

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
May 22, 2023**

The special meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Township Supervisor, Katherine Young.

Present: Craig Potvin, Brenda Lester, Susan Rochefort, Jenna Silkworth, and Kathy Young. Also present by phone was Township Attorney, Michael Homier and his associate Leslie Abdoo.

AGENDA: The purposes of the special meeting will be (1) hold a closed session to discuss trial or settlement strategy in connection with the Delta County and Heritage litigation the discussion of which in public would have a detrimental financial effect on the township's trial or settlement strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268; and (2) consider other business that may come before the Township Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public present

A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Jenna, to go into closed session to discuss trial or settlement strategy in connection with the Delta County and Heritage litigation, the discussion of which in public would have a detrimental financial effect on the township's trial or settlement strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268. Roll call vote: Sue – yes, Jenna – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, and Kathy – yes. Motion carried. Meeting continued in closed session at 10:02 a.m.

Closed session ended at 10:16 a.m.

A motion was made by Jenna, seconded by Sue, to resume the regular open session meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Brenda made a motion, seconded by Craig, to add to the agenda the question regarding term length for Jodi Durrance's position on the Planning Commission because her term is ending. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGREEMENT: Brenda made a motion to accept the consent agreement as amended in paragraph "H", seconded by Jenna. Roll Call Vote: Sue – yes, Jenna – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, and Kathy – yes. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION TERM QUESTION: Mike Homier stated the ex-officio member's term (township board member) is the only term that ends when their elected term ends. Any other planning commission member can be appointed for three-year terms. Therefore, the commission member's term that ends in June may be appointed until 2027. Brenda also asked the attorney about how the board extends the interim zoning ordinance and their office will send the township the resolution that will need to be adopted along with the publication for the newspaper. This may be done at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public present.

Motion was made by Brenda to adjourn, seconded by Craig. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried and meeting closed at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester,
Garden Township Clerk