

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD JANUARY 30, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Supervisor, Jim Wierenga

**Roll Call**

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

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

Absent: None

**#170130-01 – Discussion for finalization of goals for 2017**

**The Supervisor facilitated discussion on the following list of goals and items.**

Woodcrest Park - Develop Master Plan  
Advanced to Services Committee

Fix water issues at Maplewood and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Park  
Advanced to Services Committee and Utilities Committee

Rush Creek nature trail from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Park to Main St  
Advanced to Services Committee

Rosewood Park – Increase Winter activities  
Advanced to Services Committee

Continue process of connectivity throughout the Township – to include pedestrian safety, sidewalks, bike paths, etc.  
Utilities Committee will continue to work on this item. Particularly: Port Sheldon Street from 40<sup>th</sup> Ave to 48<sup>th</sup> Ave, 36<sup>th</sup> Ave from Port Sheldon Street to Bauer Road, 28<sup>th</sup> Ave from Baldwin Street to Bauer Road

Develop plans for library expansion  
Advanced to Services Committee

100-200 Baldwin - Develop long term plans and vision for the entire entry area  
Advanced to Finance Committee – Possible Town Hall topic?

200 Chicago Dr. – Sell  
The Board will continue to work on this item

200 Chicago Dr. - Fix/Remove asphalt and Cleanup until eventually sold  
Advanced to Finance Committee

Additional signage to certain facilities  
Advanced to Services Committee

Continue Staff Presentations at Board meetings  
Township Staff will continue to coordinate

Additional Community engagement

The Board will continue to work on this item

Develop a vision master plan for 2030

The Board will work on this item – Possible Town Hall topic?

Portable Defibrillators (AEDs) in all Township Buildings, and provide training for interested staff for the AED and CPR

Township Staff will get an estimate and present to the Board. Then training will be scheduled.

Mid-Year budget review meeting

Township Staff will coordinate this item

Maintain and keep repairs current on our existing utility infrastructure (Including painting towers with logo)

Utilities Committee has recommended a plan to be brought to the Board for approval in February

**Ideas for Future Discussion**

Develop future additional parks

Pioneer Park – Develop Master Plan

Develop the old Senior Center Site - Pickle ball courts or horseshoe pits or flower garden

Establish a payment plan for sidewalks similar to our sewer hookup

Usage study for Library - actual daily visitors

100-200 Baldwin – sell immediately

Concept of increasing property taxes on vacant commercial property, similar to non-homestead residential

Consider moving electric lines underground in high traffic areas like Main & Baldwin

Create an Ad hoc committee for beautification

Hire Communication/Business promoter

Change meeting structure to improve public rapport

Include Update in water bills

Reduce the tax rate from 2.75 to 2.25 mills

Sell the Ice Center to prevent future taxpayer subsidies

Invite Community/Business leaders for a 10-minute sharing opportunity

Continue partnership with Grandville City Council like the Kayak event

Encourage the establishment of a community foundation to improve Georgetown with private funds

Develop community festival ideas. Christmas tree lighting, Pumpkin Race, Fitness Fest.....

Do a cost benefit assessment on all activities

Rent out community center on nights & weekends

**Completed Goals**

Cottonwood Traffic flow

Study has been completed and attached to the Board agenda for 1/23/17

**#170130-02 - Public Comments**

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

**#170130-04 – Adjournment**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Carol Scholma, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Jim Wierenga, Supervisor

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Richard VanderKlok, Clerk