

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
2009 Township Drive  
Commerce Township, MI 48390  
Thursday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Larry Gray called the Township Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Larry Gray, Supervisor  
Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Molly Phillips, Treasurer  
Rick Sovel, Trustee  
Bob Berkheiser, Trustee  
George Weber, Trustee  
Vanessa Magner, Trustee

Also Present: Emily England, Senior/Parks and Recreation Director  
Kate Tomasik, Township Attorney

**ITEM 1: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Beth Desrochers, 2212 Ryel, spoke in support of Carrie Hancock and Windmill Farm.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Gray closed Public Comments.

**ITEM 5: LYSTEK BOND AUTHORIZATION**

Supervisor Gray moved **ITEM 5: LYSTEK BOND AUTHORIZATION** to follow **ITEM 1: PUBLIC COMMENTS** on the agenda.

Treasurer Phillips laid out the tight timeline to apply for the SRF loan and asked the Board of Trustees to approve the Resolution authorizing the notice of publication of the Township's intent to issue bonds as collateral for the SRF loan. The publication of the notice will enable the Board of Trustees to take up this matter at the May board meeting.

**MOTION** by Phillips, supported by Berkheiser, to authorize the resolution authorizing the publication of notice of intent to issue capital improvement bonds and allowing for the reimbursement of certain expenditures from bond proceeds.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 2: EQUESTRIAN PROPOSAL INTERVIEWS**

Carrie Hancock of Windmill Farm, submitted a proposal and was interviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**ITEM 3: SELECTION OF CONCESSIONAIRE**

The Board of Trustees discussed the merits of all 3 proposals. During the discussion the Board of Trustees learned that Commerce Equestrian Management, LLC submitted inaccurate information in their proposal.

**ITEM 3: SELECTION OF CONCESSIONAIRE (continue)**

**MOTION** by Weber, supported Berkheiser, to disqualify Commerce Equestrian Management, LLC from consideration due to the submission of inaccurate information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board of Trustees agreed to perform due diligence on LP Equine Unlimited through the Horse Farm Sub-Committee. The Horse Farm Sub-Committee will investigate the true capabilities of LP Equine Unlimited, conduct additional interviews, review financial statements, and begin preliminary contract discussions. The Board of Trustees will submit additional questions to LP Equine Unlimited through the Horse Farm Sub-Committee.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Berkheiser, to enter into discussions with LP Equine Unlimited through the Horse Farm Sub-Committee with the Horse Farm Sub-Committee reporting back to the full Board of Trustees with its recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING CONTRACT**

No Action

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Creech, supported by Phillips, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Charter Township of Commerce