


April 11, 2020

Board of Trustees

Below are my comments on agenda items for 4/14/2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE AND AGENDA		
Tuesday, April 14, 2020		
7:00 PM - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING- VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE GOTOMEETING		
https://gotomeet.me/oaklandtownship/ei-public-govt-meetings		
646-749-3312		
Access Code: 248-219-757		
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Consent Agenda #1 – Approval of minutes of 3/31/2020

The minutes are accurate, in legal compliance, but not as useful as they could be.

It would be nice to return to the pre-2013 minutes in which the discussions and public comments were summarized. Recently I read old minutes back to 2000 to research background of Fire/EMS was able to understand how things developed only because of the more complete minutes used at that time. I fear future Board members will be unable to reconstruct important backgrounds of ongoing issues with our limited minutes.

Consent Agenda #2 – Approval of Bills

No comments at this time.

Consent Agenda #3 – Lifepak Fire Lease.

I suggest clarification for the public of why this is the best route.

Replacing our 10 year old Lifepak heart monitoring & Automatic Defibrillation equipment is something I totally support. However, a discussion of why the proposed lease is a better option than outright purchase would be useful to residents.

My calculations indicate we are essentially buying these on time payments with a high 10% interest rate. On the surface, buying them outright seems like the better finance option. Perhaps I am missing some important facts, points or financial analysis concepts?

Equipment Price - \$130,843.88

Presumed 6% sales tax - \$7850.63

Total financed - \$138,694.51

Payments – 48 payments of \$3529.35 = \$169,408.80

Payment schedule (my calculation)

Amortization Table					
	A simple amortization table				
	1) To use the table, simply change any of the values in the "initial data" area of the worksheet.				
	2) To print the table, just choose "Print" from the "File" menu. The print area is already defined.				
Initial Data					
LOAN DATA			TABLE DATA		
Loan amount:	\$138,694.51		Table starts at date:		
Annual interest rate:	10.1755%		or at payment number:	1	
Term in years:	4				
Payments per year:	12				
First payment due:	5/1/2020				
PERIODIC PAYMENT					
Entered payment:		<i>The table uses the calculated periodic payment amount</i>			
Calculated payment:	\$3,529.35	<i>unless you enter a value for "Entered payment".</i>			
CALCULATIONS					
Use payment of:	\$3,529.35	Beginning balance at payment 1:	138,694.51		
1st payment in table:	1	Cumulative interest prior to payment 1:	0.00		
Table					

See next page.

No.	Date	Balance	Interest	Principal	Balance	Interest
1	5/1/2020	138,694.51	1,176.07	2,353.28	136,341.23	1,176.07
2	6/1/2020	136,341.23	1,156.12	2,373.24	133,967.99	2,332.19
3	7/1/2020	133,967.99	1,135.99	2,393.36	131,574.63	3,468.18
4	8/1/2020	131,574.63	1,115.70	2,413.65	129,160.98	4,583.88
5	9/1/2020	129,160.98	1,095.23	2,434.12	126,726.86	5,679.11
6	10/1/2020	126,726.86	1,074.59	2,454.76	124,272.10	6,753.70
7	11/1/2020	124,272.10	1,053.78	2,475.58	121,796.52	7,807.48
8	12/1/2020	121,796.52	1,032.78	2,496.57	119,299.95	8,840.26
9	1/1/2021	119,299.95	1,011.61	2,517.74	116,782.22	9,851.87
10	2/1/2021	116,782.22	990.26	2,539.09	114,243.13	10,842.14
11	3/1/2021	114,243.13	968.73	2,560.62	111,682.51	11,810.87
12	4/1/2021	111,682.51	947.02	2,582.33	109,100.18	12,757.89
13	5/1/2021	109,100.18	925.12	2,604.23	106,495.95	13,683.02
14	6/1/2021	106,495.95	903.04	2,626.31	103,869.64	14,586.06
15	7/1/2021	103,869.64	880.77	2,648.58	101,221.06	15,466.83
16	8/1/2021	101,221.06	858.31	2,671.04	98,550.02	16,325.14
17	9/1/2021	98,550.02	835.66	2,693.69	95,856.33	17,160.81
18	10/1/2021	95,856.33	812.82	2,716.53	93,139.80	17,973.63
19	11/1/2021	93,139.80	789.79	2,739.57	90,400.23	18,763.42
20	12/1/2021	90,400.23	766.56	2,762.80	87,637.44	19,529.97
21	1/1/2022	87,637.44	743.13	2,786.22	84,851.21	20,273.10
22	2/1/2022	84,851.21	719.50	2,809.85	82,041.37	20,992.60
23	3/1/2022	82,041.37	695.68	2,833.68	79,207.69	21,688.28
24	4/1/2022	79,207.69	671.65	2,857.70	76,349.99	22,359.93
25	5/1/2022	76,349.99	647.42	2,881.94	73,468.05	23,007.34
26	6/1/2022	73,468.05	622.98	2,906.37	70,561.68	23,630.32
27	7/1/2022	70,561.68	598.33	2,931.02	67,630.66	24,228.66
28	8/1/2022	67,630.66	573.48	2,955.87	64,674.79	24,802.14
29	9/1/2022	64,674.79	548.42	2,980.94	61,693.85	25,350.55
30	10/1/2022	61,693.85	523.14	3,006.21	58,687.63	25,873.69
31	11/1/2022	58,687.63	497.65	3,031.71	55,655.93	26,371.34
32	12/1/2022	55,655.93	471.94	3,057.41	52,598.52	26,843.28
33	1/1/2023	52,598.52	446.01	3,083.34	49,515.18	27,289.29
34	2/1/2023	49,515.18	419.87	3,109.48	46,405.69	27,709.16
35	3/1/2023	46,405.69	393.50	3,135.85	43,269.84	28,102.66
36	4/1/2023	43,269.84	366.91	3,162.44	40,107.40	28,469.57
37	5/1/2023	40,107.40	340.09	3,189.26	36,918.14	28,809.66
38	6/1/2023	36,918.14	313.05	3,216.30	33,701.84	29,122.71
39	7/1/2023	33,701.84	285.78	3,243.57	30,458.27	29,408.49
40	8/1/2023	30,458.27	258.27	3,271.08	27,187.19	29,666.76
41	9/1/2023	27,187.19	230.54	3,298.82	23,888.37	29,897.30
42	10/1/2023	23,888.37	202.56	3,326.79	20,561.58	30,099.86
43	11/1/2023	20,561.58	174.35	3,355.00	17,206.58	30,274.22
44	12/1/2023	17,206.58	145.90	3,383.45	13,823.14	30,420.12
45	1/1/2024	13,823.14	117.21	3,412.14	10,411.00	30,537.34
46	2/1/2024	10,411.00	88.28	3,441.07	6,969.93	30,625.62
47	3/1/2024	6,969.93	59.10	3,470.25	3,499.68	30,684.72
48	4/1/2024	3,499.68	29.68	3,499.68	0.00	30,714.39

Consent Agenda #4 – Land Preservation Budget Amendment

I support this.

This requests approval to move \$41,000 from the Land Preservation Fund Balance to the budget appropriations to pay for a new Stewardship Truck. I support that; it requires a good truck for Natural Areas Stewardship Manager Dr. Ben VanderWeide, Stewardship Specialist Grant VanderLaan and seasonal help to do their job, part of which is keeping our natural areas from being overrun with invasive species that drive out indigenous insects, birds and wildlife.

Consent Agenda #5 - U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agreement (Meeting packet pages 42-75)

I support this agreement.

Oakland Township Natural Area Stewardship Manager, Dr. Ben Vanderweide describes this \$64, 000 project, which is half funded by USFWS grants, as follows, in his two page memo on pages 42-43 of the Board meeting packet:

“Overview: In partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), we propose planting native prairie vegetation in fields and restoring wetland hydrology at Blue Heron Environmental Area (16.3 acres), Watershed Ridge Park (14.2 acres), and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (23.6 acres).”

USFWS interest comes from their Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) summarized on page 53 of the Board meeting packet as follows:

“Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) takes actions to protect, restore and maintain the Great Lakes ecosystem. One of five focus areas of GLRI is Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will deliver partnership-based on-the ground habitat restoration projects to restore wetland hydrology, restore and enhance native upland and wetland vegetation, reduce sediment and nutrient inputs, improve water quality and enhance populations of migratory birds and federally-listed species within the Great Lakes watershed. The USFWS will work with landowners and partners to restore habitat on private lands, recognizing that environmental benefits extend well beyond the property boundaries.”

Details for each of the three parks and maps are provided in the meeting packet as well as the detailed proposed agreement between the township and USFWS to head off misunderstandings.

6. Class C Liquor License Request – page 76

This hardly seems like something to handle via a consent agenda.

This is a request for a liquor license for this currently empty location in Country Commons at Adams and Silverbell. (4856 North Adams). Hopefully the restaurant management will encourage patrons to drink responsibly, especially with respect to avoid driving under the influence. We don't want to slip in our status as a very safe community.

I would be useful to a hear report from our attorney on ways a liquor license can be lost, once awarded and a review of our applicable ordinance and state law.



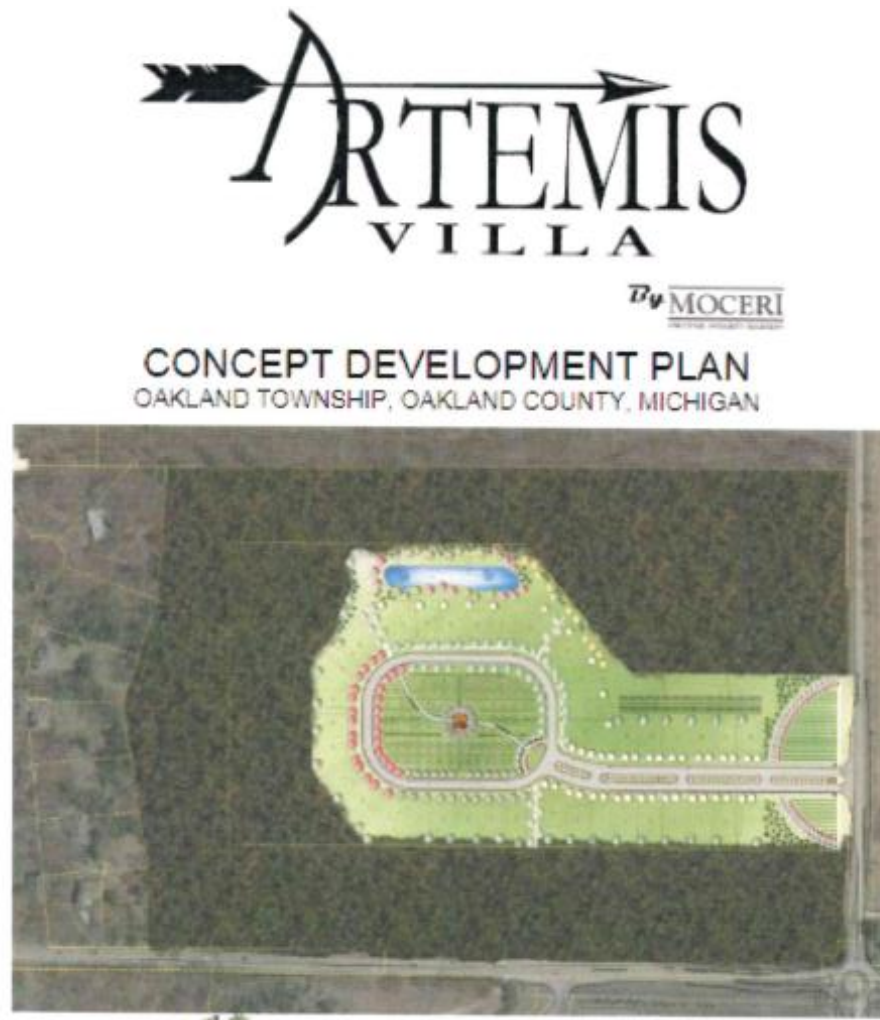
7. HDC Commissioner Reappointment - page 83

I support reappointing Gene Ferrera to another 3 year term and communications to the public to find a commissioner to replace Mr. Westphal, who is not seeking reappointment.

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Approve the Concept Development Plan for Artemis Villa PUD - page 87

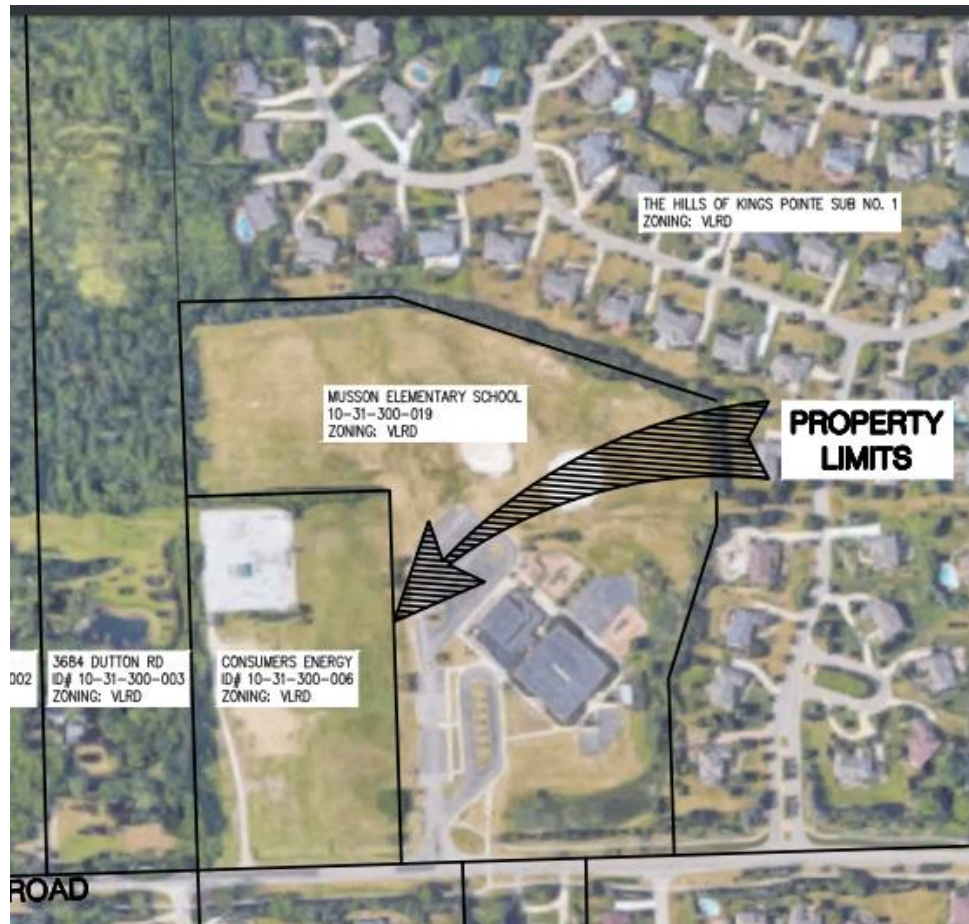
I support the Planning Commission recommendation to approve this concept. It seems like a good design for use of this site at Adams and Gunn across from Delta Kelly School. In the picture below, edited from 9/3/2019 Planning Commission meeting packet, page 34, up is east. Note the round-a-bout in lower right, for spatial orientation.



2. Cottone Rezoning Request - page 95

I support this as reasonable. Only 9 lots will be allowed on 26 acres.

3. Consumers Energy Site Plan Approval- Dutton Road Valve Station – page 113



I presume this upgrade to this gas odorizer and pressure control facility is in response to recent odor complaints from the community and therefore probably needs to be approved.

But, it seem very concerning to have a facility that adds odorizer and regulates gas pressure in such close proximity to and up-wind of Musson Elementary School and residents. Gas transmission is not without hazard. What can the Board require of DTE to give us maximum assurance that this facility is run according to safe practices? Are their periodic public inspection reports by independent inspectors?

4. Supervisor's Request to Reinstate April 28 Meeting

I approve.