

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
September 11, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Moran, Trustees Hurwitz, Jacobs, LeBlanc and Proos. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick, DDA Coordinator Brian Hilbrands, and approximately 15 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CHRISTOPHER BECKER, KENT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - MEDICAL MARIHUANA

Kent County Prosecutor Christopher Becker gave the history of laws regarding marihuana in Michigan, as well as an update regarding the changes coming this December, especially relating to growers, transporters, and dispensaries. Municipalities may opt in or opt out in regards to granting licenses for these operations, but must adopt an ordinance to be able to grant licenses (opt in).

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Township Board Minutes - 8/25/17.

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Park Directors Report - 8/10/17; 2. Grand Rapids Triathlon Report - 8/17. **Moved by Proos, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Minutes and Accept the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Treasurer Moran reported the general township warrants with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$6,074.41; #205 \$2,418.95; #208 \$3,882.13; #248 \$68.13; #401 \$68,826.84; #590 \$3,932.34; #591 \$2,134.57; #592 \$928.40; Total all Hand Checks: \$88,265.77. Warrants: #101 \$10,330.17; #205 \$8,588.43; #208 \$2,268.63; #248 \$5,137.00; #401 \$347.02; #590 \$15,041.56; #591 \$25,019.50; #592 \$15,463.18; #701 \$132.50; Total Warrants: \$82,327.99. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$170,593.76. **Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for September 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$170,593.76. Roll Call: Yes - Jacobs, Proos, LeBlanc, Hurwitz, Moran, Smith, Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

ENVISION ADA - ADA DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- ESTIMATE #7

Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve Pay Estimate #7, payable to Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for the Ada Drive improvement project in the amount of \$87,031.83. Roll Call: Yes - Proos, LeBlanc, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Smith, Moran, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Planning Director Jim Ferro gave an update on the redevelopment activities in the village.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Hurwitz expressed concern about the two-way stop at the intersection of Thornapple and Ada Drive. He also questioned when Grand River and Carl Drive would be worked on.

Trustee LeBlanc noted that the AV system needed some work.

Trustee Proos commented on the nice 9/11 memorial at the Fire Station. He expressed concern about the continued lack of parking. He also stated that we need to talk about the marihuana issue and stated he didn't think it would be good for the community.

Supervisor Haga stated he attended a seminar on marihuana, and he is opposed to marihuana use except for medical purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 14 TO ADA TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES- ANIMAL CONTROL

Jim Ferro stated an amendment to the Township's animal control regulations has been developed by the Township Zoning Committee. The revised regulations were developed in response to neighborhood complaints regarding keeping of an "Arctic Fox". He stated the proposed amendment expands the provisions of Article III of Chapter 14 to include provisions regarding the types of animals that may be kept on premises with a list of permitted animals. Alexandria Asbury, owner of the arctic fox, stated it is a very sociable animal; she asked for a grandfather clause to be included.

Linda Andrews, a neighbor, stated she made one of the original complaints about the noise, which is very loud, and the smell. She stated her property is losing value.

Patrice Nichols, a neighbor, stated it smells like a skunk, and it is noisy.

Noelle DiVizzo stated she doesn't think it's a good idea to keep exotic animals.

Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Moran, to adopt Ordinance O-091117-1, to revise a portion of Article III of Chapter 14 to the Ada Township Code of Ordinances. Roll Call: Yes - LeBlanc, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Proos, Moran, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Ordinance adopted.

UPDATED ROSELLE PARK MASTER PLAN

Wes Steer, OCBA, stated after several meetings with the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board, a revised draft of the plan was developed. He asked the Board to approve the new version of the Master Plan for Roselle Park. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Updated Roselle Park Master Plan, as presented in the memo dated August 31, 2017. Motion carried.**

DEVIN NORMAN PARCEL ON ADA DRIVE

Steve Groenenboom stated there were numerous meetings with Devin Norman regarding the construction work done on his property along Ada Drive. Devin Norman agreed to a revised layout with compensation for future fill material in the amount of \$25,000.

Moved by Smith, supported by Moran, to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 for fill material for his property. Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to postpone action on the payment to Devin Norman until certain items can be clarified. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-091117-1, RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 AS "PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION" RECOGNITION DAY

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve Resolution R-091117-1, Resolution to Provide for the Designation of September 15, 2017 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action" Recognition Day. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, Jacobs, Proos, LeBlanc, Smith, Moran, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION R-091117-2, RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTER/KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCH IN THE VILLAGE

Jim Ferro stated on June 14, the DDA Board approved a resolution to recommend that the Township undertake a community capital campaign for financial support of planned parks and civic amenities in the Village, to include a Kent District Library Branch, community meeting, and event space. The township adopted a similar resolution, but changed the language to read, "which may include" a library. The preliminary cost estimate of the building would be \$4.6 million, with \$4.4 million financed through the planned capital campaign.

Moved by Proos, supported by Smith, to adopt Resolution R-091117-2, Resolution to Support the Development of a Community Center/Kent District Library Branch in the Village.

Moved by Jacobs, supported by LeBlanc, to amend the main motion to read “The Township Board expresses its desire to develop a community Center/Kent District Library Branch facility in the Village, subject to securing sufficient private donations to insure the feasibility of the project”. Roll Call: Yes - Proos, LeBlanc, Jacobs, Hurwitz, Moran, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Motion to amend carried. Roll Call on main motion, as amended: Yes - Proos, LeBlanc, Jacobs, Hurwitz, Moran, Smith, Haga; No - 0; Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lance Warner, KDL Library, stated he looks forward to moving forward with the Township.

Alexandria asked for verification that she has 30 days to find a home for the arctic fox. Supervisor Haga stated that it would be 30 days from the date of public notice.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date

JS/dr