Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-November 17, 2009

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday. November 17, 2009 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Tai, Williams Staff Present: Director Conklin. Tim Cronin. Legal Counsel Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Discussion on Holiday Displays The issue of non-secular displays during the holiday season has been a topic of discussion for quite some time. For many years, Canton referred to a Supreme Court ruling that classified both a Christmas Tree and Menorah as winter seasonal decorations and not necessarily religious symbols. During the 2008 holiday season, Leisure Services and the Board of Trustees were approached by a Canton resident about displaying a nativity scene. At that time, the Board directed staff to work with legal counsel to draft a policy. Tim Cronin, Legal Counsel, was present to discuss the options for consideration. - Philip LaJoy, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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