

ABRAMS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 3, 2016 – 6:30 PM
GRAND LEDGE CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
310 GREENWOOD STREET

- I. CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Dave Powers, Helen Hagg, Mark Wilkins, Dan Harris, Todd Cotter, John Rowland, and Peter Manina. Others present Ameer King Assistant City Administrator and Mead & Hunt representative Stephanie Ward. Members absent: Cana Garrison, Ryan Humphrey, Jamie Malecki, Patti Schafer, and the Michigan National Guard Representative.
- A. Introduction of Todd Cotter appointed to the Board on April 25, 2016** – Mr. Cotter gave a brief personal history about himself.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ms. Hagg made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Wilkins supported the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0.
- A. COMMISSION MINUTES** – Approval of the regular minutes for March 2, 2016. Mr. Manina requested that the Ms. before his name be changed to Mr. Mr. Manina made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Hagg supported the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. STAFF REPORTS**
- A. Financial Report** – Mrs. King reviewed the financial report. Ms. Hagg noted that we had saved money on our Consumers Energy bills and suggested that we change the runway lights to pilot operated only for a cost savings measure. Mrs. King will follow up with an electrician on this issue.
- B. T-Hangar Report** – Mrs. King reviewed the T-hangar report and indicated she had received 2 calls of interest over the past week.
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
- A. Airport Layout Plan Update** – Ms. Ward indicated that the ALP had been put temporarily on hold while awaiting a plan for removal of the tree obstructions. Mrs. King added that she and Mr. Smith met with MDOT officials to discuss the 20:1 letter the City is in receipt of and what options are available. MDOT officials indicated we will need to complete the ALP project to allow the ACIP be amended for the addition of the tree obstruction and removal project. Ms. Ward continued with the map that shows where the air obstructions are, which may be 1 tree or several clustered together. The estimate was for 5 parcels. Mrs. King added that we have been in contact with 2 property owners and will keep everyone apprised of the outcome. The hope is to complete a boundary survey to identify which trees are on which parcels. Ms. Ward indicated if we are unsuccessful in coming to an agreement with the land owners in removing the trees, we will be forced to follow the very complicated Federal regulations. Another community that Mead & Hunt work for decided to trim the trees to 10 feet below the air space encroachment with Federal funding. Five years later they had to trim the trees again for \$70,000 all of which was their own cost. Ms. King added that we have several large projects to tackle in the next few years with limited funds. The board requested that staff continue to work with the neighbors to see if the tree obstructions can be resolved.
- B. 20:1 Letter** – This item was discussed with the previous item.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS** –

- VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS** – Ms. Hagg indicated that the Explorers had their first meeting 2 weeks ago and did not have a great turn out. They will try to get the word out to more people. The group explores all kinds of aviation and work on helping students be career ready. It’s available to high school students.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Rowland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Hagg supported the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0.

Minutes compiled and submitted for approval by Amee King, Assistant City Administrator