

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MARCH 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Clerk.

**#100308-01 – Appoint Acting Chairperson**

Moved by Del South, seconded by John Schwalm, to appoint Carol Scholma as acting chairperson.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Prayer for guidance by Carol Scholma

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members present: Del South, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, John Schwalm

Also present: Daniel Carlton (Township Manager)

Absent: D. Dale Mohr

**#100308-02 - Approval of agenda** as presented for March 8, 2010

Moved by Del South, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the agenda as presented and to amend the agenda to include an additional agenda item to go to closed session to consider the purchase of real property and to review the attorney's opinion letter.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100308-03 - Communications, letters and reports: Received for information, to be filed:**

- a. [General ledger report](#) for February 2010
- b. Trail Building [Workshops](#) and [registration](#)
- c. GVMC [Technical](#) Committee agenda for March 3, 2010
- d. Code Enforcement [Report](#) for February 2010
- e. Ottawa County Grand Ravines [Update](#)
- f. Ottawa County Update [February 2010](#)
- g. Ottawa County [Resolution](#) regarding the "Headlee Amendment"
- h. [Letter](#) from Les Thomas, Dept. of Natural Resources & Environment, to FEMA
- i. [Library Report](#) for December 2009

**#100308-04 - Public Comments**

No one was present in the audience to make public comments at this time.

**#100308-05 - Consent agenda**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to grant the following:

- a. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting held on [February 22, 2010](#)
- b. Approval of the regular [monthly bills](#) and [utility bills](#)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100308-06 - Maplewood Park Public Hearing and MNRFT Grant Application**

Debbie Jensen, MC Smith Inc., presented the proposed Maplewood Park improvements.

Moved by Del South, seconded by Chad Tuttle, to open the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The following people made public comments: John Hinds, 1236 Elmwood St.; Erich Kass, 7732 Henry Ave.; Jim VanOverloop, 1954 Pindgrove; and Andrea Mulder, 7319 Terrace Lane.

Public comments included questions about improvement, questions about spending the money in the poor economy, and positive statements about the improvements for accessibility for the disabled.

Township Board members commented that they had taken into consideration the economy and decided that improvements were needed now more than ever so that families that could not afford to take a vacation or go somewhere on a trip would have a fun place to go in their own community.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Del South, to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 100308-05  
MAPLEWOOD PARK MNRFT GRANT APPLICATION  
GEORGETOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD,  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has available grant funds through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS, Georgetown Charter Township seeks to make improvements to Maplewood Park to provide the following universally accessible facilities: water spray park, playground, group picnic shelter with tables and grills, lakefront improvements, fishing/overlook deck, paved loop walking trail with connections to all of the park facilities, seating and site landscaping,

WHEREAS, the Georgetown Charter Township Board of Trustees, after hearing any and all public comment offered at the public hearing held on this matter, has concluded that it is in the public interest to proceed with the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Georgetown Charter Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the submission of a Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

2. The Georgetown Charter Township Board of Trustees approves seeking the above mentioned grant in the amount of \$ 333,300.00 for the above mentioned improvements to Maplewood Park
3. The Georgetown Charter Township Board commits to contributing \$ 662,700.00 towards these said park improvements from Township general funds if a grant is awarded. This is equal to 66.5% of the total project costs.

YEAS: Del South, Carol Scholma, Chad Tuttle, Jim Wierenga, Richard VanderKlok, John Schwalm

NAYS: none

ABSENT: D. Dale Mohr

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Georgetown Charter Township Board held at the Georgetown Charter Township Offices on March 8, 2010

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Clerk

Attachments: Maplewood Park Development [Plan](#)  
Grant Scope Item [Costs](#)

**#100308-07 - Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition and Review Attorney's Opinion Letter**

Moved by Chad Tuttle, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to go to closed session to consider the purchase of real property and to review the Township Attorney's opinion letter.

Yeas: Del South, Carol Scholma, Jim Wierenga, Chad Tuttle, Richard VanderKlok, John Schwalm

Nays: none

Absent: D. Dale Mohr

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**The Township Board members returned to open session.**

**#100308-08 – Purchase Property**

Daniel Carlton explained the location of the property to be purchased by Maplewood Lake.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by John Schwalm, to approve the real estate purchase agreement with Cedar Valley Associates, Inc., for the purchase of property identified as P.P. # 70-14-11-300-006 for \$34,400.00 and to authorize the Superintendent and Clerk to sign the buy/sell agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**#100308-09 - Discussion and General information**

There were no comments at this time.

**#100308-10 - Public Comment**

The following person made public comments: Nicole Geerts, 1679 Honeybrook, and submitted a [letter](#).

**#100308-11 - Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Del South, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Carol Scholma, Acting Chairperson

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Del South, Clerk