three-year term ending August 31, 2022
7. Re-appoint Jacquelyn Thoroughman and Mary Jane Belter to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a two-year term ending August 31, 2021

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Which motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
None

VII. NEW BUSINESS
1. Motion by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve Resolution 19-08-01 that authorizes the petition for maintenance, improvement and consolidation of the Beechtree Drains and Drainage Districts. Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent:

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
1. Committee Reports
   a. Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 a.m.
   b. The Parks and Recreation Committee met last Thursday to define Phase 1 of the Schmidt Heritage Park. Costs are being compiled.

2. Manager’s Report
   a. July Building Report
   b. July Enforcement Report
   c. June Legal Review

3. Others
   a. Trustee Meeusen asked whether MCC is seeking a millage for the community college. Manager Cargo noted that he was not aware of any MCC millage proposal; but, that if a millage is sought, the millage would have to the same rate as what is charged in Muskegon County.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

XI. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Which motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor