



PARK TOWNSHIP SPECIAL

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 24, 2021 - Approved

ART 1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Gerard called to order a special meeting of the Park Township Board held on March 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Township Office, 52-152nd Ave., Holland, MI 49424 in person and via ZOOM.

Present were Supervisor Jim Gerard, Clerk Skip Keeter, Treasurer Jan Steggerda (via ZOOM) and Trustees Terry DeHaan (via ZOOM), Jeff Hoekstra (via ZOOM), Steve Spoelhof and Loran Serne. Also in attendance were Manager Howard Fink and Legal Counsel Dan Martin.

ART 2. INVOCATION - Gerard

ART 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ART 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions to or Deletions from Agenda)
Gerard asked to add item 8b, Priority Health Grant and to move item 9b. to 9c. and add item 9b, correspondence between Trustee Hoekstra and legal counsel.

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Serne to approve the agenda as amended. (7-0)

ART 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2021 Special Board Meeting

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hoekstra to approve the consent agenda as amended to add a correction to the March 11, 2021 Board meeting minutes. (6-0)

ART 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:37pm)

Gerard opened the public comment period:

2 people spoke at the public comment period.
Gerard closed the public comment period.

ART 7. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public comment on Fairgrounds exercise trail grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Letters submitted to the Board regarding the grant were acknowledged:

James Ralston	108 Forest Hills Dr.
Mary Joy Kooiker	163 S. 168 th Ave.
Dana Lowell	1281 Oak Hampton
Joyce & Joe Turk	1540 Waukazoo Dr.
Ellen & Jeff Jacobs	1429 Seminole Dr.
Alecia Jones	1320 Seminole Dr.
Melissa Haan	1550 Post Ave.
Fred & Jen Wezeman	236 Little Station Rd.
Christopher Fashun	1335 Seminole Dr,
Jennifer Fennigan	1242 Oak Hampton Rd.
Kate Maybury	293 Little Station Dr.

No one spoke during the hearing.

ART 8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution 1 or 2 regarding the fairgrounds grant

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Spoelhof to postpone pursuing the grant for an exercise trail at the Fairgrounds through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and use the proposed funds elsewhere. (7-0)

- b. Priority Health Grant

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Steggerda and supported by Keeter to postpone the Priority Health – National Fitness Campaign Grant until 2022. (7-0)

ART 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Discussion of Trustee Hoekstra’s communication with a developer and possible action.

Gerard expressed his thoughts regarding the email and a discussion in open session and among the entire Board as a whole. He asked Legal Counsel Martin to give his thoughts about Trustee Hoekstra’s first amendment rights as they relate to his position on the Township Board. Martin also addressed concerns the board has regarding social media blocking of other Board members by Trustee Hoekstra.

The Board responded to the comments.

- b. Correspondence between Trustee Hoekstra and legal counsel

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Hoekstra to waive attorney/client privilege of an email sent on March 18, 2021 at 9:06am from Trustee Hoekstra to Legal Counsel Martin. (7-0)

Gerard stated the Township placed the runway on the former airport property and removed it. Upon return of the property to the Chamber, the property was returned to its former state.

Martin gave the Board detailed analysis of a letter he received from Trustee Hoekstra regarding the Chamber property. Martin answered each of Hoekstra's questions about accountability.

- c. Public question and answer forum on April 29

Gerard asked the Board if they would approve of a public forum in place of the scheduled work session. The Board agreed and asked to have McKenna attend so they would be able to hear the comments. Additionally, the Board agreed to take ½ hour at each board meeting over the next four months for Board Member Orientation, which has not taken place due to COVID meeting restrictions.

ART 10. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:01pm)

Gerard opened the public comment period:
1 person spoke at the public comment period.
Gerard closed the public comment period. (8:08pm)

ART 11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE/AGENCY REPORTS

The Board commented on community related items.

ART 12. ADJOURN

MOTION MADE; MOTION SUPPORTED; MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Keeter and supported by Serne to adjourn at 8:09pm. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Skip Keeter
Daniele Dykens
Recording Secretary