

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Utilities Committee is changing the scheduled meeting date of June 10, 2019 to June 24, 2019, after the Township Board meeting, at the Georgetown Township Offices, 1515 Baldwin Street, Jenison, Michigan.

Richard VanderKlok, Clerk
Georgetown Charter Township
Posted: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2019**

The meeting was called to order after the Board meeting adjourned.

Present: Jason Minier and Becky Steele, members, Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent
Absent: John Schwalm

#190624-01 - Minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to approve the Utilities Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#190624-02 – Sidewalk Waiver Request from Cottonwood Heights Church

There was discussion and it was noted that sewer has not been installed in the area and that sidewalk would have to be removed at the time sewer was installed and the road repaved.

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to recommend to the Township Board to direct the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement with the property owner so that ultimately in the future, they would end up installing the sidewalk ([request](#) from Cottonwood Heights Church and sidewalks [were required](#)).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#190624-03 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 2700 Chicago Dr.

There was discussion, including the following. This was an area where the committee previously determined that sidewalk should be installed. In the past when the sidewalk requirement was waived with the condition that it be added in the future when there was more sidewalk to connect to, it ended up that sidewalk was never installed because everyone said that it would be the sidewalk going nowhere. A Board goal was to have more sidewalks and paths to provide more walkability.

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to recommend to the Township Board to deny the sidewalk waiver [request](#) for 2700 Chicago Dr.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#190624-04 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 44th St.

There was discussion, including the following. This again was an area where the committee previously determined that sidewalk should be installed. In the past when the sidewalk requirement was waived with the condition that it be added in the future when there was more sidewalk to connect to, it ended up that sidewalk was never installed because everyone said that it would be the sidewalk going nowhere. A Board goal was to have more sidewalks and paths to provide more walkability. The committee should be consistent.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jason Minier, to recommend to the Township Board to deny the sidewalk waiver [request](#) for 44th St. on property identified as 303 Wisner.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#190624-05 – Sidewalk Waiver Request for 5672 Cory Drive

There was discussion, including the following. The entire area, including the surrounding streets, already has sidewalk installed. As per the ordinance, when a plat is completed and built out, a property owner has four years to install sidewalk on a vacant lot so that the rest of the residents could have the completed sidewalk. The property owner indicates that they would like to build on the lot and that would trigger a different time frame from the completion of the house. However, there was no set time as to when they would build and it has been without sidewalk for four years already. The committee should be consistent.

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to recommend to the Township Board to deny the sidewalk waiver [request](#) for 5672 Cory Dr.

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#190624-06 – Communications, Letters and Reports

1. [Email](#) from Lois Dykema dated May 16, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
2. [Email](#) from Betty DeVries dated May 20, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
3. [Email](#) from Doug and Jane Maxim dated May 20, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
4. [Email](#) from Janis Crum and Joanne Parker dated May 20, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
5. [Email](#) from Judith Mayle dated May 20, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
6. [Email](#) from Gord and Mary Bosker dated May 29, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
7. [Email](#) from Julie Mesman dated May 30, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
8. [Email](#) from Sue Lindrup dated June 3, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
9. [Email](#) from Pat and Mattie Conlon dated June 3, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood
10. [Email](#) from Ester DeVries dated May 24, 2019 regarding pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood

#190624-07 – Request for Traffic Signal and Pedestrian Crossing on Cottonwood

The committee discussed the emails containing requests for a traffic signal and a pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood at Allen Springs, including the following. The Ottawa County Road Commission would have to be involved to place a traffic signal and likely Allen Springs would not meet the criteria for a traffic signal because it is a private driveway off Cottonwood. For a pedestrian crossing, the path on the other side of Cottonwood is not complete and currently ends at Bauer Rd. The timing is not right at this point to take immediate action on a pedestrian crossing, though long term it may be right in the future when the paths is extended to go somewhere. The committee and Board previously discussed having a crossing at Elmwood and the goal was to have the connection at Elmwood. There is a safety concern with crossing Cottonwood because even though the speed limit is 45, vehicles are likely going faster. There are pedestrian paths and sidewalks on Allen Springs' side of Cottonwood, including walking paths to and around Maplewood Park. There is not a value at this point to provide a pedestrian crossing on Cottonwood; however, the long term goal is to have a crossing on Cottonwood at Elmwood.

#190624-08 – Request from Developer to Waive Requirements in Agreement with the DPW

The committee discussed the [request](#) from Dave Woods, developer of condos in Glen Eagle, to waive from his [agreement](#) with the Township. Discussion including the following. The Glen Eagle development was initially approved with a specific layout and design, including for utilities. The developer has requested multiple revisions from the initially approved layout, resulting in the need for a revised layout for the utilities. The DPW was waiting for the revised utility plans and installation. Last year the builder was allowed to start construction without the completion of the revised utility plans and revised installation. At that time, Dave Woods signed an agreement that the design, installation and inspection of all sewer laterals in Glen Eagle condos would be completed by June 1, 2019 and if building permits would be granted for two duplexes for a total of four units, the Certificate of Occupancy would not be granted until the water and sewer laterals were installed. Dave Woods has not completed the requirements of the agreement as of today and wants to be allowed to connect the completed condo to sewer. The people who bought the condo have already sold their house and are living in temporary housing while they are waiting for the sewer to be connected and being allowed to move in. The Township has been holding up allowing the condo to be connected to sewer until all the stipulations of the agreement are fulfilled.

Dave Woods was asked how long until he will have the sewer completed and the agreement fulfilled. He stated that he was only about two weeks away and was asking for only one condo to be connected.

It was noted that Dave Woods would be motivated to complete the requirements in the agreement for the sewer because he had two more condos nearly completed and they would not be allowed to be connected to sewer until the terms of the agreement were fulfilled.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jason Minier, to allow the one condo to be connected to sewer.

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#190624-09 – [Snider Request](#) for Waiver of Water Connection Fee

There was discussion on the request to have the water connection fee waived, including the following. The pay rates for the water system are based on everyone paying their fair share and the system is more like a “co-op.” Many residents leave the Township for the winter and shut their water off. They are required to pay the same small fee to remain connected to the system. If that fee was removed for everyone who shut their water off, the rates would have to be adjusted to compensate for that financial loss because the cost has to be paid somehow. If this fee was waived for this person, it would not be fair to all the others who also pay the fee even if the water is shut off. The determination was that this request should be denied; however, the entire rate schedule should be reviewed at the next meeting.

Moved by Becky Steele, seconded by Jason Minier, to deny the request for waiver of the connection fee and to review the water rates at the next meeting.

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#190624-10 – Public Comment

There were public comments.

#190624-11 – Other Business**#190624-12 – Adjournment**

Moved by Jason Minier, seconded by Becky Steele, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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