



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

April 4, 2016

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

Subject: City Council Member Questions and Responses

I have discussed questions advanced by Mayor and Council with Staff, and responses are attached. Thank you for asking questions in advance of the meeting.

Subject: I-05 APPLICATION TO DE-LIST 3645 CROOKS ROAD
Questions from Council Member Dave Henderson:

- 1) Curious what legal issues may or may not arise if we approve de-listing this site. I don't think the home fits in that location, and the lot could be better utilized by someone that wishes to improve it.
- 2) The home appears to have had its "charm" stripped away, and anyone that wishes to bring it back to its original state would spend a fortune doing so... not sure that person exists today.
- 3) Also, does the horse chestnut tree still exist on site, and is there a way to de-list the site while ensuring the tree stays? That seems to be a factor in some of the reports.

Response:

The Historic District Study Committee (HDSC) discussed this item at length and would agree with Councilman Henderson's comments.

The City is the only governing body that has the authority to de-list this historic property. The State of Michigan is only a recommending body for applications to de-list properties, as is the Planning Commission. All steps to de-list required by Chapter 13 were taken, including the HDSC making a recommendation based on findings of fact. From that standpoint, I can think of no legal issues that the City should be concerned with. I would defer to Lori for specific legal questions.

The historic character of the building was significantly reduced prior to being listed as a historic property in 1987. There does not appear to have been an effort to enhance the character of the building since that time, including when the City owned the building. The home cannot be renovated unless the proposed renovations are historic in character. For example, if there were to be a hail storm that damaged the roof and siding, the asphalt shingles and vinyl siding could not be replaced unless the owner received a waiver from the Historic District Commission.

I spoke to Kurt Bovensiep about the horse chestnut tree, which still sits on the site. Kurt's background is in horticulture and I would consider him to be an expert on trees. According to Kurt the tree is of "so-so" quality. It has blight and it has had it for years. Blights is a fungus that causes the leaves to have spots and drop early before changing color. In Kurt's opinion the tree does not have historic value. A photo of the tree is attached.



Chapter 13 Historic Preservation provides City Council with the authority to pass or reject an ordinance establishing, modifying or eliminating a historic district. The agenda item distributed to City Council on Friday included a draft resolution but did not include the actual draft ordinance language. The draft ordinance language is attached for City Council consideration. A hard copy of this email and the draft ordinance language will be provided at the table this evening.

City Council may take action on this item this evening or postpone this item to a future meeting.

CITY OF TROY
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF TROY

The City of Troy ordains:

Section 1. Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the 28th amendment to Chapter 13 – Historic Preservation of the Code of the City of Troy.

Section 2. Amendment

Section 3.A. of Chapter 13 – Historic Preservation is amended to eliminate the historic district located at 3645 Crooks. As amended, Section 3. A. of Chapter 13 shall read as follows:

(Strike through denotes the language to be eliminated)

3. REGULATION OF RESOURCES AND ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICTS

- A. There shall be no construction, alteration, repair, moving or demolition of the exterior features of a Historic Resource unless a certificate of appropriateness or a notice to proceed is issued in accordance with this chapter. The following Historic Districts are hereby established.

Troy Union Cemetery, 1199 E. Square Lake (Tax ID: 88-20-02-301- 009) T2N, R11E, SEC 2, PART OF SW ¼ OF SW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST S 89-44-00 E 750 FT FROM SW COR SEC 2, TH S 89-44-00 E 573.57 FT, TH N 00-24-30 W 446.10 FT, TH N 88-46-00 W 365.25 FT, TH S 40-53-00 W 133.60 FT, TH S 89-27-30 W 29.8 FT, TH S 14-06-00 W 360.89 FT TO BEG 4.66 A

6890 Norton (Tax ID: 88-20-03-226-033) T2N, R11E, SEC 3 PART OF NE ¼ BEG AT PT DIST S 01-15-30 E 809.30 FT & S 88-59-30 W 276.15 FT FROM N 1/8 COR, TH S 88-59-30 W 250 FT, TH N 01-35-15 W 136.63 FT, TH N 88-59-30 E 250 FT, TH S 01-35-15 E 136.63 FT TO BEG 0.78 A

770 W. Square Lake (Tax ID: 88-20-04-354-011) T2N, R11E, SEC 4 PART OF SW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST N 00-17-56 E 259.88 FT & S 89-45-00 E 160 FT & S 79-23-48 E 273.17 FT & S 69-02-36 E 300 FT & S 79-29-59 E 232.30 FT & S 89-57-22 E 136.66 FT FROM SW SEC COR, T N 00-12-04 E 226.40 FT, TH N 73-29-54 E 14.90 FT TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 60 FT, CHORD BEARS N 86-20-14 E 26.67 FT, DIST OF 26.89 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 60 FT, CHORD BEARS N 74-27-32 E 50.18 FT, DIST OF 51.77 FT, TH S 40-15-30 E 40.45 FT, TH S 89-57-22 E 9.96 FT, TH S 00-06-01 W 215 FT, TH N 89-59-22 W 125.75 FT, TO BEG 0.67 A5-3-90 FR 008

330 W. Square Lake (Tax ID: 88-20-04-451-029) T2N, R11E, SEC 4 E 169.92 FT of W 856.08 FT OF S 300 FT OF SE ¼, EXC S 60 FT TAKEN FOR RD 0.941A 2-6-93 FR 025

6091 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-04-478-013) T2N, R11E, SEC 4 TROY ACRES S 70 FT OF LOT 1

6071 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-04-478-017) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9, & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7 LOT 1 EXC E 27 FT TAKEN FOR RD 6-11-96 CORR

6059 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-04-478-018) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9 & 10, SUPERVISOR'S PLAT NO. 7 LOT 2

90 West Square Lake (Tax ID: 88-20-04-478-022) T2N, R11E, SEC 4, TROY ACRES NO. 1 SLY 150 FT OF LOT 20 EXC BEG AT SW LOT COR, TH N 89-30-00 E 93 FT, TH N 41 FT, TH S 88-15-21 W 93.04 FT, TH S 38.98 FT TO BEG 6-13-96 CORR

Former Stone School, 3995 South Boulevard (Tax ID: 88-20-06-101-001) T2N, R11E, SEC 6 W 165 FT OF N 264 FT OF NW FRC ¼ EXC PART TAKEN FOR HWY DESC AS BEG AT NW SEC COR, TH ELY 91 FT ALG SEC LINE, TH SWLY TO PT IN W SEC LINE DIST OF 91 FT SLY FROM BEG, TH NLY 91 FT ALG SEC LINE TO BEG 0.90 A

Beach Road Cemetery (Tax ID: 88-20-07-451-001) T2N, R11E, SEC 7 N 147 FT OF 167 FT OF SW ¼ OF SE ¼ 0.57A 5875 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-09-232-005) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9, & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7 LOT 13

46 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10-101-002) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9 & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7, PART OF LOT 26 BEG AT NW COR, T S 89-43-00 E 1.32 FT ALG N LOT LINE, TH S TO PT ON S LOT LINE 6 FT E OF SW LOT COR, TH S 89-15-00 W 6 FT ALG S LOT LINE, TH NLY 116.30 FT TO BEG, ALSO ALL OF LOT 27

54 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10-101-003) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9 & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7 LOT 26 EXC BEG AT NW LOT COR, TH S 89-43-00 E 1.32 FT ALG N LOT LINE, TH S TO PT ON S LOT LINE 6 FT E OF SW LOT COR, TH S 89-15-00 W 6 FT ALG S LOT LINE, TH NLY 116.30 FT ALG W LOT LINE TO BEG

90 East Square Lake Road and 110 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID 88-20-10-101-004) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9, & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7 LOT 25

126 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10-101-005) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9, & 10 SUPERVISOR'S PLAT NO. 7 LOT 24

138 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10-101-006) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9, & 10 SUPERVISORS PLAT NO. 7 LOT 23

160 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10-101-043) T2N, R11E, SEC 10 PART OF NW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST N 00-14-00 W 33 FT FROM NE COR OF LOT 23 OF 'SUPERVISOR'S PLAT NO 7', TH S 89-43-00 E 145 FT, TH S 00-14-00 E 300 FT, TH N 89-43-00 W 145 FT, TH N 00-14-00 W 300 FT TO BEG 1 A

101 East Square Lake Road (Tax ID: 88-20-03-301-077) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, SUPERVISOR'S PLAT NO. 7 E 30 FT OF LOT 20 EXC S 41 FT TAKEN FOR RD, ALSO LOT 21 EXC S 41 FT TAKEN FOR RD, ALSO N 73.43 FT OF LOT 22

Sylvan Glen Clubhouse, 5725 Rochester Road (Tax ID: 88-20-10- 200-001) T2N, R11E, SEC 10 NE /4 160 A

5871 Hilmore (Tax ID: 88-20-11-103-014) T2N, R11E, SEC 11 PART OF NW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST S 01-33-00 E 833 FT FROM NE COR OF W ½ OF NW ¼, TH S 88-55-00 W 330 FT, TH S 01-33-00 E 200 FT, TH N 88-55-00 E 330 FT, TH N 01-33-00 W 200 FT TO BEG 1.55 A

Hill House, 4320 John R (Tax ID: 88-20-13-303-014) T2N, R11E, SEC 13 PART OF SW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST N 00-49-43 E 1544.71 FT FROM SW SEC COR, TH S 89-10-17 E 220 FT, TH N 00-49-43 E 200 FT, TH N 89-10-17 W 220 FT, TH S 00-49-43 W 200 FT TO BEG EXC W 50 FT TAKEN FOR RD 0.77 A

Emerson Church – Unitarian Universalist, 4320 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-15-351-002) T2N, R11E, SEC 15 & 16 MC CORMICK & LAWRENCE LITTLE FARMS SUB LOTS 46 & 47 EXC W 27 FT TAKEN FOR RD, ALSO ALL OF LOT 48, ALSO W 85.58 FT OF LOT 49

Troy Museum & Historic Village - Caswell House, Poppleton School, Old City Hall, Old Troy Church and Parsonage, Log Cabin and Wagon, Shop 60 W. Wattles (Tax ID: 88-20-16-478-033) T2N, R11E, SEC 16 LAKEWOOD SUB LOT 89 TO 92 INCL, ALSO LOTS 131 TO 134 INCL EXC S 27 FT TAKEN FOR RD, ALSO N 30.75 FT OF LOT 138, ALSO LOTS 139 TO 142 INCL, EXC E 27 FT TAKEN FOR LIVERNOIS RD, and 100 W WATTLES (Tax ID 88-20-16-478-027) T2N, R11E, SEC 16 LAKEWOOD SUB LOT 130 EXC S 20 FT TAKEN FOR WATTLES RD., and 109 LANGE (Tax ID: 88-20-16-478-026) T2N, R11E, SEC 16 LAKEWOOD SUB LOT 93

Crooks Road Cemetery (Tax ID: 88-20-20-226-022) T2N, R11E, SEC 20 PART OF NE ¼ BEG AT PT DIST N 00-43-30 E 1101.84 FT FROM E ¼ COR, TH N 88-08-30 W 310.03 FT, TH ALG CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 100 FT, CHORD BEARS N 43-08-30 W 141.42 FT, DIST OF 157.08 FT, TH N 01-51-30 E 180 FT, TH ALONG CURVE TO LEFT, RAD 180 FT, CHORD BEARS N 43-08-30 W 254.56 FT, DIST OF 282.74 FT, TH N 01-51-30 E 179.31 FT, TH S 87-06-30 E 577.09 FT, TH S 00-43-30 E 629.54 FT TO BEG 6.71 A

[3645 Crooks](#) (Tax ID: 88-20-20-226-038) T2N, R11E, SEC 20 TROY HIGHLANDS NO. 1 LOT 70

839 W. Wattles (Tax ID: 88-20-21-101-024) T2N, R11E, SEC 21 PART OF NW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST S 89-58-00 E 535.00 FT FROM NW SEC COR, TH S 89-58-00 E 287.00 FT, TH S 00-13-00 W 607.22 FT, TH N 89-58-00 W 287.00 FT, TH N 00-13-00 E 607.22 FT TO BEG EXC N 245 FT OF W 150 FT THEREOF, ALSO EXC N 60 FT TAKEN FOR RD 2.97 A

3864 Livernois (Part of Tax ID: 88-20-22-101-005) Part of the NW ¼ of Sec 22, T.2N R11E, City of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan beginning at the point which is N 00°20'25" E 1771.60 ft. along the West line of Sec. 22 from the West ¼ corner of Sec 22, T2N R11E; thence, continuing along the West line of Sec. 22 N 00°20'25" E 330.00 ft.; thence S 89°25'55" E 225.00 ft.; thence S 00° 20'25" W 330.00 ft.; thence N 89°25'55" W 225 ft. to the point of beginning. Containing 74,247 square feet – 1.705 acres, and subject to an easement over the North 30 ft. for ingress and egress and public utilities.

36551 Dequindre (Tax ID: 88-20-25-230-032) T2N, R11E, SEC 25 PART OF NW ¼ BEG AT PT DIST S 00-00-08 E 1028.22 FT & S 89-23-59 W 60 FT FROM NE SEC COR, TH S 00-00-08 E 300 FT, TH S 89-23-59 W 245 FT, TH N 00-00-08 W 300 FT, TH N 89-23-59 E 245 FT TO BEG 1.69 A

1934 Livernois (Tax ID: 88-20-27-351-016) T2N, R11E, SEC 27 ADDISON HEIGHTS SUB N 81 FT OF W 108 FT OF LOT 53

Perrin Cemetery (Coolidge) (Tax ID: 88-20-32-152-002) T2N, R11E, SEC 32 PART OF W ½ BEG AT W ¼ COR, TH N 00-03-00 E 165 FT, TH E 140 FT, TH S 00-03-00 W 165 FT, TH S 88-44-30 E 25 FT, TH S 01-06-30 W 67.5 FT, TH N 88-31-00 W 165 FT, TH N 00-03-00 E 66 FT TO BEG 0.78

- B. Except as provided in subsection C, all of the Historic Districts established as of July 21, 2003 shall be exempt from the requirements and provisions of Section 14 of this Chapter entitled “Establishment, Modification or Elimination of a Historic District”. Such exempt Historic Districts shall not be within the purview of any Historic District Study Committee and shall remain under the sole jurisdiction of the Historic District Commission, except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 5 of this Chapter for the Historic Districts included in the Troy Museum and Historic Village.
- C. A person or entity that owns a resource within an Historic District established as of July 21, 2003, may submit a request to the Commission to modify or eliminate such Historic District. In such cases, the Historic District may only be eliminated or modified in accordance with Section 14.

Section 3. Savings

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect are hereby saved. Such proceedings may be consummated under and according to the ordinance in force at the time such proceedings were commenced. This ordinance shall not be construed to alter, affect, or abate any pending prosecution, or prevent prosecution hereafter instituted under any ordinance specifically or impliedly repealed or amended by this ordinance adopting this regulation, for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this ordinance; and new prosecutions may be instituted and all prosecutions pending at the effective date of this ordinance may be continued, for offenses committed prior to the effective date of this ordinance, under and in accordance with the provisions of any ordinance in force at the time of the commission of such offense.

Section 4. Severability Clause

Should any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provision of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days from the date hereof or upon publication, whichever shall later occur.

This Ordinance is enacted by the Council of the City of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the City Council held at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI, on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Dane Slater, Mayor

Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Subject: I-6 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER INCENTIVE PLAN AND TRUST

Questions from Council Member Dave Henderson:

- 1) I don't see a financial advisor in the trust board requirements similar to the retirement board. It seems that is another layer of expertise that might be important especially during startup of this board/fund

Response:

Section 1:303(6) of the Trust requires the Board of Trustees to employ an investment manager (or managers). Each investment manager must be registered under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940.

- 2) Are we going to have the new board go through the same process the Retirement board went through to select a management broker, or are we going to start the process out using Greystone or UBS to administrate the fund since they are already vetted and approved for similar functions?

Response:

The selection of an investment manager will certainly be one of the primary tasks of the Board of Trustees during the initial meetings. It is currently anticipated that the investment manager will guide the board in the development of investment policies and fund managers.

Based on previous experience and the results of a recently conducted search for an investment manager by both the ERS and Retiree Healthcare Systems, it would seem feasible that the Board of Trustees may forego a formal search and appoint one or both of the investment managers currently used by the other systems.

Subject: J-04A SPR9 APPROVAL TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWALS OVER \$10,000 - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Question from Council Member Ellen Hodorek:

Regarding the MML, they have recently announced efforts to develop and offer solutions in response to the state revenue sharing issue impacting cities and communities across the state. Are we tracking their municipal finance reform efforts, offering input, or otherwise involved in that in any way?

Response:

Yes, we are keeping track of the MML's efforts. Brian Kischnick, City Manager, Tom Darling, Director of Financial Services and Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney are frequently in contact with Samantha Harkins, Director of the MML Foundation. The MML also provides regular updates and resources that are reviewed daily or weekly.

c: Mark Miller, Director of Economic and Community Development
Tom Darling, Financial Services Director
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
Table

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