

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
Joint Meeting Minutes
TOWN BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION
February 28, 2023

The Joint Meeting was called to order at the Garfield Township Hall on February 28, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Chris Barsheff, Chuck Korn, Chloe Macomber, Lanie McManus and Denise Schmuckal

Absent: Molly Agostinelli and Steve Duell

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych and Deputy Planning Director Steve Hannon

Roll Call of Planning Commissioners

Present: Pat Cline, Chris DeGood, Robert Fudge, Joe McManus, John Racine and Joe Robertson

Absent: Molly Agostinelli

1. Public Comment (6:01)

Justin Reed commented on trail maintenance

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)

Barsheff moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Barsheff, Schmuckal, L. McManus, Macomber, Korn, Racine, J. McManus, Robertson, Fudge, DeGood, Cline

Nays: None

3. Minutes

a. Township Board – Review and Approval of February 14, 2023 Minutes

Schmuckal moved and Barsheff seconded to approve the February 14, 2023 Township Board minutes as presented.

Yeas: Schmuckal, Barsheff, Macomber, L. McManus, Korn

Nays: None

b. Planning Commission – Review and Approval of February 8, 2023 meeting minutes

Fudge moved and Cline seconded to approve the February 8, 2023 Planning Commission minutes as presented.

*Yeas: Fudge, Cline, Racine, J, McManus, Robertson, DeGood
Nays: None*

Korn had the Road Commission present first under business.

4. Business

b. Grand Traverse County Road Commission Presentation (6:06)

Brad Kluczynski, Managing Director of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, and Joe Underwood, Chair of the Road Commission, were present to deliver a presentation on the Road Commission. Kluczynski stated that the public was now able to be more engaged with the Road Commission by having access to view road conditions and to report problems. In addition, a GIS system will allow the public to request service in a certain road in the township and the system will automatically share information with the person who submitted the request. He presented the new asset management plan, and the cost sharing program as it relates to townships. The Traverse City - Garfield urban area has also been qualified as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which means that there will be substantial funding for the road commission. Kluczynski also addressed the East/West corridor proposed bridge. Board members and commissioners asked questions pertaining to the road share funds, and proposed roundabouts

a. Update of Land Use Priorities for New Master Plan (6:44)

Planner John Sych reviewed the 2022 priority list and commented on the progress made over the year. Information gathering was a success with the Community survey and will also be used to drive the Master Plan. Sych added that the DNR approved the Parks and Rec plan as of today and some of those goals will also be included in the Master Plan. A non-motorized plan will also be included in the Master Plan. The Barlow/Garfield and Cherryland center redevelopment went very well and shows that a township can guide development in a certain area. The River East Recreation area will also see more improvements in 2023. The South Airport corridor was discussed and the township will continue to see a different character for that area.

5. **Open Discussion (6:57)**

Board members and commissioners discussed the Master Planning process. Affordable housing was discussed including types of housing and density. Possible solutions to the housing issue in the township were discussed. Steering development towards a common goal such as the Cherryland Center redevelopment was discussed.

6. **Public Comment (7:55)**


Jennifer Graham with Gourdie-Fraser commented on water and sewer infrastructure.

Hunter Lundzen, a homeless supervisor for NMCCA program is studying public policy and asked to discuss camping policies for the homeless in the township.

Justin Reed commented on the condition of Franke Road.

7. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.



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