

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson
ABSENT: Supervisor LeGoff
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Public Works and Engineering Derek Perry, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Human Resources Joyce Marx, Finance Director Miriam Mattison, Police Chief David Hall, Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Human Resource Intern Griffin Graham

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Dreyfus called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Styka moved to nominate Angela Wilson as Supervisor Pro Tem. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Special Recognition-Michael Duda, Superintendent of Haslett Public Schools

Trustee Styka offered the following information regarding Mr. Duda:

- Superintendent of Haslett Public Schools for 12 years
- Retiring in June after 40 years in public education, 25 of which have been spent in exemplary service to the Haslett School system
- Recognition for a distinguished career of education
- Played a key role in developing community initiatives to gain voter support for two sinking funds as well as school bond proposals

Superintendent Duda expressed his thanks for the support of parents, students, school personnel, and township employees during his tenure with the Haslett Public School system. He introduced Steve Cook, the new Superintendent who will assume his duties on June 30th.

B. Special Recognition-Quiz Busters-Okemos High School Grand Champions

Trustee Styka introduced Quiz Busters Advisor Andrew Flood, an Okemos High School teacher who is in his fourth year as the quiz bowl coach.

Mr. Flood thanked the Okemos Education Foundation for its support and introduced and presented certificates to quiz bowl grand champions team members Ravi Betzig (senior/captain), Erik Buboltz (senior), Ricky Li (junior), Jacob Pulice (senior), and Justin Bi (junior).

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson opened Public Remarks.

Richard Kerbawy, 1398 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of Special Use Permit #16051 (New Hope Church), stating the upcoming project will be of spiritual and financial benefit to the Township.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, acknowledged Supervisor Duda's support of the Township when he opened the school for residents to take refuge during the winter storm when the Township was without power.

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson closed Public Remarks.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Walsh reported on the following:

- Meeting with the owners of Haslett Village Square to discuss future plans for the site
- Will be making a presentation at the Indian Hills neighborhood meeting
- Welcomed new HOM-TV interns
- Met with Grange Acres residents and management staff to discuss issues on the site
- Assisting in the preparation of a Grange Acres community meeting in the near future
- Neighborhoods surrounding the Four Winds Golf Course have been invited to a meeting which will be held on June 2, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Municipal Building to discuss upcoming development plans for the golf course site

7. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

Trustee Veenstra voiced appreciation to Manager Walsh and staff in addressing the Grange Acres issues. He endorsed recommendations contained in Tim Potter's letter for establishing bike lanes on Park Lake Road and for creating narrower lanes to address slowing traffic and safety issues. Trustee Veenstra also endorsed some of the points in Judge Collette's letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) opposing the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. He also spoke in support of the continued efforts to reduce the deer population in the Township.

Trustee Styka announced Donna Kregelka was the recipient of a national award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He noted Ms. Kregelka is an 8th grade social studies teacher at Chippewa Middle School and is one of three world-wide recipients of the Smart/Mahra VFW National Citizenship Teacher Awards. Trustee Styka indicated the Okemos School system appointed Sarah Wohlford to replace Dr. Punya Mishra as a School Board Member and John Hood (Principal at Kinawa Upper Middle School) was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, replacing retiring Patricia Trelstad.

Trustee Scales reported his attendance at Redi-Ride meetings with Trustee Styka and Trustee Veenstra where work continued on no cost recommendations to improve efficiency of the system. He reported his attendance at the Park Commission's Friends of the Park Volunteer Recognition Ceremony with other board members recognizing volunteer services to the park system throughout the year.

Clerk Dreyfus reported the Clerk's Office conducted two voter registration drives with 59 (10 outside of district) registrants at Okemos High School and 79 (20 outside of district) at Haslett High School. He added all registrants will be eligible to vote in November. He reported his attendance at the most recent Meridian Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) meeting where discussion took place on the following items:

- The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Receipt of an update on the Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) Joan Smith Memorial Fund
- A Chippewa Middle School teacher is seeking a spacemaker grant
- The process for and serving on the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Board
- Presentation on the Okemos Pointe PUD project
- Walnut Hills property issue

Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at the Friend of the Park appreciation event where a large number of diverse individuals, groups and organizations were honored. He announced he will be volunteering at the Children's Trust Fund annual fundraising/auction event. Clerk Dreyfus noted he will host the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Glendale Ceremony on Monday, May 30th from noon to 1:00 P.M., with Judge Rosemary Aquilina as the keynote speaker.

Treasurer Brixie announced the annual Ride of Silence will be held tomorrow, May 18th with participants leaving Michigan State University's Wells Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee Styka reported his attendance at the annual Environmental Commission Environmental Stewardship Awards on May 4th. He announced winners included East Lansing Food Co-Op, Haslett Beautification Association, Assistant Police Chief Ken Plaga, Michael Thomas, Dave Reicosky and Ody and Rachel Norkin for Skybird, Okemos Travel and Michigan Flyer.

Trustee Scales stated he will be taking Haslett High School students on their annual bus trip to Motown Museum.

Trustee Veenstra announced his attendance at the Annual Friends of the Park Recognition Ceremony to honor volunteers who made a difference in our parks. He thanked them for their work in the parks and in making Meridian Township a great place to live.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Scales.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

A. Communications

(1) Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Tim Potter, 4632 Van Atta Road, Okemos, RE: Narrower lane widths are safer for Township road users

BI-2 Christine Goodrick Beavers, 5125 Brookfield Drive, East Lansing; RE: Medical Marihuana

BI-3 Phyllis Vaughn, 6100 Balog Court, Haslett; RE: Redi-Ride/Aging Population

(2) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 William E. Collette, 2373 Barnsbury Road, East Lansing; Copy of letter to Stuart McKenzie, Planning & Program Development, Federal Transit Administration; RE: Opposition to CATA/BRT Project in Meridian Township

(3) Staff Communication (SC)

SC-1 Deborah Guthrie, Director of Communications; RE: Copy of a thank you letter from Holly Rosen, Director of MSU Safe Place, in appreciation for sponsorship and contribution of media coverage to the 22nd Annual Race for the Place 5K

Material handed out at the May 3, 2016 Board Meeting:

Kristen Johnson, 2359 Coyote Creek Drive, Okemos; RE: Special Use Permit #15101 & Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #15024 (T.A. Forsberg, Inc. & Westpac Michigan)

Treasurer Brixie moved that the communications be received and placed on file, and any communications not already assigned for disposition be referred to the Township Manager or Supervisor for follow-up. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

(1) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

(2) Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 189,920.31
Public Works	<u>\$ 42,276.04</u>
Total Checks	\$ 232,196.35
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 8,297.21
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 240,493.56</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 464,484.63</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Fireworks Display Permit-4th of July Celebration

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the Fireworks Permit for the Meridian Township 4th of July Celebration on July 4, 2016, by pyrotechnic operator Night Magic Displays with a rain date of July 5, 2016. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Fire Lieutenant Promotion and Full-Time Paramedic/Firefighter Appointments
Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Fire Department to promote Firefighter Ryan Campbell to the rank of Lieutenant, and Corey Pant, Amanda Arnett and Charles Malesko to full-time Firefighter. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson.
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

11. HEARINGS

- A. Pathway Master Plan
Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson opened the public hearing at 6:41 P.M.

Director Perry summarized the proposed Pathway Master Plan as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2016.

- Public
Bill McConnell, 4376 Manitou, Okemos, referenced materials in the packet from the Environment Commission and from a public input session. He expressed appreciation for soliciting and compiling public input, noting recommendations from the April 7th meeting are listed as priorities and reflect recommendations from the Environmental Commission. Mr. McConnell spoke in support of extending the river trail from MSU campus to Meridian Township, the trail from Meridian Road to the Harris Nature Center, Eastgate and Legg Parks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna Parkway, Haslet, spoke in support of the pathway system. He voiced his support for placing the millage renewal on the August ballot and increasing the tax amount back to 1/3 mil. Mr. Provencher also expressed support for primary and secondary roads to be included in the pathway system and would like to see the section on Grand River moved up to a first priority position.

Michael Unsworth, 1518 Haslett Road, Unit 635, Haslett, spoke in support of the overall plan. He noted his appreciation for Township staff's work with MSU to construct a pathway through the natural area and recommended installing a flashing beacon light on the inter-urban trail to address public safety issues.

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing at 6:51 P.M.

12. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson opened and closed Public Remarks.

- A. 2015 Audit Report-Andrew Hooper Pavlik PLC
Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the 2015 audited financial statements as presented by Andrew Hooper Pavlik PLC. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Jeffrey Fineis, partner with Andrew Hooper Pavlik PLC, 4295 Okemos Road, Suite 200, Okemos, offered a slide presentation on the overhead projector illustrating a clean unmodified audit opinion. He congratulated staff on receipt of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for the December 31, 2014 comprehensive annual financial report. Mr. Fineis highlighted capital improvement projects, outlined comparisons of the General Fund Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balance from 2013 to 2015 and addressed reporting of the pension liabilities and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations.

Board and auditor discussion:

- Pension and OPEB obligations have been included in previous audits but this year the State required it be reflected in the financial statements to illustrate how organizations are improving their funding status
- Board member request for the auditing firm to furnish an explanation of the term “agency funds do not have a measurement focus” from page 27 of the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- Board member objection to a statement in the audit that the public (i.e., Meridian Township citizens and “owners” of the government) is not allowed access to the audit information, as all information should be available for public review
- Liabilities from 2014-2015 are up \$22 million but the net financial position dropped 20% due to \$27 million owed in post-employment, pension and health care liabilities
- During the last four years, the fund balance has been growing and the Township has been funding capital improvements each year
- In 2016, the Township will address the pension liability by adding \$1.2 million over the annual payment amount
- Auditing firm will research what is disclosed as tax abatement information and will confirm if a Brownfield Tax Credit and the Downtown Development Authority’s (DDA) Tax Increment Financing (TIA) meet the definition for the tax abatement information contained in the Supplement Section (page 3), or if this information would be disclosed in footnotes
- Statistical and Introduction sections are not subject to audit procedures as this information is furnished from other Township sources
- Statistical and Introduction section information does not come from the General Ledger and financial records that are audited

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Medical Marihuana - Final Adoption

Trustee Styka moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2016-07, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article I by amending Section 86-2 and Section 86-5, Chapter 86, Article IV, Division 2 by adding Section 86-368 (b)(2) a.5 and amending Section 86-368 (b)(2) b.4, Chapter 86, Article IV, Division 3 by adding Section 86-403 (d)(5) and Section 86-404 (c)(15), and Chapter 86, Article IV, Division 4, by adding Section 86-435 (b)(4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

Board discussion:

- Board member belief it is a reasonable compromise and citizens who have spoken to do not appear to oppose the proposed ordinance
- Board member belief this is a solution in search of a problem because marihuana may soon be legalized in Michigan
- Board member inquiry as to how the Township will know who caregivers are to ensure they are abiding by the ordinance
- Board member preference is to not allow marihuana grow operations in residential neighborhoods and questioned enforceability and safeguards of the proposed ordinance
- Proposed language states a grow operation cannot be within 500 feet of another grow operation in commercial and industrial zoning districts
- Non-residential occupations have to comply with the zoning ordinance and must pass building and fire inspections to obtain an occupancy permit
- Currently there are no home occupation regulations for caregivers
- Board member preference to limit the size of grow and transfer operations in districts zoned commercial and limit the number of plants allowed in commercial and residential districts
- Neighbors can report potential code compliance issues and those issues will be investigated and addressed by the Township
- Board member belief Township should develop a business registration requirement

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: Trustee Scales, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie
Motion failed 3-3.

Trustee Veenstra moved to reconsider the vote. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Styka, Veenstra, Clerk Dreyfus
NAYS: Trustee Scales, Treasurer Brixie, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
Motion failed 3-3.

C. Essential Wetland Determination Towner Road Park

Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, pursuant to Section 22-156 of the Township Code of Ordinances, hereby identifies Wetland A at Towner Road Park, located at 2055 Towner Road in Haslett as essential to the preservation of the natural resources of the Charter Township of Meridian.

Seconded by Trustee Scales.

Board discussion:

- Director Maisner previously stated they will respect the wetland during development of the park

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

D. 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program

Trustee Scales moved to authorize the Fire Department to apply for and accept a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$41,300.00 with the Township's 5% share being \$2,065.00 coming from the 2016 General Fund. Supported by Treasurer Brixie

Board discussion:

- The primary purpose of this grant is to obtain smoke detectors for senior citizens and hearing impaired residents

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustee Styka, Veenstra, Scales, Treasurer Brixie,
Clerk Dreyfus, Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

[Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson recessed the meeting at 7:55 P.M.]

[Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson reconvened the meeting at 8:04 P.M.]

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson opened Public Remarks.

Mark Kring, 1141 Gulick, Haslett, pastor of New Hope Church, stated the church was launched in 2007, has since outgrown their current facility and desires to relocate within Meridian Township. He indicated the proposed site is a good location for the new building. Pastor Kring noted several church board members are present to answer Board questions.

Ernest Schaefer, Campus Village Communities, 919 W University, Rochester, requested reconsideration of the brownfield plan request for The Square, as modifications have been made to the plan. He stated field studies continue in an effort to develop a defined scope and ascertain problems associated with the project. Mr. Schaefer reminded Board members the original brownfield request was \$4.5 million which was later reduced to \$2.7 million. He indicated the applicant now proposes to cap the request at \$1.97 million, reduce the capture time from 13 to nine (9) years and reduce the amount of funds withheld by the county with a pass-through annual amount of \$35,000 coming back to the township.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Maser Plan and the recommendations for the plan contained in the staff memorandum.

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson closed Public Remarks.

A. Special Use Permit #16051 New Hope Church 2170 Saginaw (M-78)

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed request to construct a church which is greater than 25,000 in gross floor area as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 11, 2016

Board discussion:

- Project will not be crossing county lines and road improvements will be in Ingham County
- The topographic survey outlines the trees on the site
- A tree survey was completed but a natural features assessment was not
- Landscape plans include maintaining trees along the roadway and in the northern portion of site where possible
- Plan currently shows removing some trees in the parking area, but during site plan review the applicant will attempt to save trees where possible
- Grading can damage mature trees
- Board member preference for bigger islands in an effort to save trees
- Staff to provide Board members with missing pages three (3) and (6) of the site plan
- Road and drainage issues will be addressed with the Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- The slope of the site is relatively flat, but there may be modifications to the grading plan for detention in the southwest corner of the site
- There is no work proposed in the wetlands and the wetlands will be respected
- Possible future expansion will require another look at the wetlands

- The applicant has proposed 805 seats in the main sanctuary
- The proposed site plan shows 208 parking spaces which exceeds the minimum parking space requirement
- Board member preference to save trees, include bicycle racks at the two (2) major entrances and to minimize curb cuts
- Meridian Township Fire Department will require two access points into the site to meet safety requirements
- MDOT is proposing to reconfigure the median on Saginaw Highway
- Towner Road has been abandoned from Saginaw to Newton Road
- Prior redevelopment request included a \$7.8 million brownfield plan but only \$75,000 of the amount was allotted to due care activities (contaminants)
- A small amount of contaminants currently exist on the site near the former house
- A baseline environmental assessment (BEA) will be required, but the contaminants are such that they can remain on the property by moving dirt
- The site to the west was investigated as a possible location for the project, but it contained contaminants which would require an investment of over \$1 million to clean up
- Phase I and Phase II assessments have been conducted on the site which showed the majority of the contaminants are located near the former house and barn
- There are no reported underground storage tanks
- The environmental consultant has made four (4) recommendations which will be addressed and a due care plan will be performed by the applicant after the property is purchased
- The environmental consultant is knowledgeable as to location and type of contaminants to be addressed
- The church is a non-profit tax-exempt organization which does not qualify for a brownfield

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 7, 2016 Board meeting.

B. Travel and Expense Policy

Director Marx summarized the travel and expense policy as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2016.

Board discussion:

- Board member belief mileage for statutory duties of supervisor, clerk and treasurer should be covered and non-statutory activities should not be covered
- Board member belief there should be a list on what the policy covers
- Board member preference to change the second sentence under Official's Business to read: "Mileage for travel to Township Board and Commission meetings, fundraisers, business grand openings, and similar events, are not eligible for reimbursement."
- Board member preference for separation between elected officials and township employees although two elected officials are employees and need to include the statutory duties that are reimbursable expenses

It was the consensus of the Board to change the second sentence on page 1, under Official's Business, to read: "Mileage for travel to Township Board and Commission meetings, fundraisers, business grand openings, and similar events, are not eligible for reimbursement."

Continued Board discussion:

- Board member preference to also add language which reads, "Mileage for statutory duties associated with the positions of Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer will be reimbursed."
- Board member preference to also include "trustees" to reimbursement of mileage for statutory duties but suggested some items need to be removed
- Board member preference to conclude discussion on this topic and place on the agenda as an action item for the June 7, 2016 Board meeting

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 7, 2016 Board meeting.

C. Sierra Ridge Lift Station/Payback

Director Perry summarized the ten (10) year payback extension request as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2016.

Board discussion:

- Board member preference to grant the extension for ten (10) years to allow the developer additional time to recoup his costs
- Board member preference to reduce the extension time period to five (5) years
- Township received the 5% administrative fee under the original contract in 2008 and an administrative fee is included in the proposed extension request

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the June 7, 2016 Board meeting.

D. The Square, 2655 Grand River Avenue-Brownfield

Director Kieselbach summarized the revised brownfield request as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2016. He distributed a revised property tax and brownfield plan scenario comparison and resolution.

Board discussion:

- Additional information illustrate the township's commitment would be reduced from \$714,250 to \$448,000
- The number of years for tax capture was reduced from 13 to nine (9) with an eligible activity cost reduction of approximately \$2 million
- Board member belief the burden of the contamination clean-up costs should be shared with the seller/owner of the property and not be the burden of the taxpayers
- Taxable value of the property is \$1.8 million
- Board member preference to reconfigure and reduce development size to fit the neighborhood which would reduce the remedial amount
- Environmental conditions of the site are still being explored and there may be a further reduction of the brownfield, but the developer will commit to cap costs at \$1.97 million
- A vapor barrier may be required but only two (2) of the four (4) tests have been performed, and the last test cannot be conducted until this fall
- There is contamination situated in the southwest area of the project where a previous dump was located
- The applicant has proposed installation of underground sealed pipes to run the length of the site to direct stormwater north towards the Grand River corridor
- This proposed process will eliminate any contamination moving toward the Red Cedar River
- The water currently drains into a second detention area and this area is not a sealed site, which allows contaminants to seep into the ground water system and consequently into the Red Cedar River
- If the proposed development does not proceed, the problems will not be cleaned up
- Additional test holes have been drilled to research the amount of fill material and concrete currently below the surface
- Based on findings, the applicant has refined the underground sealed detention system
- Board member preference to know the extent and degree of what needs to be corrected
- Board member need for assurance of a quality site cleanup so residents will feel safe to live at that location
- Due care activity plan must be approved by both the State of Michigan and the Ingham County Brownfield Authority
- Board member preference to see the scope of the project reduced
- The developer will be reimbursed only for the contaminates which are cleaned up

E. Pathway Master Plan

Director Perry summarized the Pathway Master Plan recommendations as outlined in staff memorandum dated May 12, 2016.

Board discussion:

- Board member preference to accept the six recommendations as additions to the Master Plan submitted by staff
- Board member preference to recommend a 12' wide pathway on the north side of Grand River from Okemos Road to Park Lake Road
- Board member preference would be to reduce the pathway to the minimum requirement of 10' wide when seeking federal funding
- Staff in process of securing easements for the Red Cedar River pathway and residents are supportive of its development
- ICRD has a long range plan to install paved shoulders on Jolly Road from Dobie Road to Meridian Road
- Recommendation for paved shoulders will be discussed with Road Department as road improvements are being made
- Park Lake Road will be milled and paved this summer; work will be completed within its time constraints
- Pathway funds can be used for paved shoulders if shown on the Master Plan
- Board member preference to ask for striping on Park Lake Road
- Pathway on the east side of Marsh Road, north of Haslett Road, is currently on the plan; will need to obtain easements to complete this section of the pathway system
- Staff is working with property owner to obtain easement to move the retaining wall on Jolly Road

14. FINAL PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson opened Public Remarks.

Jared S. Wilson, 5443 Amber Drive, East Lansing, voiced concern with elected officials appearing to receive any additional benefits contained in the proposed Travel and Expense Policy and suggested a separate policy for elected officials.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of the medical benefits of marihuana but expressed concern with its legalization, specifically without standards for those who drive vehicles after medical marihuana use. He urged caution as the Board moves forward on this issue.

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson closed Public Remarks.

15. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Scales reported he will be offering road recommendations at the next Board meeting scheduled for June 7, 2016.

Trustee Veenstra commented on the work of the Redi-Ride Committee and offered his opinion on a possible future ballot question for Redi-Ride.

Trustee Styka clarified the Redi-Ride Committee is not yet at a point to offer recommendations.

Trustee Wilson announced she will be absent from Township Board meetings in July and August, with plans to be back in September. She thanked everyone for their support.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Pro Tem Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:17 P.M.

ANGELA WILSON
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PRO TEM

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Robin J. Faust, Secretary