

GAINES CHARTER

TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees Meeting
8555 Kalamazoo Ave., SE
Caledonia, MI 49316
Lower Level Community Room
Monday, July 28, 2025 ~ Time: 5:30 PM

1. **Opening Prayer ~ Clerk, Michael A. Brew**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Call to Order and Attendance ~**
4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
5. **Approval of Agenda**
6. **Public Comments - *Public may speak regarding anything on the agenda which is NOT scheduled for a public hearing (comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)***
7. **New Business**
 - a. Initiatives Review Document
[Initiatives for Gaines Charter Township.pdf](#)
 - b. GCTFD Additional Staffing
 - c. GCTFD Capital Replacement
 - d. Township Initiatives
 - e. Parks & Trails Initiatives
 - f. Road Repair Funding
 - g. Open Discussion-Board Member Initiatives
8. **Public Comments ~ *On any topic (comments limited to 3 minutes per speaker)***
9. **Manager's Comments**
10. **Supervisors Comments**
11. **Trustee Comments**
12. **Adjournment**

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: August 11, 2025

ANY INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING TO REQUEST MOBILITY, VISUAL OR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE.

Preliminary Agenda - Subject to Change

Initiatives for Gaines Charter Township

2025-2027 Priorities

1. Public Safety needs addressed as Township grows (Fire and Police)

- a. Fire Department Staff and Equipment Needs and Special Assessment
- b. Policing deputy and Neighborhood awareness events

Thirteen Board Votes – included staffing/replacement of equipment as scheduled/additional facilities

2. Branding Project (Trustee Approved May 2025) -In progress – final delivery August 31st

GCT Outward facing Communications and Marketing

- a. Website revisions **August**
- b. Newsletter revisions
- c. Signage/Structures throughout the Township
- d. Consistency across platforms and committees
- e. Community Engagement Events in Cooperation with the Chamber

3. Prairie Wolf Park Upgrades – *Items a-f received a combined total of 13 votes from the Parks & Trails Committee:*

- a. Pavilion - **One Board Vote**
 - b. Event Building
 - c. Restrooms/kitchen space
 - d. Parking
 - e. Explore Upgrades to small barn – **Three Board Votes**
 - f. Amphitheater/stage
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- g. Educational programs, historical information - **Six P&T Committee Votes**
 - h. Access improvements to MODT wetlands on 76th Street – **Five P&T Committee Votes**
 - i. Natural playground equipment at Prairie Wolf Park – **Four P&T Committee Votes**

4. Connecting/Expanding Trails Including parking and signage

Four Board Votes

5. Land Acquisition – **Fifteen Parks & Trails Committee Votes**

- a. Determine spaces, Purchase land, increase green space, provide various outdoor recreation activities – **Four Board Votes**
- b. Board Priorities:
 - i. Connecting and expanding existing Trails – **Four Board Votes**

6. KDL Gaines Branch Library Upgrade (Space and Technology)

Notes from Board – manage internal building projects as needed and increase 2026 budget

7. Internal Projects

- a. Development of a Parks & Grounds Department – **Six Board Votes**