

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JANUARY 16, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Clerk, Richard VanderKlok

Roll Call

Members present: Richard VanderKlok, Carol Scholma, Michael Bosch, Jason Minier, Becky Steel, John Schwalm

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

Absent: Jim Wierenga

#170116-01 – Discussion on suggestions made by Board members for possible goals for 2017

The Superintendent facilitated discussion on the following list of suggested items from Board Members. The ratings were determined based on the number of Board members interested in pursuing a particular goal. (Note: except for one Board member)

Rating	Discussion Points for Goal Setting
4	Woodcrest Park - Develop Master Plan
2	Pioneer Park - Develop Master Plan
5	Fix water issues at Maplewood Park and 8th Ave Park
5	Future Parks
3	Rush Creek Nature Trail - 8th Ave Park to Main Street
2	Develop the old Senior Center site - Pickle ball, horseshoes, garden
4	Rosewood Park - Increase winter activities
3	Establish a payment plan for sidewalks similar to our sewer hookup
5	Continue process of connectivity throughout the Township
4	Develop plans for library expansion
1	Library usage study - actual daily visitors
6	100 - 200 Baldwin - develop long term plans and vision for entire entry
2	100 - 200 Baldwin - sell immediately
3	100 - 200 Baldwin - acquire remaining parcels
6	200 Chicago Dr - sell
5	200 Chicago Dr - fix/remove asphalt and clean up until sold
	Create list of options to show potential costs
	Increase property taxes on vacant commercial property (similar to non-homestead)
	This is not currently permissible under State Law
	Consider moving electric lines underground in high traffic areas like Main Street and Baldwin Street
	1 member voted to create an ordinance to forbid new installations above ground
	Create an ad hoc committee for beautification
	Hire communication/business promoter
	This idea was put on hold to be part of a future discussion for a Marketing person
5	Additional signage to certain facilities
4	Continue staff presentations at Board meetings
6	Additional community engagement
	Change meeting structure to improve public rapport
	This idea was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration
	Include update in water bills

	This idea was put on hold to be part of a future discussion for a Marketing person
1	Reduce the tax rate from 2.75 to 2.25 mills
2	Sell the Ice Center to prevent future taxpayer subsidies
1	Invite community/business leaders for a 10 minute sharing opportunity
5	Develop a vision Master Plan for 2030
	Continue partnership with Grandville City Council like the kayak event
	This idea was put on hold to be part of a future discussion for a Marketing person
	Encourage the establishment of a Community Foundation to improve Georgetown with private funds
	Staff will invite the Hudsonville-Jenison Community Foundation to a meeting
6	Portable Defibrillators (AEDs) in all Township buildings
	Provide training for interested staff for AEDs and CPR
	Develop community festival ideas - Christmas Tree Lighting, Pumpkin Race, Fitness Fest
	This idea was put on hold to be part of a future discussion for a Marketing person
	Do a cost benefit assessment on all activities
	Board will request to be performed on an as needed basis
1	Rent out Community Center on nights and weekends
	Cottonwood traffic flow -
	Study has been completed and will be on the Board Agenda for 1/23/17
6	Mid-year budget review meeting
6	Maintain and keep repairs current on existing utility infrastructure (including painting towers with logo)

#170116-02 – The Board did not finalize the 2017 Goal List but plans to do so at the next Township Board meeting on January 23, 2017.

#170116-03 - Public Comments

Members of the public were present and there were [public comments](#).

#170116-04 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Carol Scholma

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk