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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY DISCUSSION MEETING**  
**October 23, 2018**  
2009 Township Drive  
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor David Scott called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: David Scott, Supervisor  
Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Molly Phillips, Treasurer  
Vanessa Magner, Trustee  
Rick Sovel, Trustee  
George Weber, Trustee

Absent: Bob Berkheiser, Trustee

Also Present: Jason Mayer, Giffels Webster Engineers  
Hans Rentrop, Township Attorney  
Emily England, Parks and Recreation Director

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Living Lab – Dodge Park 5 Improvements**

Parks and Recreation Director Emily England, Leah Groya of Living Lab, and Jason Mayer of Giffels Webster presented a preferred layout concept design for Dodge Park 5 that incorporates the Scarlet's Smile playground and splash pad, restrooms and changing rooms, the new soccer field, and additional parking. After extensive consultations the following goals were incorporated into the concept design:

- protect high quality trees
- add 100-150 additional parking spaces
- maintain easier drop off/pick up
- flexibility of restroom building
- relieve bottleneck of pedestrian traffic
- add shade, seating, and gathering areas
- incorporate CW3's goal to play on new soccer field in 2019
- incorporate Scarlet's Smile's plans to build in 2019

A general discussion followed regarding costs and implementation time frames with the trustees asking for a phased design proposal and cost projections.

**ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Magner, to approve the October 23, 2018 Agenda with the addition of Employee Health Care Insurance under Item 5C: Old Business; and Audubon Society Resolution under Item 6C: New Business.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Half Penny Court Snow Plowing SAD Establishment Resolution**

Supervisor Scott opened the Public Hearing.

No one present had any comments.

Supervisor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Creech, to approve the Resolution Establishing the Half Penny Court Snow Plowing Special Assessment District.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 4: CONTRACT AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS**

**A. Cost Participation Agreement for M-5 Visual Barriers**

Supervisor Scott indicated this is not a permanent solution as the entire roundabout will be updated in 3-5 years. The Board of County Road Commissioners is proposing a chain link fence with a sturdy green fabric covering on both sides of the fence. The current temporary snow fence barrier has proven effective in reducing the speed of cars entering the roundabout and has decreased the number of accidents and their severity since it was installed. The Township can use Tri-Party funds in the amount of \$560.00 for the contribution requested by The Board of County Road Commissioners.

**MOTION** by Weber, supported by Scott, to approve the Cost Participation Agreement for the M-5 Visual Barrier with The Board of County Road Commissioners and the expenditure of \$560.00 in Tri-Party funds

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 5: OLD BUSINESS**

**A. 2018 Single Year SAD Redeterminations**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Phillips, to approve the 2018 single Year SAD Redeterminations

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 5: OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

**2019 Township Budget**

Supervisor Scott proposed and discussed various budget line items he would like to see added to the 2019 Township Budget.

A general discussion followed regarding the Parks and Recreation 2019 Budget and which projects Director England would like to prioritize. In addition, the water and sewer budget was discussed and the method to be used to determine salary raises, if any, for non-union employees.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**B. Employee Health Care Insurance**

After further research Trustee Sovel discovered that the Community Blue PPO health insurance plan is not available and employees will have to choose from Simply Blue PPO, Blue Cross HSA, and Blue Care Network HMO.

**INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**ITEM 6: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution Opposing SB 637 and 894 – Small Cell Wireless**

A general discussion followed regarding the Township supporting, or not, political resolutions, the future of small cell technology, the usurpation of the Township's right-of-ways and circumvention of the Township's authority by technology and communications companies, and whether this resolution sets a precedent.

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Weber, to authorize the Resolution Opposing SB 637 and 894.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**B. OPEB Actuarial Evaluation for Retiree Health Care**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**C. Audubon Society Resolution**

Supervisor Scott said he received a letter from the Oakland Audubon Society informing him the Robert H. Long Park is a destination for migratory birds and would the Board of Trustees consider signing a Special Proclamation Declaration to that effect.

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Weber, to receive and file the Oakland Audubon Society Special Proclamation Declaration.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 7: OTHER MATTERS**

Trustee Magner said the quarterly meeting is supposed to be a quarterly discussion meeting and she wants to be able to discuss things at the quarterly discussion meetings and the Township should return to that format.

Trustee Sovel inquired about political sign retrieval and asked if it's possible to allow signs for candidates and proposals for 2 weeks before the election.

**ITEM 8: CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Phillips, to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussion pending litigation in the matter of Charter Township of Commerce v. Charter Township of White Lake – Trial Strategy and Settlement Discussions, Oakland County Case No. 2016-155404-Ck.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AYES:** Phillips, Creech, Weber, Magner, Sovel, Scott

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** Berkheiser

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Entered into Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.  
Returned from Closed Session at 10:16 p.m.

**MOTION** by Phillips, supported by Magner, to adjourn from Closed Session and approve the Closed Session Minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION** by Sovel, supported by Creech, to authorize the settlement agreement as discussed between Commerce Township and White Lake Township.


**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no other matters to come before the Board.

**MOTION** by Scott, supported by Sovel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Melissa Creech, Clerk  
Charter Township of Commerce