

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

MINUTES

Supervisor Price called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Price, Supervisor
Nancy Conzelman, Clerk
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Michael Kelly, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Edwards, Treasurer, Excused
(Entered during closed session at 8:55 p.m.)
Steve Mann, Trustee, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Antal, Police Lieutenant
Patrick Fellrath, Dir. of Public Utilities
Mike Mitchell, Dir. of Parks and Grants
Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste Coordinator
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
28 Members of the Public

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Special Meeting - Tuesday, February 02, 2016

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees special meeting of February 2, 2016. Ayes all.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting - January 12, 2016

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelley to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting of January 12, 2016.

AYES: Conzelman, Kelly, Curmi, Price
NAYS: Doroshewitz

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Bondie, Roman Kuzma, and Bill Carter expressed their opinions that no more of the taxpayers' money should be spent pursuing the lawsuit with the City of Detroit regarding the 323

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acres. Mr. Carter also objected to the financial liability to the Township caused by the golf course and recommended finding another purpose for the property.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

2016 Community Block Grant Allocation

Mr. Price opened the first of two public hearings to be held regarding the 2016 Community Block Grant Allocation at 7:09 p.m. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

H. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION –

Presentation from Billy Casper regarding Hill Top Golf Course. The presentation will include the history of Billy Casper's role with the course, and their desired future.

Nick Bednar, Regional Director of Operations for Billy Casper Golf, Rob Higby, Regional Director of Marketing for Billy Casper Golf; and Aaron Spokaeski, Billy Casper's General Manager of Hilltop Golf Course, gave a brief history of Hilltop's relationship with Billy Casper golf, the golf industry in general, past performance, and summary of their marketing strategy for 2016. Mr. Bednar reported that 2015 rounds were up 23% over 2014, food and beverage sales were up more than 25% in 2015 over 2014, revenue from golf lessons increased significantly in 2015 over 2014, and there was no operating deficit in 2015. Looking ahead to 2016, Billy Casper will promote increased resident participation, weekday events, senior and kids programs, the new foot golf course, night golf, outings and bundled packages with food, beverage, pro shop merchandise and golf fees. With the current five-year contract ending, they indicated they hope to continue as the contract allows for two three-year renewal terms.

Questions from the Board included how financial reporting and revenue flow is accomplished to the Township and availability to the Board of financial reports, including transactions for food and drink for the July 4th celebration which is paid for by donor contributions. There were also questions about any possible capital improvements to be paid for by the Township, feasibility of shrinking the golf course and/or expanding food service or the club house to increase revenues, use of the course by residents, feedback regarding employee attitude, and strategy for increasing revenue for the coming season.

I. CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:35 p.m., Ms. Conzelman moved that a closed session be called to consult with an attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the City of Detroit lawsuit pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 8(e), and to discuss a partial denial of a Freedom of Information Act request, which is a matter exempt from discussion under state statute

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pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 8(h). Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Edwards entered during closed session at 8:55 p.m. and Mr. Doroshewitz was excused during the discussion of the Freedom of Information Act request.

The Board returned to open session at 9:50 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mr. Kelly to deny the Freedom of Information Act appeal submitted by Tamara Doroshewitz on or about January 25, 2016, for homeowners' association members' addresses, phone numbers, and personal e-mail addresses. Ayes all with Trustee Doroshewitz not voting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Conzelman and seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. Ayes all.

Nancy C. Conzelman, Township Clerk

Shannon G. Price, Township Supervisor