



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Caledonia Board of Trustees will be held beginning at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at the Caledonia Township Hall, 8196 Broadmoor Ave, Caledonia, MI 49316.

*NOTE: Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services for the meeting by contacting the Township Clerk at 616.891.0070*

**MEETING AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	SNOEYINK: Present HERMENET: Present BRADSHAW: Present HARRISON: Present	HENRY: Present ZOLLER: Present ROBERTSON: Present
<b>Others Present:</b>	Media, Citizens, Assistant Clerk Skidmore, Jeff Patterson, Jean Patterson, KDL Staff	

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION – Supervisor Harrison**

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

<b>Motion Stated:</b>	Snoeyink – Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda.
<b>Motion Supported:</b>	Hermenet
<b>Motion Status:</b>	Approved

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (BRIEF - UP TO 2 MINUTES)**

None

**5. INQUIRY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the September 15, 2021 Meeting
- B. Approval to Pay Bills
  - i. Accounts Payable
- C. Report from Township Administrator

<b>Motion Stated:</b>	Zoller – Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
<b>Motion Supported:</b>	Snoeyink
<b>Motion Status:</b>	Approved

**7. REPORT FROM BOARD/COMMITTEE OFFICERS AND STAFF**

None

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### A. Village of Caledonia – Private Street Extension Waiver

Harrison stated that this request was submitted to the Planning Commission and stated that future avenues of access will be evaluated, however, the Planning Commission has decided not to take action on this request at this time.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Presentation – KDL Annual Report

KDL Management and Staff expressed gratitude for the Township's support and provided an overview of its programming, activities and Annual report for the past year.

Harrison expressed his gratitude to the KDL staff for their service to the community and being adaptable in providing different types of services during the pandemic.

### B. Motion – To approve sections of trails to move forward with construction.

Hermenet provided an overview of the proposed sections of the trail system to be constructed. Hermenet and Zoller worked with an engineer from Prein & Newhof to develop the proposed trail system map/estimates which includes: 1) Patterson Avenue and 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Paul Henry Trail to Copper Corners Drive; and 2) Whitneyville Road, 66<sup>th</sup> Street and McCords Avenue, Kettle Lake Elementary School to the DNR Boat Launch.

Bradshaw raised the following issues: 1) constructing the trail on a different space on the school property to reduce wetland/boardwalk construction; 2) does not want the trail constructed on Patterson Avenue due to increasing truck traffic; 3) is in favor of connecting the trail to the Paul Henry Trail but would like to do so on 76<sup>th</sup> Street in Gaines Township; and 4) feels that there is not a lot of existing residences on Patterson thus would like future developers to construct the trail sections at the time of development. Henry would like discussions held with Gaines Township to determine if coordination of trail development is feasible. Snoeyink also expressed concern about the proposed trail being placed on Patterson Avenue and would like discussions to be held with Gaines Township. Hermenet indicated that these two proposals are off road, separate trails.

Zoller indicated that Option 1 allows a large number of residents to utilize this proposed system and to access the Paul Henry Trail, Downtown Caledonia and connect to the existing trail system. Harrison will meet with Gaines Township and Caledonia Schools to determine possible coordination with the proposed trail system. Bradshaw stated that he will be voting no on the Motion due to the proposed placement of the trail on Patterson Avenue but is in favor of the remaining proposed trail sections. Harrison did state that the Township needs to consider its future winter maintenance policy and start to determine future on-going maintenance costs.

<b>Motion Stated:</b>	Harrison – Motion to approve the trail segments as presented by Trustee Hermenet with an understanding that Caledonia Township will meet with the School and Gaines Township to discuss their participation as presented. The Township Engineer will begin the construction documents and the Treasurer will begin to implement financial mechanisms to schedule these for future construction.
<b>Motion Supported:</b>	Zoller
<b>Motion Status:</b>	Approved: 6 ayes, 1 nay (Bradshaw)

### C. Discussion – Lakeside Cemetery Drainage Repair and Columbarium Project.

Henry provided an overview of the Lakeside Cemetery Drainage issue and the Columbarium project. In a certain section of the Lakeside Addition Cemetery, there is a very high water table that only allows for cremation burials. After further evaluation by the Township Engineer, it was determined that the drain which was installed adjacent to the cemetery to assist in the drainage of the water into a neighboring creek has been clogged due to yard waste being dumped into the creek. Henry stated that she would like the cleanup of the drain to be part of a larger project to install a cement pad and columbarium structure in this area of the cemetery. Due to the high water table issue and the ongoing preference for cremation burials, this project would allow for additional burial spaces and eliminate the need for below ground burials in this section. In addition, the project would help to solve the drainage issue by cleaning the creek drain and evaluating the existing drain system. Board members expressed support for Clerk Henry to obtain estimates to move forward with this project to bring back to the Board for consideration. Bradshaw recommended verifying with the Village of Caledonia that this project does not require any necessary permits.

## 11. BOARD COMMENTS

### **Snoeyink:**

- None

### **Hermenet:**

- Hermenet stated that progress has been made on the 68<sup>th</sup> Street road construction.

### **Bradshaw:**

- Bradshaw expressed gratitude to Trustee Hermenet for taking the lead on the trail development project.

### **Harrison:**

- Harrison stated that the Harvest Fest was successful and stated that the 'Movies at the Park' event and the Chamber's 5K will be occurring over the next few weeks in October.

### **Henry:**

- None

### **Zoller:**

- None

**Robertson:**

- Robertson stated that a Budget Workshop will be held at an upcoming meeting and the budget needs to be adopted by November 30, 2021 at the latest so Robertson can submit it to the State of Michigan by December 1, 2021. Harrison and Hermenet stated that they will be absent from the October 20, 2021 Board of Trustee meeting.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT (EXTENDED – UP TO 5 MINUTES)**

None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 7:59 PM**

<b>Motion Stated:</b>	Zoller – Motion to adjourn the meeting.
<b>Motion Supported:</b>	Snoeyink
<b>Motion Status:</b>	Approved

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**Bryan Harrison, Supervisor**

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**Joni Henry, Clerk**

**Minutes Reported By:** Stephanie Skidmore, Assistant Clerk