

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Joint Meeting**

A joint meeting of the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Economic Development Authority was held on August 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Barker, Newland, Mielke, Henley, Jankens, Primeau, Lannen, Stovak, Verwey, Lyon, Mikus, Gallinat, Dinse, Squattrito, Wagner, Warner,

**Others Present**

Woody Woodruff, Brian Smith

**Correspondence**

Barker recommended the Board of Trustee's look at the Isabella County website regarding Bill Baily's proposal change status for the county zoning and the way it is currently being handled.

**Public Comment**

No comments were offered.

**Topics of Discussion**

Barker thanked all the members of the joint meeting for all the hard work they are doing.

- **Sign Ordinance**  
Woodruff updated the members of the Joint meeting members regarding the progress made on the Sign Ordinance Committee. The members of the Sign Ordinance committee are Jankens, Mielke, Woodruff, and Dinse. Future discussions involve hiring a specialist due to the complexity of the process.
- **Sustainability Report**  
Mikus updated the Board of Trustee's of what the Sustainability Committee has accomplished. The committee is made up of Lyon, Chowdary, Coffee, Lawrence, Rohrer, Mikus, and the township staff is Woody Woodruff, Samantha Fiani, and Brian Smith.

The recommendations and advice given to the Union Township Board of Trustees include energy conservation such as:

- Tracking energy conservation from Township Hall insulation, LED lights on Pickard, and other initiatives.
- Community garden project, which is in its second year by using of organic sprays and other barriers to prevent animal damage, initiation of user fee to encourage "ownership" and responsible clean up, water and hose service installed at the Jameson Park garden site.
- Multi-family (apartments) recycling, which has not materialized due to funding issues.
- Sidewalks on Bluegrass Rd and Isabella rd in an effort to design and install sidewalks which is expected to be completed this fall.
- The Green Self Assessment Check list for businesses and public facilities

- Union Township Environmental Leadership Award program which is under development.

**Open Discussion of Topics**

Barker suggested the members of the joint meeting read the article in the paper which discussed the tax cut to the DDA.

Barker updated the members of the joint meeting regarding the Michigan Green Communities Leadership Academy that was offered in Ann Arbor on July 17 – 17, 2012. He was encouraged by the honor Union Township held in being the “greenest in the state”.

Woodruff updated the members of the joint meeting of the strategy meeting for preparation of the game. Suggestions include:

- If you are not going to the game, stay away from the area
- There will be cellphone issues, so if having problems, use text instead of audio on your phone
- There will be an out/channel for traffic leaving the game, so plan accordingly
- There is more information on CMU’s website.

**Extended Public Comment**

No comments were offered.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**Adjournment**

**The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Alex Fuller, Secretary**

*(Recorded by Kathy Lee)*