

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the special joint meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board and Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

**Board members present:** French, Larsen, Behm, Redick, and Kieft.

**Board members absent:** Meeusen and Hutchins.

**Commissioners present:** Robertson, Reenders, LaMourie, Kantrovich, and Wilson.

**Commissioners absent:** Taylor.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Planner Fedewa.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Robertson to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

IV. RESILIENT GRAND HAVEN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

1. Identify Important Long-Term Goals:

Planning Commission and staff provided an overview of the Resilient Grand Haven Master Plan Update process. Township Board and Planning Commission discussed various long-term goals that are important to the Township and provided direction to Fedewa.

2. Residential Livestock (*Right to Farm Act & GAAMPs*):

Staff provided an overview of the Right to Farm Act and changes to GAAMPs that occurred in the spring of 2014. Township Board and Planning Commission discussed various issues that must be addressed by the Township and affirmed the decision to await direction from the State of Michigan and provided direction to Fedewa with regard to the Master Plan.

3. Industrial Land Discussion:

Planning Commission and staff provided an overview of the need for industrial land that has been identified by the Chamber of Commerce through the Master Plan update process. Township Board and Planning Commission discussed the various options available to support the existing manufacturing base and instructed staff to continue discussions with stakeholders.

4. Level of Growth:

Staff provided an overview of census data (*past, present, and future projections*). The data provided a comparison of the Township to the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, and State of Michigan.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

1. Continuing Goals from 2010 – 2014 Plan:

Staff provided a review the existing Strategic Plan goals. Because the major goals have not changed dramatically, the Board requested that staff provide an updated version of the current strategic plan for further review.

2. June Special Joint Session:

Township Board and Planning Commission discussed the next Special Joint Session that will be held in June 2015, and requested that staff prepare a map of gravel roads north of M-45 that could be paved, construction costs, millage requirements and maintenance costs for the same.

VI. HOUSEKEEPING

1. The members requested that the Planning Commission memorandum and material be provided in an electronic version for posting to the web in a manner substantially similar to what occurs with the Township Board packets.

2. The Planning Commission members discussed the selection of a new chair for the Planning Commission due to the vacancy created with the resignation of Redick to accept appointment as a Township Trustee.

**Motion** by Reenders and seconded by LaMourie to appoint Kantrovich as the Planning Commission Chair. **Which motion carried.**

3. Supervisor French noted that he plans to appoint David Gignac (*i.e., a Human Resources Manager and Part-time Fire Fighter*) to fill one of the two vacancies on the Planning Commission. Further, French requested names for filling the other existing vacancy – especially if the individual is involved in construction.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Redick to adjourn the special joint meeting at 8:40 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor