
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barb Miller

Jeff Polkowski

Robin McGregor

Agenda included:

1. OCC Update / Plan
2. Grant Writer Discussion
3. ARPA Funds – Round Two of Sidewalk Repairs
4. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
5. Public Comments Limited to Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting with a handout comparing similar properties that sold near the OCC property. He explained his conversation with Doug Smith, Plante Moran, and OCC (Tina) and their current thoughts about what they think the amount they would expect the property to sell for.

Clerk Markee said the per acre cost did not make sense, considering the other sales in the area were much lower, and reminded everyone that the Hawk was purchased for \$500,000, which included more square footage than the OCC facility. Trustee Hauswirth said the Hawk, previously a Farmington Hills High School, opened in 1972. Clerk Markee also mentioned that when considering OCC, it would require a longer drive for the Meals on Wheels program to go across town to the most serviced area in the Township, Huron Gardens. Trustee Matsura said the map she saw of the OCC area that we were looking to acquire did not include the commercial properties on it; therefore, she didn't understand why the price was so high. Trustee Bartolotta thought the price was too high and thought we should forget about considering OCC. Overall, the Board thought the asking price was too high for the property and decided to talk about alternative locations and not spend the \$62,000 that Plante Moran Realpointe required to study OCC as a possibility.

Supervisor Wall said the current Recreation Center has numerous issues including cracked walls, a sinking foundation, and some air quality concerns in remote areas of the building. It was agreed by the Board that this building is operating on borrowed time. The day will come when this building will not be useable, and the doors will be closed and entry to this building will not be allowed due to safety issues.

Leggett Sr. Center was talked about, and Supervisor Wall thinks the back of this building has too large of a decline and it would not work to make this location feasible because it must be ADA compliant. ADA regulations have changed in the last 50 years or more. Clerk Markee suggested building a new Community Center on the current property where the current Recreation Center is, and Supervisor

Wall said he would look into it. This could possibly work, with keeping the current location open, providing it is a safe place to enter, while building a new one behind it or to the west side of it.

Trustee Hauswirth said they still need to understand what the plan is for the School District once the new Stepanski Center is opened, and what will they do with the Meals on Wheels and Encore Programs. Supervisor Wall said he would reach out to Superintendent Lindberg and ask him to come and talk with us.

Clerk Markee mentioned that Elections will need a space that can accommodate 120 people on Election Day for the processing of absentee ballots. If for some reason we have to close down the current Recreation Center, we will need to have an alternate space. When communicating with the School District, please keep in mind that we would like to use one of their gyms to do this if for some reason the Recreation Center is not useable. If Pierce's old gym is large enough that would be a great place to use since it is so close to the Town Hall.

Trustee Monohon mentioned that in Sterling Heights, the location for the community center provided easy access for students to walk to after school to participate in afterschool activities that the Community Center offers such as computer classes or woodworking classes. It provides an alternate activity to keep kids out of trouble, that's why he thought the Township campus would be good because it is close to Pierce and Kettering.

The Trustees looked at the 2018 proposed plan for the new community center and thought it would work on the current site of the Rec Center.

Jeff Polkowski, Superintendent of Planning said he is working on replacing the bad sidewalks in the Township that seem to be the most heavily used around the schools and determined that the Crescent Lake Road area reached the most schools and thought we should start there with the additional \$1.0 million that the Board gave from the ARPA funds to continue improving the Township's sidewalks. The Trustees agreed with his proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.