

**TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mark Bennett, Supervisor, called the meeting to order and Joel Terpstra opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mark Bennett, Lenore D. Cook, Valdyne Schwallier, Clifford Bronkema, Michael Eppink, Joel Terpstra, John Bronkema.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting, to approve the bills to be paid in May of 2023 as presented, and to accept as information the treasurer's report, legal update, correspondence if any.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Allison Miedema, County Commissioner, gave a brief update Broadband, PFAS, and Crisis Aid International.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – Planned Unit Development -Final Plan -**

Diana Buist requesting Riverbird Event Venue - a 2,400 square foot open air building for weddings etc. This property is located at the end of River Hill Drive and the Grand River.

Valdyne Schwallier moved, Clifford Bronkema supported, to open the meeting to the public. Motion CARRIED. Joel Terpstra gave an overview of their request – regarding both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Review. The applicant was present and willing to answer any questions. This is a First Reading and the Board will take action on this request at their June 2023 meeting.

Joel Terpstra moved, Michael Eppink supported, to close the Public Hearing. Motion CARRIED.

**B. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – Daniel**

Nyenhuis of 10145 Kenowa Avenue is requesting to rezone Parcel Number 70-10-36-200-042 from Residential 1 to Rural Preserve. The Planning Commission has recommended a denial of this request. Joel Terpstra explained the reason the Planning Commission denied this request. It does not meet the criteria of the Master Plan, it is not compatible with the surrounding parcels and would be considered spot zoning. Mark Bennett moved, Clifford Bronkema supported to DENY this request. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. SECOND READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT** – Joshua and Adrian Persenaire are requesting to rezone approximately 5.5 acres of property located at 11063 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Parcel Number 70-10-25-200-021 from Residential 1 to the General Commercial Zoning District. The Planning Commission has recommended adoption of this request. This request is consistent with our Master Plan. Valdyne Schwallier moved, Michael Eppink supported, to adopt this request. Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. EWF PLAYGROUND COVER – 90 CUBIC YARDS** for a total cost of \$2430. Joel Terpstra moved, Valdyne Schwallier supported to purchase the 90 cubic yards of ground cover for the park playground at a cost of \$2430. Motion CARRIED.

**E. GRAVEL ROAD BRINING** – Discussion and Motion needed to Brine Township Gravel Roads four times a year. Approximately 10 miles of Gravel Roads. Lenore D. Cook moved, Michael Eppink supported to allow the Township to brine their gravel roads four times a year. Motion CARRIED.

## **VI. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Supervisor: Mark Bennett**

- + Showed drawings of the new and improved park entrance. Should have bids by the end of May
- + Talked with architect regarding the Township Hall and ADA space
- + PFAS – results should be out by the end of the month.

### **Planning Commission; Joel Terpstra**

- + Reviewed draft notes on the Ironwood Corridor
- + Discussed ADA dumpsters

### **Zoning Board of Appeals: Clifford Bronkema**

**Fire Board Report** – Next meeting is on June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Wright Township.

**Fire Dept – Michael Gavin, Fire Chief**

## **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Fire Board Minutes (if needed)
- B. Sheriff Department report
- C. List of Building Permits for May of 2023
- D. Planning and Zoning report

**VII. ADJOURNMENT was at 8:05 p.m.**

Sincerely yours,  
Lenore D. Cook, Clerk