

**GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting/Public Hearing**  
**July 19, 2021**

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present constituting a quorum for the transaction of business: Bill Rogers, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Terry Croft, Jim Mortensen and Diana Lowe. Also present were Township Manager Michael Archinal and approximately 25 persons in the audience.

Supervisor Rogers asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mariel Mortensen who recently passed away.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Dan Wholihan – There is a controversy with the Howell Parks and Recreation staffers. They are offering a thinly disguised political agenda. Board members should keep a close eye on them.

**Consent Agenda:**

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to approve the payment of bills and move the Minutes to the Regular Agenda for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

**1. Payment of Bills: July 19, 2021**

**Regular Agenda:**

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve for action all items listed under the Regular Agenda with the addition of item 2. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Request to Approve Minutes: June 21, 2021 and July 6, 2021**

Moved by Hunt and supported by Lowe to amend the Minutes of June 21, 2021 and approve the Minutes of July 6, 2021, adding that “The motion carried by roll call vote” with regard to petition No. 6. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Request for approval of Resolution #1 (to proceed with the project and direct preparation of the plans and cost estimates) for the Black Oaks Trail Road Improvement Project.**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Croft to approve Resolution #1 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**4. Request for approval of Resolution #2 (to approve the project, schedule the first hearing and direct issuance of statutory notices) for the Black Oaks Trail Road Improvement Project Improvement Project.**

Moved by Mortensen and supported by Ledford to approve Resolution #2 as requested with a public hearing date of August 2, 2021. The motion carried roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers Nays – None.

**5. Public hearing for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Reimbursement Special Assessment Project (Winter 2021).**

A. Call to the Property Owners was made with the following response: Lyle Albrant – I am in favor of this project but there is no weed control in front of my vacant property.

A call to the Public was made with the following response: Joe Fader – We have a similar situation on our lake. The DNR regulates and their ruling is that there will be no treatment in front of vacant property.

**C. Request for approval of Resolution #3 [approving the project cost estimates, special assessment district and causing the special assessment roll to be prepared] for the Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Reimbursement Special Assessment Project (Winter 2021).**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve Resolution #3 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**D. Request for approval of Resolution #4 [acknowledging the filing of the special assessment roll, scheduling the second hearing, and directing the issuance of statutory notices Pardee Lake Aquatic Weed Control Reimbursement Special Assessment Project (Winter 2021)].**

Moved by Ledford and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution #4 as requested, scheduling the second public hearing for August 2, 2021. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**6. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Darlene Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).**

A. Call to the Property owners was made with no response. A call to the public was made with no response.

B. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Darlene Drive Road Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).

Archinal asked that sprinkler heads be identified before construction begins. Moved by Mortensen and supported by Skolarus to approve Resolution #5 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**7. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Grand Beach Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).**

A. Call to the property owners was made with no response. A call to the public the public was made with no response.

B. Request for approval of Resolution #5 [confirming the special assessment roll] for the Grand Beach Aquatic Weed Control Project Special Assessment District (Winter 2021).

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve Resolution #5 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortensen, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**8. Consideration of a recommendation for approval of an environmental impact assessment (9/2/20) for a proposed parking lot at 1183 Fendt Drive to be used in conjunction with the existing UPS Facility on the west side of Fendt Drive. The request is petitioned by Hugo Ceron, SME.**

Moved by Lowe and supported by Ledford to approve the environmental impact assessment dated Sept. 2, 2020 with all the conditions of the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Consideration of a recommendation for approval of an environmental impact assessment for a proposed 31 space parking lot on the adjacent parcel of 1183 Parkway Drive, southeast corner of Parkway Drive and Grand River Avenue for The Learning Tree. The request is petitioned by The Learning Tree.**

Fire hydrants will be relocated according to Engineer David LeClair in accordance with the DPW Department. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to approve the environmental impact assessment dated June 1, 2021 as requested and with that all conditions of and requirements of the Planning Commission will be satisfied. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Request for approval of Resolution No. 210719 to request Michigan DNR assistance for the management and control of mute swans.**

Supervisor Rogers advised the audience that all lakes in Genoa Township would be under this resolution and it would be up to the people who live on the lakes to contact the DNR for a permit. Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to approve Resolution No. 210719 as requested. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Croft, Hunt, Lowe, Mortenson, Skolarus and Rogers. Nays – None.

**11. Request for approval of appointments of Township officials to commissions and committees as recommended by the Township Supervisor.**

Moved by Skolarus and supported by Lowe to appoint Marianne McCreary and Glynis McBain to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term (expiring 06/30/24) and Jim Mortensen to the Planning Commission with a 1-year term (expiring 11/20/2022) and to appoint Bill Rockwell and Marianne McCreary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term (expiring 06/30/2024) and to appoint Jean Ledford to a 1-year term (expiring 11/20/2022). The motion carried unanimously.

Member Discussion:

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- Hunt submitted the application for federal Covid -19 relief through the American Rescue Plan with the assistance of Township Auditor Ken Palka.
- Archinal answered question asked by Croft. The 90-acre site adjacent to the township has been submitted for a DNR Trust Fund Grant. Exit 145 in is likely related to a reconfigure interchange which is on MDOT's ten-year plan. Repair of the sidewalk on Grand River was recently completed. A site distance/retaining wall issue was corrected at the expense of the engineering firm.
- Hunt asked that the board be given any/all updates regarding the Clerk's criminal charges and the court case as it ensues.

Moved by Ledford and supported by Croft to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Public hearing of the Board at 7:20 p.m.

Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk  
Genoa Charter Township Board

Bill Rogers, Supervisor  
Genoa Charter Township Board