

WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Williams Charter Township held a Regular Meeting at Williams Township Hall on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The agenda is attached as Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by W. Butterfield, Supervisor, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: W. Butterfield (Supervisor), T. Charbonneau (Treasurer), J. Putt (Clerk), B. Jean (Trustee), S. VanTol (Trustee), J. Plant (Trustee).

Excused: J. Gower (Trustee)

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said in unison.

III. Public Input

- Hannah & Nick Fuller questioned if zoning would be able to be changed, or a possible exemption, to accommodate chickens at their home. It was explained that they live in an R1 zone and would need to go to the ZBA.

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IV. Changes to the Agenda

Add #3 – Walk in cooler.

S. VanTol moved to amend the regular agenda, add Item #3, with support from J. Plant.

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

W. Butterfield moved to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented, with support from J. Plant.

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

VI. Regular Agenda

1. Park Fund Usage - Treasurer

a. Double Pickleball Courts

The Park Committee has met and have a few recommendations. Two hundred thousand dollars was budgeted for the park expansion grant, which has become too costly to move forward. The committee felt Pickleball Courts would be a great addition.

J. Putt moved to approve the double pickleball courts at the cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. T. Charbonneau supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

b. Basketball Hoops

Basketball hoops need to be replaced. They are currently on sale. Would like to see the court resurfaced, as well.

J. Putt moved to approve refurbishing the basketball hoops at the cost of \$7,000.00. J. Plant supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

c. Dugouts

Jim Plant submitted a proposal for dugouts at the cost of \$45,000.00. He feels it would be a positive item for our park. Much discussion.

J. Plant moved to proceed with dugouts for the park. S. VanTol supports.

Aye: B. Jean, J. Plant

Nay: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, S. VanTol

Excused: J. Gower

Motion failed.

d. Additional Play Features in existing play area - \$72,000.00

Dan Doran presented the Board with various items to add to our play area, with possibly a teeter-totter, climbing structure and walking sticks.

W. Butterfield moved to approve purchasing play equipment for the west playground, up to \$72,000.00. B. Jean supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, B. Jean

Nay: T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Excused: J. Gower

Motion failed.

2. Front Parking Lot and Park Path

The front parking lot has been on the agenda for 6 years. The front will be identical to the rear lot, as far as drainage. The path in the park is 50 years old and has a lot of cracks that cannot be repaired. The combined cost would be \$432,000.00.

J. Putt moved to have the front and side parking lots paved.

Aye: J. Plant, B. Jean, J. Putt, T. Charbonneau, S. VanTol, W. Butterfield

Nay: None

Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

S. VanTol moved to have the walking path repaved at the cost of \$199,000.00 in 2025. This motion is to hold the price. J. Putt supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None
Excused: J. Gower
Motion carried

3. Walk-In Cooler – Supervisor

The walk-in cooler in the kitchen of the township hall quit working this weekend. Two estimates have been acquired. One from Schroeder, for \$7,900.00, with a 2-3 week lead time. The second, from Lashuay Repair was for \$6,000.00, no lead time given. Both estimates are for the cooling mechanism to be replaced.

S. VanTol moved to have Lashuay repair the cooler . B. Jean supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

J. Putt moved to put a cap on the project, not to exceed \$8,000.00. W. Butterfield will make the determination, as the need arises. W. Butterfield supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, J. Putt, B. Jean, S. VanTol, J. Plant

Nay: T. Charbonneau

Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

W. Butterfield commented on the current Spicer Engineering bill. They are billing us for emails, visits and phone calls regarding the park's playground. W. Butterfield feels we should not be responsible for fixing the playground, that it should come out of the final payment to Santoro. No action taken.

VIII. Committee Reports

- J. Plant – Fire Department's air conditioner was replaced. Mileage renewal was approved.
- S. VanTol – Planning Commission – Working on fencing ordinance, to include top rails. Also discussion about fabric fences.
- B. Jean – No Recreation meeting.
- J. Putt – Election – 2 new Receiving Board members. Ballots for November going out in September.

IX. Public Comment

Vaughn Begick was present. They are working on the Budget. Lafayette Bridge will now begin in November. They will start construction on new animal shelter in the fall.

Jim Plant will not be at the next meeting. Will be in Alaska fishing. September 21 & 28 will be Rockets in the Park.

J. Plant moved to approve Rockets in the Park. W. Butterfield supports.

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

X. Adjournment

S. VanTol moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with support from W. Butterfield.

Aye: 6 Nay: 0 Excused: J. Gower

Motion carried.

Jerome E. Putt, Clerk

Will Butterfield, Supervisor