

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JANUARY 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson D. Dale Mohr.

**Roll Call**

Members present: D. Dale Mohr, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, Ron Villerius, John Schwalm, Carol Scholma, Jim Wierenga

Also present: Daniel Carlton, Township Superintendent; Rod Weersing, Assistant Manager

Absent: None

**#160118-01 – Discussion on suggestions made by Board members for possible goals for 2016**

**The Superintendent facilitated discussion on the following list of suggested items from Board Members:**

- Library Remodel/Expansion
- Cottonwood Dr. / Baldwin St. intersection Plans
- 100-200 Baldwin Properties (Sign, Farmers Market, Greenspace, Amphitheater, Christmas Tree, Skating Rink, future acquisition)
- Chicago Dr. Landscape/beautification from entrance to west of Cottonwood Dr.
- Street Scape
- Public Relations/Marketing Employee
- Professional Branding enhancement for new logo and slogan
- Speed up adding walking/bike Paths
- Park Upgrades Pioneer Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Park, Maplewood Park Trail
- Pave gravel portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave to Bend in the River Park
- Cemetery – Veteran Area
- Community Advisory Board
- GVSU Relationship with the Ice Center
- Staff Recognition
- Board Approval of Site plans
- Quarterly presentation by the Library, Senior Center, Planning Commission, Office and Utilities at Board Meetings

**The following goals were approved:**

- Library Remodel/Expansion – There is a study in process. The Board will wait to review that before taking further action.
- Cottonwood Dr. / Baldwin St. intersection Plans – The Board would like staff to work closely with the Ottawa County Road Commission to keep their current plan on track. They would also like to have the OCRC come to a Board meeting so that the Board may ask questions about the future plan.
- 100-200 Baldwin Properties – Continue to acquire properties available at market price along gateway.
- Chicago Dr. Landscape/beautification from entrance to west of Cottonwood Dr. – The Board would like staff to bring the previous plan before them. They would also like to have MC Smith, the designer of the original plan, come to a Board meeting.
- Speed up adding walking/bike Paths –

- Park Upgrades Pioneer Park, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Park, Maplewood Park Trail – The Board is interested in working on the Maplewood Park Trail. The Board would also like to look at the original park plan for scheduled upgrades to Rush Creek Park including non-motorized access from Port Sheldon Street in to the park.
- Cemetery – Veteran Area – The Board would like the staff to create a basic plan to upgrade the Veteran’s Memorial.
- GVSU Relationship with the Ice Center – The Board would like the staff to set up a meeting with the Facilities Manager at GVSU to see what may be possible to further develop the relationship between the University and the Township.
- Staff Recognition – The Board would like the staff to develop ideas to recognize staff members for good service or good saves.
- Staff presentations by departments at Board Meetings – The Board would like staff to create a rotation to have departments do presentations at the Board meetings over the 6 months. After all departments have presented it will be determined if this will continue.

**#160118-02 - Public Comments**

Members of the public were present and there were public comments.

**#160118-03 – Adjournment**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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D. Dale Mohr, Supervisor

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk