

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2012 WORK SESSION**

**PROPOSED APPROVED (06/25/12)**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center Board Room, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Brenda L. Stumbo, Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, Treasurer Larry Doe, Trustees Stan Eldridge, Jean Hall Currie, Mike Martin and Scott Martin

**Members Absent:** None

**Legal Counsel:** Wm. Douglas Winters

**1. PLAYGROUND ADVENTURES DEDICATION DISCUSSION**

~~Supervisor Stumbo explained it was Jan Hale, who approached the Township with an idea to build a barrier-free playground that would be accessible to people of all disabilities. She said Ms. Hale successfully raised money and encouraged residents to volunteer their time to help install Playground Adventures at Ford Heritage Park. Supervisor Stumbo felt that dedicating Playground Adventures to Ms. Hale would be a great tribute.~~

~~Sandy Andresen, Park Commission said she felt it was the responsibility of the Park Commission to name parks but she knew that Ms. Hale would appreciate any help the Board could provide regarding the construction of a pavilion at Ford Heritage Park. Ms. Andresen said she told Ms. Hale she would like to name the pavilion, Hale Pavilion.~~

~~Supervisor Stumbo said if the Board supported dedicating Playground Adventures to Jan Hale, they could refer it to the Park Commission. The entire Board indicated their support.~~

**Sandra Andresen, Park Commission Chair questioned the correctness of the minutes pertaining to Playground Adventures Dedication Discussion and it was agreed this portion would be typed verbatim.**

Supervisor Stumbo: "The first item on the agenda is to discussion Playground Adventures proposed dedication. Art Serafinski and I had talked about this and other Board Members. Jan Hale and I know Sandy worked with her for years and they worked together on Playground Adventures. She (Jan Hale) is not in the best of health right now and it was Jan Hale that really brought to light a lot of things in the Township for accessibility for all people. From the school room and

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she was my daughter's teacher and the kids learned . . . just teaching children how to accept all people. From the Playground Adventures to the sidewalks . . . when she was recently in the hospital, they did not know how to transport her properly because of her paralysis. So, we were thinking because she has really changed how we look at things in Ypsi Township and referring this to the Park Commission, of course, as well, to somehow dedicate the Playground Adventures to Jan Hale with either a plaque on it or a history of, just to recognize the fact that we wouldn't be where we're at today if it wasn't for her involvement in bringing this issue forward. So I wanted to, Karen, Larry and I were talking with Art and just bringing it to the Township level to see if there was an interest in doing that and put a dedication up to Jan and referring to the Park Commission, asking them to be involved in making it a very nice recognition."

Sandra Andresen: "Reading what was in the Board Packet, my question was going to be, does the Board have a policy and a procedure for naming things. The Park Commission does. We created one when there was a request several years ago and we think it's a pretty good policy and we would be glad to take this on because we do have a policy in place. We, the Park Commission do feel that it is their responsibility to name things within the parks."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Well this is, this came to us and we wanted to refer it to the Park Commission but I wanted to make sure the Board supports doing it before we do that. It's got to start somewhere, so."

Sandra Andresen: "I can tell you something else Jan would love and so would I. As you know from a recent Board meeting, we're going to be stomping for funds for a pavilion. Jan and I did that together before, unfortunately, Jan's not able to do that now. I'd really like Board support and input, as much as possible, to raise the funds for a pavilion."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes and we can do that. This is just, this is something separate than that and I would (Ms. Andresen began speaking)."

Sandra Andresen: "Well, yes it is and no it isn't because I had made a comment once to Jan when I showed her the pavilion design because she has seen them. Jan and I are still hooked together at the hip. She looked at them and said "what is it" and I said it is the Hale Pavilion and she said "what". Anyhow, you get the drift."

Supervisor Stumbo: "Yes, and that's what I love about her bringing this issue to us, is that we think about it in everything we do now. We know this boardroom has to be made accessible. She's just changed the way we see things and it's much appreciated."

Sandra Andresen: "One of the things you may or may not have noticed in the pavilion design but in each one of those three bathrooms there's a full-sized, adult sized changing table. The purpose of that is when we were stomping for funds; we came across a parent in the Belleville area who had a large twelve-

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year-old boy, wheelchair bound, diapers. Yeah, he can come to a park but what happens when he needs to be changed?”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Right, it’s awesome what you’re doing. So”

Trustee Scott Martin: “I have to agree with this. I think it’s a great idea. I don’t know Miss Hale that well. I got to know her story and history through being a Park Commissioner and I know what the Park Commission went through at that time. With Sandy Andresen’s knowledge of the past and what they went through, I would definitely go along with this. I think the Park Commission would be a great help in helping us get through it.”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Okay, so we will just send it to the Park Commission with support from the board?”

Clerk Lovejoy Roe: “It’s a fabulous idea.”

Supervisor Stumbo: “Alright, and (directed to Ms. Andresen) we’ll help you with the other one.”

**2. REVIEW AGENDA**

Supervisor Stumbo said a request to repair the Community Center parking lot was received from Jeff Allen, RSD Director and if the Board agreed, it would be placed on the agenda under Other Business. She explained that a senior citizen recently sustained an injury due to its deteriorating condition. Supervisor Stumbo stated that Mr. Allen obtained three quotes. The Board agreed to place the request under Other Business.

Supervisor Stumbo briefly reviewed the agenda with further discussion on the following items:

Supervisor Stumbo stated that since there was ample time, public comments could be heard at the Work Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Moore, Director of Willow Run Tea Party Caucus said his first concern was that flags being flown on the cell towers were not being maintained. He said if the flag cannot be flown with respect, it should be taken down. Mr. Moore said his other concern was the DTE smart meters and he encouraged the Board to have a meeting where public comments could be heard.

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Tim King, Township Resident said he was legally disabled person and felt the Smart Meters emitted dangerous radiation for people with certain disabilities. He asked the Township Board to do a moratorium on the meters.

Arloa Kaiser, Township Resident said she was told prior to the meeting that a DTE Representative, State Representative David Rutledge and Senator Rebekah Warren planned to attend the May 14, 2012 board meeting when the DTE Smart Meters would be discussed. She provided a brief summary of information she had learned from DTE and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Mr. Moore asked if they could also have representatives attend the meeting. He thought it was important to have people from both sides of the issue.

Clerk Lovejoy Roe said the opposing side could present their information at the June 25, 2012 Work Session.

Trustee Mike Martin said there were definitely concerns, both health wise and constitutionally and we needed some answers.

Tim King asked the Supervisor to check with the City Counsel of Sterling Heights regarding the ability to opt out of having the smart meter install. He said DTE had not given the correct facts according to the Michigan Public Service Commission. Mr. King stated that Highland Park and Dearborn Heights had also placed moratoriums on the smart meter installation.

Attorney Winters raised the question that if the Attorney General was on board against the meters, he was curious as to why, to his knowledge, the Public Service Commission had not taken any action.

Mr. Moore explained that the Attorney General's position was not necessarily negative but rather that the program should not be implemented until all the facts were out. He spoke about two House Bills that had been introduced on this matter.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Doe reported the proposed ordinance for the three-year dog license was ready to bring to the Board, but the resolution needed to be revised concerning the cost. He proposed a \$3.00 a year for spade or neutered dogs, which would be \$9.00, based on a proration for the three-year license and \$6.00 a year for a dog that was not spade or neutered with the same proration. He was looking to the Board's pleasure before bringing the resolution back to the next meeting.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

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Trustee Eldridge said that he had meant to mention to Mr. Lawson last week that several of the flags were in need of repair.

Joe Lawson said the only cell tower owner forced to sign a contract was the cell tower on Dorset.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**1. GENERAL LEGAL UPDATE**

Attorney Winters recalled the hearing that the Township Board had scheduled regarding the issue with the Dairy Mary that sold liquor to minors on three different occasions. He said that we had not been successful in getting their license revoked because the law stated the occurrences must be in the same calendar year. He was glad to report that, as a direct result of the involvement of the Office of Community Standards and this Board, that law had now been changed to read any twelve-month period, not necessarily in the same calendar year.

Mr. Winters reported that he was attending the Neighborhood Watch meetings to discuss possible public nuisances. He stated that many of the blighted properties were foreclosed homes owned by banks. He gave an update on meetings he had attended and how many parts of our nation were being affected by blighted properties. Mr. Winters reinforced the importance of residents reporting problems so the Township, could continue their efforts to stabilize the community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. UNITY VIBRATION LIVING KOMBUCHA TEA LLC**

Supervisor Stumbo explained the address was incorrectly submitted as 93 Ecorse. The correct address should be 93 Emerick (formerly in the City of Ypsilanti)

Mike Radzik, Office of Community Standards Director, said, that to his knowledge, this was the first microbrewery license that had come before the Board for approval. He explained the process for obtaining an on-premise license, but in checking with the State, a microbrewery license was considered a manufacturing wholesale license and did not have to go through that process. However, Mr. Radzik wanted the Board to be aware of what was acceptable with that type of license.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14, ECONOMIC VITALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EVIP) PART 3 AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN**

Clerk Lovejoy Roe provided a brief explanation of the resolution.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk