



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Special Meeting  
September 18, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Restricted to three minutes regarding items on this agenda  
*Note: This is an opportunity for comments only, questions to the Board will not be answered at this time. For specific answers to questions, please call Township Hall (989-772-4600)*
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Discussion/Action: 2023 Citizen Survey Questionnaire
7. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Restricted to 5 minutes regarding any issue  
*Note: This is an opportunity for comments only, questions to the Board will not be answered at this time. For specific answers to questions, please call Township Hall (989-772-4600)*
8. MANAGER COMMENTS
9. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT
15. ADJOURNMENT

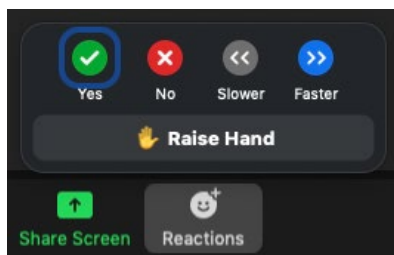
## Hybrid Meeting Instructions for the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees

The public can view all Union Township meetings live by clicking on our [YouTube Channel](#). For those who would like to participate, you can do so via Zoom.

[Click here](#) to participate in the Zoom Meeting via computer or smart phone. (Meeting ID Enter “891 5110 9956” Password enter “132981”). Access to the electronic meeting will open at 6:50 p.m. and meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Telephone conference call, dial (312-626-6799). Enter “819 4828 3594” and the “#” sign at the “Meeting ID” prompt, and then enter “132981” at the “Password” prompt. Lastly, re-enter the “#” sign again at the “Participant ID” prompt to join the meeting.

- All public comments for items on the agenda will be taken at the Public Comment and any issue not on the agenda will be taken at the Extended Public Comment section of the Agenda.
- Computer/tablet/smartphone audience: To indicate you wish to make a public comment, please use the “Reactions” icon. **Next, click on the “Raise Hand” icon** near the bottom right corner of the screen.



- **To raise your hand for telephone dial-in participants, press \*9.** You will be called on by the last three digits of your phone number for comments, at which time you will be unmuted by the meeting moderator.
- Please state your name and address for the minutes and keep public comments concise.

You will be called upon once all in-person comments have been made, at which time you will be unmuted by the meeting moderator.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance should call the Township office at (989) 772-4600. Persons requiring speech or hearing assistance can contact the Township through the Michigan Relay Center at 711. A minimum of one (1) business day of advance notice will be necessary for accommodation.

The first questions ask you to rate the quality of various services that Union Township households receive. Please think of the grading system that the schools use – where A is excellent, B is good, C is adequate, D is fair, and E is poor. (check one response for each row)

| Rate the quality of ...  | A                     | B                     | C                     | D                     | E                     | Not applicable/<br>Do not use |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fire services provided to the Township by the City of Mount Pleasant                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Union Township's water and sewer services  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Curbside recycling   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Responsiveness of Board of Trustees members to your concerns                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Police services provided to the Township by the Isabella County Sheriff's department | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Customer service from Township Hall staff  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Customer service from water and sewer utilities staff                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Customer service from parks and recreation staff                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| The zoning and building permit application process                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| The rental inspection process  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |
| Overall government services provided by Union Township                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>         |

Union Township relies on taxes to pay for a variety of services. Because resources are limited, the Township wants to know about the priorities of residents. Please indicate whether you think each initiative should be a high, medium, or low priority for use of tax dollars. (check one response for each row)

| Indicate the priority for ...                   | HIGH PRIORITY         | MEDIUM PRIORITY       | LOW PRIORITY          |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| More sidewalks and bike paths in the Township   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improving roads in the Township                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Enhanced public safety services in the Township | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Township ordinance enforcement                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Improved street lighting                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Snowplowing of sidewalks                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Recycling for apartments                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Electric vehicle charging stations              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**People have different opinions about development and land use in Union Township. Please indicate whether you definitely support, probably support, probably oppose, or definitely oppose each of following. (check one response for each row)**

| Level of support for ...   | DEFINITELY SUPPORT    | PROBABLY SUPPORT      | PROBABLY OPPOSE       | DEFINITELY OPPOSE     | Don't know            |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Protecting existing farmland in the Township                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Growth in commercial development in the Township – that is, offices and stores | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Growth in industrial development in the Township                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Developing more multi-family housing in the Township                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Developing more single family housing in the Township                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Protecting the residential quality of existing neighborhoods                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Acquiring land for a business park   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Conversion of farmland to large-scale solar energy production                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Residents differ in terms of how much information they have about the Township.. Please indicate how much knowledge you have about each of the following. (Check one response for each row)**

| Level of knowledge about ...            | GOOD DEAL OF KNOWLEDGE | SOME KNOWLEDGE        | LITTLE KNOWLEDGE      |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Activities and programs in the Township | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The Township Master Plan for land use   | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**The next questions ask your views about the quality of life in Union Township. (check one response for each row)**

| Quality of life...   | EXCELLENT             | GOOD                  | FAIR                  | POOR                  | No Opinion            |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| How would you describe your quality of life living in Union Township today?                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| How would you rate the changes that have taken place in Union Township over the past 10 years? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**Do you feel that there are sufficient parks and green space areas within walking distance of your residence? (please check one)**

- YES
  NOT SURE  
 NO

**Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit Township parks — McDonald Park or Jameson Park — during the past 12 months? (please check one)**

- AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
  NEVER **→ SKIP TO "HAVE NOT USED PARKS SECTION" BELOW**  
 A FEW TIMES PER MONTH  
 ABOUT ONCE PER MONTH  
 A FEW TIMES DURING THE YEAR

**Which Union Township park have you or members of your household visited most often during the past several years? (please check one)**

- MCDONALD PARK
  JAMESON PARK

**On a scale of 1 to 5, with five as the top rating, how would you rate the overall condition of any Township parks you have visited?**

**On a scale of 1 to 5, with five as the top rating, how would you rate your overall level of satisfaction with the value you or members of your household receive from the Township's parks and recreation facilities?**



**SKIP TO TOP OF NEXT PAGE**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT USED TOWNSHIP PARKS**

**What are the reasons that you have not used the Township's McDonald Park or Jameson Park facilities in the last year? (please check all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> We are too busy or not interested        | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't feel safe at parks                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inconvenient locations                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of recreation programming            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know where the parks are located | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have equipment or facilities I need |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need transportation to get to parks      | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have features or amenities I want   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained       | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability or age                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain: _____             |  |

**Which of these populations in our community do you feel need additional recreation opportunities?** *[please check up to three (3) of the choices to show your highest priorities]*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Younger children (4 – 8 years of age) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other adults              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (9 – 13 years of age)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teens (14 - 19 years of age)          | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young adults                          |  |

**What type of NEW park land is most needed in the Township?** *(please check one)*

- Additional public recreation land along the Chippewa River
- Additional public recreation land for sports fields
- New public park on the south side of the Township
- New neighborhood park or tot lot park on the east side of the Township
- No new parkland is needed
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following improvements to an existing park or recreational amenity in the Township – IF ANY – do you feel are your highest priorities?** *[please check no more than two(2)]*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None   | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop more sport fields                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add a covered pavilion next to the McDonald Park playground        | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand network of paved pathways                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add a lighted outdoor running/walking loop course at McDonald Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on maintaining the existing park facilities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____                                      |   |

**Do you or any members of your household have a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act?** *(please check one)*

- NO  SKIP TO NEXT PAGE
  - YES
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**What types of accommodations are needed to better serve you or household members with disabilities?** *(please check all that apply)*

- Adaptive equipment
- Barrier-free access improvements
- Sign language interpretation
- Non-verbal assistance (Braille)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What parks or recreation facilities (public, private, commercial) OTHER THAN THOSE in the Township do you visit and why?**

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**Which of the following new public recreation facilities, amenities, or services — IF ANY— do you feel are most needed in the Township?** *[please check up to five (5) to show your highest priorities or “none are needed”]*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NONE ARE NEEDED                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor amphitheater                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic courts, multi-sport                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paved walking and biking paths          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic fields - baseball or softball       | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic fields - lacrosse, football, soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Public wireless Internet access         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching/wildlife observation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting or archery range               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX/freestyle biking course                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding facilities                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing wall                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding hill                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covered group picnic shelters                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small neighborhood parks                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology charging stations            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks (off-leash)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Unpaved hiking/cross-country ski trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian (horse) trails                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Workout equipment, outdoor              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness court – outdoor gym                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water park/spray park                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature preserve                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____                |  |

**These last questions focus on your household. This information is used for summary purposes only.**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
|   | <b>YEARS</b> |
| How many years have you lived in Isabella County, including your years in the Township? | _____        |
| How many years have you lived in Union Township altogether?                             | _____        |
| How old are you?  | _____        |

**Please write in the TOTAL number of people in your household in the box and THEN the total in each age group living in your household:**

|       |                           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|       | TOTAL NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |
| _____ | 17 & under                | _____ | 18-34 | _____ | 35-54 | _____ | 55-74 | _____ | 75+ |

**How would members of your household prefer to receive information about the Township's parks and recreation facilities and services?** *(please check ALL THAT APPLY)*

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct email bulletins from the Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information displayed at the park        | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Township's website                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Morning Sun newspaper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct mailing from the Township         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public access to Township meetings       |                                      |

**Which of the following best describes where your residence is located?** *(check one response)*

- HIGH DENSITY APARTMENT OR CONDO COMPLEX
- SUBDIVISION/URBAN
- RURAL/AGRICULTURAL
- OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following describes your race or ethnicity?** *(check AS MANY AS APPLY)*

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN                | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN                           | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC                        |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE AMERICAN/AMERICAN INDIAN |                                      |

**Please check the category that best describes your yearly household income.** *(check one response)*

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | LESS THAN \$25,000      |
| <input type="radio"/> | \$25,000 UP TO \$50,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> | \$50,000 UP TO \$75,000 |

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | \$75,000 UP TO \$100,000  |
| <input type="radio"/> | \$100,000 UP TO \$150,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> | MORE THAN \$150,000       |

**What do you believe is the MOST IMPORTANT issue to address for the future of the Township?**

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**Please add any additional comments about the Township's services and facilities.**

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**Thank you for your time.**

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.