

**NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
SPECIAL MEETING**

Supervisor Stover called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall, 320 Bell Road. Ringler led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Cooper, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Stover, Vella. Board member absent: Eull. Others present: Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk; Suzannah Deneau of Wightman and Associates, and Marcy Colclough with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and Harry Thibault, Parks Commissioner.

Agenda Approval: Noble motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Hoese supported.
All voting in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Grant Phase II of Trail Project: Marcy Colclough presented an update regarding the status of the grant. As of April 1, 2016 she will be resubmitting grant paperwork with M-DOT. M-DOT is requiring an archaeological study due to the natural properties included in Phase II. An endangered species study should also be conducted. These studies need to be accomplished as soon as possible due to deadlines for submitting for the grant. Suzannah Deneau advised the trail will have to be staked as well. Wightman will stake the trail for \$4,500.00. After discussion, Ringler motioned to approve Wightman to stake the trail in the amount of \$4,500.00. Noble supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Cooper, Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover

NAYS: None.

After discussion and reviews of 7 resumes for archaeologist companies, Vella motioned to approve an archaeological study to be completed by Great Lakes Research, Inc. in the amount of \$4,500.00. Stover read allowed the proposal. Cooper supported.

ROLL CALL AYES: Hoese, Noble, Ringler, Vella, Stover, Cooper.

NAYS: None.

Stover advised that a public hearing for the DNR Grant will be scheduled for March 7, 2016 meeting.

Comments from the Public: None.

Noble motioned to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. Ringler supported the motion.

All voting in favor

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Cole, Deputy Clerk

James W. Stover, Supervisor