

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2016**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, Oonk and Overweg.

Supervisor Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Trustee Barkel.

- 16-43** Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting. Trustee Brink supported the motion which passed.

Citizen Participation / Public Comment.

Justin and Cameron from Hudsonville high school attended as part of a class assignment, and Jeffrey from ZPS attended as a requirement toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mike Riemersma was present. Mike will officially join the board at the next meeting to replace Trustee Barkel, who will be taking on the new role of Treasurer.

Business Items

- 16-44** a. Trustee Brink motioned to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 381 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL #70-17-35-100-012 OF ALEX SLAGH FROM AGRICULTURE TO VILLAGE MIXED USE.**

Trustee Barkel seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote: AYES: Nykamp, Kraak, Myaard, Overweg, Barkel, Brink, Oonk. NAYS: None.

- b. Ottawa County Sheriff Gary Rosema Retirement Party
Supervisor Nykamp announced that the retirement open house for Gary Rosema is scheduled for December 14 1:30-5:00 at the Grand Haven Community Center. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- c. Van Zoeren Woods Future Use Discussion
The board discussed the possibility of changing Van Zoeren Woods from a Natural Park area to a Frisbee golf course. The decision was made to keep it as a Natural Park area and that Frisbee golf would not work well in that environment.
- d. Drenthe Grove Rules Discussion
Residents in the subdivision near the Drenthe Grove have been complaining about loud, noisy events from renters at the Dozeman Center. Other visitors to the park have complained about dogs running without a leash and scaring small kids. Supervisor Nykamp suggested that the Drenthe Grove Association discuss making some new rules addressing these issues that can later be brought to the board for review.

Zoning Administrator's Report.

There are seven new houses built this month, which includes one mobile home for a total 54 homes year-to-date.

Committee Reports

a. **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Treasurer Myaard reported that the site plan review from Auto Body Xperts for 9389 Riley Street was presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission on November 8, 2016. The site plan was unanimously approved.

Building Administrator Don Mannes reported that a Memorandum from Attorney Bultje regarding the Barns Used for Social Functions was handed out at the Planning & Zoning Commission on November 8, 2016. The Planning & Zoning Commission will review and discuss at their next meeting.

b. **MACC & MACC Tech**

Treasurer Myaard stated that MACC will be asking the Township for financial support for "Shared Use" items.

c. **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Oonk stated that the new pumper has been ordered. There is a need for additional heavy extraction tools and they will be purchased over the next few years. There have been 388 emergency calls YTD. There is a possibility of having a training area behind the PBS building. Dan Veltman has been going to area schools to conduct fire safety training.

d. **ROADS**

Trustee Oonk reported that there will be meeting of the ZCT Road Committee in December to discuss what township roads need improvement.

Supervisor Nykamp will be riding with the Ottawa County Road Commission to determine which roads to apply "chip and seal" as a cost-cutting measure in place of blacktop.

e. **PARKS & RECREATION**

Trustee Brink reported that 36 new trees are planted at the Drenthe Grove.

Trustee Brink stated that the Drenthe Grove annual BBQ grossed \$14,057.

Supervisor Nykamp stated that the Drenthe Grove Association is talking about the possibility of using the ball diamond as a skating rink in the future, but would need to provide public restrooms. The possibility of a port-a-potty was mentioned. More discussion will take place in the future.

f. **CEMETARY**

Clerk Kraak is looking into BS&A software to get some of the cemetary information computerized.

g. **ELECTION**

Clerk Kraak stated that the Presidential election went well, and that everyone did a great job. Turnout was similar to the Presidential election four years ago.

Attorney Issues. None

Supervisor's Report

- a. Al Myaard's Retirement lunch to honor him for 20 years of service will be held Wednesday, November 16 at noon at the PBS building.
- b. There will be a Holiday Open House hosted by Prein & Newhof on December 2, 11:30-1:30 at the ZCT building for ZCT office employees.

Citizen / Public comment. None.

Additional Board Comment. None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Kraak – Clerk
Beth BeBoer – Recording Secretary