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Green Oak Charter Township
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor St. Charles at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Susan Daugherty, Treasurer, Tracey Edry, Trustee, Rollin Green, Trustee,
Richard Everett, Trustee, Wally Qualls, Trustee, Michael Sedlak, Clerk,
Mark St. Charles, Supervisor.

Absent: Susan Daugherty, Treasurer

Guests: 21

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion by Sedlak, second by Edry
To approve the agenda as submitted.**

**Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None**

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – opened at 7:05 p.m.

Anna Ernst – She commented on item 11 of the agenda.

John Malek – He commented on item 11 of the agenda.

Walt Ernst – He commented on item 11 of the agenda and updating multiple housing.

Supervisor St. Charles closed the public comment period at 7:10 p.m. due to no further comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the April 21, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Green, second by Edry
To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

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93 **Motion by Sedlak, second by Edry**

94 **An ordinance to adopt 2009 International Fire Code by reference an**
95 **Ordinance of Green Oak Charter Township adopting the 2009 edition of the**
96 **International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life**
97 **and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage,**
98 **handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and**
99 **from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings**
100 **and premises in Green Oak Charter Township; providing for the issuance**
101 **of permits and the collection of fees there from; an ordinance to amend**
102 **and replace in its entirety, Section 12-71 of Chapter 12 of Green Oak**
103 **Charter Township and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in**
104 **conflict therewith.**

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106 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
107 **Nays: None**

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109 **MOTION APPROVED**

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112 **D. Township Engineers and Operators Report, Hidden Lakes Sewer Treatment**
113 **Plant**

114 **Representing: Jim Redding –Rowe Engineering**
115 **Jeff Markstrom – Rowe Engineering**
116 **Anthony Davison – Highland Treatment**

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118 Supervisor St. Charles gave a brief account regarding the history of the plant. He
119 commented about the recent odors coming from the Hidden Lakes Sewer Treatment
120 Plant and the complaints that have been received.

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122 Mr. Redding gave a brief overview for addressing the odors which included utilizing the
123 empty tanks that are already there and equipping those tanks for solids and use one to
124 treat water. The organic content is higher than expected. The storage of solids was
125 also discussed as well as the various ways of dealing with the sludge such as having
126 the sludge hauled to other areas.

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128 Supervisor St. Charles reviewed the funds that are available for the plant upgrade.

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130 The consensus of the Board was to have Rowe Engineering prepare a road map of
131 alternatives, a time line and a preliminary budget.

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133 **E. Residents Request, Reference Hidden Lake Sewer Treatment Plant**

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135 **Frank Palermo** – He commented that this is very unfair with what has been going on
136 for years and there is no excuse that this problem has not been taken care of. If fees
137 need to be raised then they would pay for it, they don't want the smell anymore and

138 want it handled yesterday. He commented that is sounded like it would finally get taken
139 care of.

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141 **Cynthia White** – She explained that she has sent so many emails and documented
142 every time there was an odor. She commented that this is not just a stink, it's
143 unbearable. She felt that she is trapped in their home and often have the air
144 conditioner on year round to prevent the smell from entering the home. She would
145 rather have the sludge treated on site rather than having it hauled out.

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147 Mr. Dawson explained that there is a process where the sludge is run through a press
148 to make it like a cake product and some hauling companies use that process and it is
149 something that could be built into the treatment plant.

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151 **F. Brighton Chamber of Commerce Application**

152 **Representing: Pam McConeghy**
153 **Tom MacFarland**
154 **Sean Valentino**

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156 Ms. McConeghy explained that on July 20, 2010 they are hoping to hold an event in
157 Green Oak Township. A variety of music will be a part of the event along with a beer
158 tent and food vendors. It will be a very safe venue and they are hoping to bring a lot of
159 exposure to Green Oak Township. Green Oak Village Place has been a wonderful
160 partner with this event.

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162 Clerk Sedlak stated that the application was received before the 60 days and it has
163 been turned over to the Fire Department. Chief Brookins explained that he could attend
164 as many meetings as necessary to work out the details.

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166 Ms. McConeghy stated that they want a classy event, a family event and they are
167 working on the security and will pay for 4 police officers to be on duty, they are doing
168 everything that they possibly can. They have held many stellar events in other areas.
169 She explained where the location of the event would be held at Green Oak Village
170 Place.

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173 **Motion by Sedlak, second by Edry**
174 **To approve the Brighton Chamber of Commerce application for Special**
175 **Assembly License for a July 10, 2010 date as presented**

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177 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
178 **Nays: None**

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180 **MOTION APPROVED**

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183 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Not needed

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185 **DISCUSSION**
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187 **Proactive Rezoning, Tri-Lakes Area, Winans Lake Road/Whitmore Lake**
188 **Road Area**
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190 Supervisor St. Charles explained that there was a request from the Planning
191 Commission with respect to the proactive rezoning. One of the requests is to down size
192 some of the rezoning from 5 acres to 2 acres especially where there are ½ acre homes
193 around other parcels. The Planning Commission also asked if they should consider the
194 Mission Hills property to be involved in proactive rezoning through the Mixed Village
195 Use. He also felt that there has been much discussion regarding the Tri-Lakes Area
196 regarding non-conforming uses. Trustee Green felt that these were 3 different issues
197 that should be looked at separately not as a whole.
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199 The consensus of the Board was to look at each issue individually and consider some
200 type of overlay for the lake district.
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202 **Request by HERO for permission to post signs for Vietnam War Memorial**
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204 Joanna Hardesty explained that the HERO Organization is a 503 Non profit
205 organization and since 2006 they have been responsible for organizing family events
206 that have had a positive affect on the community. This year they are proud to be
207 bringing the Vietnam War Memorial moving wall to Hamburg Township. They have
208 been on the waiting list for 4 years and are very excited to have this opportunity. It will
209 be arriving on July 7, 2010 and leaving on July 12, 2010. Since Hamburg is off the
210 beaten path they rely on directional signage to the park. In 2006 they applied to the
211 ZBA to get a variance in order to allow them to place signage for the annual Family Fun
212 Fest. The signs will be identical to the Family Fun Fest in location and size.
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214 **Motion by Everett, second by Qualls**
215 **To approve the HERO request.**
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217 **Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
218 **Nays: None**
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220 **MOTION APPROVED**
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223 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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225 Trustee Green commented on the good turn out for the Colman Park beautification day.
226 He asked that the wall in the men's room be painted and to consider some kind of hand
227 pump well. He thought the mowing looked really good and there was a nice selection of
228 flowers and plants. Clerk Sedlak commented that he has had requests for hand pumps
229 at the cemeteries as well.

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231 **CORRESPONDENCE** – All was distributed

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233 **PUBLIC COMMENT- opened at 8:58 p.m.**

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235 **Resident** – He questioned if the properties that are non buildable in the Tri Lakes Area
236 would be affected.

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238 **Mr. Kotarski** - He asked for an update regarding Woodland Ridge. Supervisor St.
239 Charles stated that there is a court date for May 27, 2010 but that was all he was at
240 liberty to say.

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242 **Walt Ernst** – He commented on item 9F and the discussion items.

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244 **Erica Munzel** – She commented on Woodland Ridge and applauded the Board's
245 efforts to stand firm.

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247 **John Malek** – He recommended having a peer review regarding proactive rezoning.

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249 **Anna Ernst** – She commented on Agenda item 11, discussion. Item 9F and she
250 thanked everyone for their contributions to the Historical Society.

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252 **Bob Moran** – He commented on the state survey regarding roundabouts.

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254 **ADJOURNMENT**

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256 The Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. due to no further business.

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259 Respectfully Submitted,

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261 Kellie Angelosanto
262 Recording Secretary

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265 Approved as submitted June 16, 2010

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270 Michael H. Sedlak CMC,
271 Green Oak Charter Township Clerk



Mark St. Charles
Township Supervisor