

**EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES & PARK COMMISSION
East China Township Hall
5111 River Road, East China MI 48054**

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 29, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Westrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Westrick, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Hart, and Trustees Reichle, Blackstock, Knotts, Babel. Also present: Township Manager Cindy Paparelli.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners, Pam Kelb, Ron Miller, Don Wills, Evelyn Toles, Khizran Ali.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Two in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

PUBLIC HEARING – Draft Parks & Recreation Plan 2024-2028.

Trustee Reichle, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1 – Resolution of the Park Commission adopting Recreation Plan 2024-2028

EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION

2024-2028 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Charter Township of East China

St. Clair County, Michigan

Commissioner Wills, supported by Commissioner Ali, moved to adopt the following Resolution. Roll call vote: Yea: Kelb, Wills, Ali, Miller, Toles. Carried.

WHEREAS, East China Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2024 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, East China Township began the process of developing a recreation plan in accordance

with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of East China Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to complete an opinion survey related to parks and recreation needs and opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given notice of an opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 29, 2024 at the East China Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East China Township Park Commission does hereby recommend adoption of the 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Plan shall serve as a guide to future recreation development in East China Township.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NB 2 – Resolution 04-2024 Adopting 2024-2028 Parks Recreation Plan

RESOLUTION 04-2024

EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

2024-2028 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Charter Township of East China
St. Clair County, Michigan

Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adopt Resolution 04-2024. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Smith, Hart, Blackstock, Babel, Knotts, Reichle. Carried.

WHEREAS, East China Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2024 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, East China Township began the process of developing a recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of East China Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to complete an opinion survey related to parks and recreation needs and opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given notice of an opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 29, 2024 at the East China Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the East China Township Park Commission passed a resolution

recommending adoption of the 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East China Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the Park Commission and adopts the East China Township 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Plan shall serve as a guide to future recreation development in East China Township.

Yeas: Westrick, Smith, Hart, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Knotts

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ADJOURN – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Carried.

Sandra Smith, Clerk

Verne Westrick, Supervisor