REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 21, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Columbia Charter Township Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag and invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present: Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Church, Deland, Marsh

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was public comment from Kip Hilbert on the Clarklake park petition, Ronald June on safety ay the Clarklake park, Zack Kanaan Sr. commending the action to lessen the parking and hours of the Clarklake park, Flip Reynolds commending the action to lessen the parking at the Clarklake park, Michelle Studer on parking on Hyde Rd., Tim Studer Sr. on parking on side streets and Hyde Rd also pavilion use at the Clarklake Park. Tim Studer Jr. on assaults to residents and parking enforcement at the Clarklake Park, John Deming on safety at the Clarklake park, Arthur Sconochia acknowledging that the restricting of parking spaces and limited hours at the Clarklake Park have helped, parking on Hyde Rd., and Police presence, Daniel Malone, on parking on Hyde Rd. parking enforcement and acknowledging that Police presence is helping the parking issues, Charles Timberlake on the problems at the Clarklake park effecting property values, Jill Bentley on a large cat (cougar) sighting, Daina Potts on a large cat (cougar) sighting, Patsy Hill Sanders on a large cat (cougar) sighting, Judy Kelly thanking the Board and the Police Department for changes made to parking and hours at the Clarklake park, Karen Gaston thanking the Police Department for their presence on the 4th of July at the Clarklake Park and thanking the Board for changes made to parking and hours at the Clarklake park, Wendall Heaton on extra traffic on Hyde Rd due to construction at Jefferson Rd. at 127, the need for a sidewalk in front of the Clarklake park and the need for boat trailer parking.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to remove items 8 c and 8 e from the consent agenda. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion

carried. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the agenda as amended. There was support from Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. Controller Peterson provided the Board with a preliminary budget for 2026. Police Chief made presentation for new Police officer Shaun Fluker. A motion was made by Trustee Tacket to receive and file the Controllers report and Police report. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the consent agenda. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A motion to approve accounts payable totaling $302,766.84 was made by Trustee Beamish. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Action Items a. -g. a. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the Township Park grant request. There was support from Trustee Tackett. Ayes all. Motion carried. b. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve a zoning map amendment for 000-19-31-151-001-03. There was support from Trustee Church. On a roll call vote: Ayes; Deland, Church Calhoun, Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. c. A motion was made by Clerk Hulburt to approve changes to the Cemetery ordinance. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. On a roll call vote: Ayes; Beamish, Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Church, Deland, Marsh. Motion carried. d. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve a resolution to set alternative dates for the Board of Review. There was support from Trustee Tackett, On a roll call vote: Ayes; Church, Deland, Calhoun, Tackett, Beamish, Hulburt, Marsh. Motion carried. e. A motion was made by Treasurer Calhoun to approve the 2025 tax rate request. There was support from Trustee Deland. Ayes all. Motion carried. f. A motion was made by Trustee Deland to approve a building permit refund. There was support from Trustee Beamish. Ayes all. Motion carried. g. A motion was made by Trustee Beamish to approve an RFP for paving. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Police Chief Niles shared a timeline for a traffic study that would be needed to allow desired “No parking” signage on Hyde Rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was public comment from Zack Kanaan Sr. on the length of time for the traffic study on Hyde Rd., Arthur Sconochia on the length of time for the traffic study on Hyde Rd. and trailer parking at the Clarklake Park, James Dale commending the Police Department for their monitoring of the Clarklake Park and agrees with the petition language, Christina Johnson on the closing time of the Clarklake Park and extra traffic on Hyde Road due to the construction on Jefferson Rd. at 127, Jill Bentley on the condition of Eagle Point Rd., Kip Hilbert on parking at the Clarklake Park, Deana Hilbert on parking at the Clarklake Park and the residents willingness to help with park matters, Elizabeth June on safety at the Clarklake Park and commending the Police Department for the monitoring at the park and the need to keep the changes made to the parking and reduced hours, Ronald June on temporary parking restrictions on Hyde Rd. during the construction on Jefferson Rd. at 127, Tim Studer Jr. on road conditions, Tim Studer Sr on boat trailer parking, Eric Anderson on the Lions Club closing their gate to not allow boat trailer parking on weekends.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT: There was final board comment from Treasurer Calhoun about Marine Police patrol, Supervisor Marsh on Clarklake Park matters.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Deland to adjourn the meeting. There was support from Treasurer Calhoun. Ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jo Hulburt, Columbia Township Clerk