

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019**

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

1. Auditor Doug Vredevelde, CPA presented the Fiscal Year 2018 financial audit of the Township. The audit was “clean” with no weakness or deficiencies.

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Redick to enter closed session at 6:24 p.m. for the purpose of considering a real estate purchase and/or lease agreement for land to be developed for recreational purposes. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Redick, Gignac, Behm, Reenders, Larsen, Kieft
Nays:
Absent: Meeusen

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Redick to exit the closed session at 6:54 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Behm, Redick, Reenders, Larsen, Kieft, and Gignac

Board members absent: Meeusen

Also, present was Manager Cargo, Finance Director Sandoval, Community Services Director Fedewa, Captain Schrader, and Human Resources Director Dumbrell.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Redick and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve May 13, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$214,961.82 (*A/P checks of \$102,288.55 and payroll of \$112,673.27*)

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Gignac to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PRESENTATION – Museum Strategic Plan

Board President Marsha Peterson, Board Vice-President David Garland, and Director Julie Bunke provided an overview of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum’s 2019 through 2024 Strategic Plan.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt the proposed 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan with addition of “donations” and “special millages” under Funding Sources for Parks on page 11. **Which motion carried.**
2. Discussion was held regarding the Real Property Donation Agreement (*Draft Date 05/07/19*) for the proposed Schmidt Heritage Park.

Treasurer Kieft announced his opposition to the agreement citing the following:

- ✓ The agreement contains too many restrictions, including:
 - No pedestrian access from the adjacent Cutter Park subdivision;
 - No playground equipment for young children; and,
 - Requirement for only physical activities
- ✓ The cost for developing the proposed sports complex
- ✓ The location of the proposed facility next to the Rod and Gun Club

Trustee Redick thanked Mr. Schmidt, noting that the land donation was overwhelmingly generous and provides a long-term strategic opportunity for recreation.

Supervisor Reenders thanked Mr. Schmidt for the land donation gift.

Resident Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) congratulated the elected officials for persevering with the negotiations and expects that the park will fill a long-term recreation need.

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and authorize Supervisor Reenders and Clerk Larsen to execute the Real Property Donation Agreement (*Draft Date 05/07/19*) for the proposed Schmidt Heritage Park. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Reenders, Behm, Larsen, Redick
Nays: Kieft, Gignac
Absent: Meeusen

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Redick to instruct staff to (1) complete the installation of a fence and gate along the boundary of parcel 1 prior to July of 2020; (2) draft a work agreement with Nederveld & Associates to delineate the first phase of the park development – which phase must be completed within 48 months; and, (3) contact the property owner immediately south for the possible purchase of property to allow an entrance from Lincoln Street. **Which motion carried** with Treasurer Kieft and Trustee Gignac voting no.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 19-05-03 requesting MDOT to remove the Agnew Signs on US-31 near Winans Street. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Redick, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent: Meeusen
2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Redick to approve Resolution 19-05-04, authorizing the Employee and Board Recognition: Service Awards and Retirements Gifts Policy as submitted. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Behm, Gignac, Redick, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen
Nays:
Absent: Meeusen

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report
 - a. Manager Cargo noted that the North Ottawa Community Health System will be hosting a party and concert to celebrate 100 years on Thursday June 13th at the Grand Haven Train Depot at 6:00 p.m. and requested that elected officials to RSVP to him by Friday.
3. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor