

Legislative Analysis



PROPERTY CONVEYANCES

DODGE PARK – CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE

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House Bill 5952

Sponsor: Representative Klint Kesto

Committee: Appropriations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5952 AS INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 12, 2014

House Bill 5952 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to accept from the Charter Township of Commerce (Township), for the consideration of \$1.00, property previously conveyed to the Township by DNR in 1984 PA 248. Approximate legal descriptions of the property are set forth in the bill.

Upon receiving the property from the Township, the provisions of the bill require DNR to reconvey the property to the Township for \$1.00 subject to the same conditions as the conveyance made pursuant to 1984 PA 248, with the exception that DNR shall remove the condition that the property be used exclusively for public township park purposes and replace it with a condition that the property be used exclusively for public purposes.

The property would be conveyed by quitclaim deed by the DNR and approved by the Attorney General. The DNR would be required to deposit the revenue received (\$1.00) in the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The property consists of one parcel totaling approximately 48.84 acres in the Charter Township of Commerce (Township). The property currently serves as part of Dodge Park and the Township would like to develop a new public library on the property. The Township's current library is located in a former golf clubhouse and was intended to be a temporary location. The Commerce Township Board of Trustees approved construction of a new public library at the Dodge Park location on October 14, 2014.

A deed restriction included in the original conveyance to the Township in 1984 PA 248 limited the property to be used exclusively for public township park purposes. House Bill 5952 would remove the current deed restriction and replace it with a condition that the property be used exclusively for public purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There would be no fiscal impact to state or local government under the provisions of the bill. The DNR would accept the property from the Township for \$1.00 and subsequently reconvey the property with the new public purpose deed restriction for \$1.00. By removing the public

township park purpose deed restriction and replacing with broader public purpose deed restriction, the Township would be permitted to move ahead with its plans for a public library on the property.

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