

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: Clerk Helmbrecht
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief
Dave Hall, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager
Paul Brake, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Introduction of new Police Officer

Police Chief Hall introduced Kyle Royston for presentation to the Board as a new law enforcement officer.

Officer Royston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

A. Presentation by Robert Luckner of Wolverine Pipeline

Mr. Luckner, President of Wolverine Pipeline, gave a presentation on preventive maintenance and repair plans on the Meridian Township section of the Wolverine Pipeline in 2006. There are approximately six areas in Meridian Township where line replacement is required to meet federal standards. This work is necessary due to litigation delaying the installation of the pipeline loop around Lansing using the I-96 right-of-way. Individuals may obtain additional information by calling 372-4400 or by logging onto www.wolverinepipeline.net.

Chester Lewis, 5944 Patriots Way, Okemos, expressed interest in the restoration process when the pipeline goes through a residential lot with expensive landscaping.

Mr. Luckner responded that the easements for the right-of-way require Wolverine Pipeline to pay for timber, trees, crops and buildings which are damaged as a result of repairs.

Steve Springer, 5930 Patriots Way, Okemos, inquired if communication between Wolverine and the landowners would be on an individual basis and asked what would be the notification process. He also asked how complaints would be handled.

Mr. Luckner stated Wolverine Pipeline has right-of-way agents who make individual visits to the landowners to discuss repairs and access needed, and compensation for damages once the repairs are completed. He stated the public affairs plan includes briefings at the governmental agencies, newspaper articles and contacts with the affected individual property owners.

Bob Homan, 923 S. Lansing Street, Mason, believed it unfair to place new streetlight regulations with resulting increased costs on previously approved subdivisions. He requested the Board consider his concern during the outdoor lighting ordinance discussion on the Board's agenda this evening.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke concerning Commission Reviews #06013 and #06023 addressed at the January 23, 2006 meeting of the Planning Commission. He expressed concern that there is a full disclosure statement when land is donated to or purchased by the Township.

Doug Winkler, 5892 Shaw Street, Haslett, noted the time and expense he has incurred to restore his property and asked the Board to support his appeals of Special Use Permit #05-85021 and Wetland Use Permit #05-07.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy noted the first meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held Monday, February 6th and the DDA Board is working on its by-laws. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. at the Meridian Activity Center.

Trustee Brixie stated she was invited to and attended the Chinese New Year Celebration hosted by the Greater Lansing Chinese American Association. She noted the event was well attended and is looking forward to participating next year.

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hunting summarized current fixed maturity investments by fund and non-fixed investments as of December 31, 2005; delinquent personal property tax collections and 2005 distributions as of February 1, 2006.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Keith Oberg, 1585 Hillside Drive, Okemos; RE: Okemos Library Location

BI-2 Linda Rasor, President, Regional Economic Development (RED) Team Board of Directors,

913 W. Holmes Road, Suite 201, Lansing; RE: February 2, 2006 RED Team Meeting with Panel of Township Supervisors to Discuss Regional Cooperation in Economic Development

BI-3 Marilyn R. Lieber, 2113 Butternut Drive, Okemos; RE: Submission of resignation from the Park Commission

BI-4 Marilyn Aronoff, Chair, CBHNA Communications Committee, 2248 Kent, Okemos; RE: Appointment of a CBHNA representative to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors

(2). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Memorandum from Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #06013 (Township Board), Davis Farm Land Purchase
- SC-2 Memorandum from Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #06023 (Township Board), Central Park Drive Land Donation
- SC-3 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report January 13, 2006 Edition
- SC-4 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report January 20, 2006 Edition

Trustee 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 Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 17, 2006 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 28, 2006 Special Meeting as submitted/amended. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$2,220,408.41
Public Works	\$ 23,109.05
Total Checks	\$2,243,517.46
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 19,632.71
Total Purchases	<u>\$2,263,150.17</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 426,174.46</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Regional Economic Assessment Project

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Manager be authorized to expend an amount not

to exceed \$7,000 from the General Fund 2006 Budget for the purpose of sharing in the cost of conducting a regional economic assessment. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

E. Purchase of MERS Service Credit by Employee

Trustee Brixie moved approval of Evelyn M. Thompson's request to purchase generic service credit service of two (2) years, six (6) months, under the MERS Pension System and authorize the Township Clerk to execute the authorizing resolution. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

F. Amendments to the I.A.F.F. Collective Bargaining Agreement

Trustee Brixie moved approval of the amendments to the collective bargaining agreement with the Meridian Township Fire Fighters Association for 2006-2008 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the same. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

G. Amendments to the AFSCME Clerical Unit Bargaining Agreement

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the amendments as specified in the attached tentative agreement to the AFSCME Office Clerical and Secretarial Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2006-2008 and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the same. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

H. Appointment(s) to Boards and Commissions

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the appointments of Jerry Chaffin to the Cable Communications Commission and Harold W. Schmidt to the Elected Officials Compensation Commission as stated in a memorandum to the Township Board dated February 3, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

I. Motion to Rescind Previous Appointment

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board rescind that portion of the motion presented at the January 17, 2005 Board meeting in which Harold W. Schmidt was inadvertently appointed to the Pension Board. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

J. Authorization to Use Additional Financial Institution(s)

Trustee Brixie moved to adopt a resolution entitled "Authority to Open Account" for NatCity Investments, Inc.; ADP Clearing & Outsourcing Services, Inc.; LaSalle Bank (was Standard Federal); Morgan Stanley (was Dean Whitter) and AIM Investments. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

K. Emerald Ash Borer Grant Application

Trustee Brixie moved to support the proposed tree restoration project in Meridian Township through a \$20,000 grant offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to authorize the submittal of the Emerald Ash Borer Grant application. If awarded, the Township Manager shall act as the administrator of the grant funds for the tree planting project. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

L. Wood Valley #3 Amended Street Light SAD, Resolution #2

Trustee Brixie moved to approve Wood Valley #3 Amended Streetlighting Special Assessment District, Resolution #2 which confirms the plans and estimate of costs for the Wood Valley #3 Amended Streetlighting Special Assessment District; directs the Supervisor to make a special assessment according to the roll submitted to the public hearing and confirms the first year assessment amount of \$2225.28 and annually thereafter assessment amount of \$1070.08, and directs that amount to be assessed against the lands on that roll; orders the special assessment roll filed with the Township Assessor for spreading annually on the tax roll; authorizes Consumers Energy to proceed with the installation of the one (1) streetlight; and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Authorization for Change in Streetlighting Contract. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

M. 2005 Order to Construct Sidewalk SAD #3, Resolution #4, Set Public Hearing Date (March 7, 2006)

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the 2005 Order to Construct Sidewalk Special Assessment District #3, Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on March 7, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- N. 2005 Order to Maintain Sidewalks SAD #7, Resolution #4, Set Public Hearing Date (March 7, 2006)
Trustee Brixie moved to approve the 2005 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #7, Resolution #4, which files the proposed final special assessment roll with the Township Clerk and sets the date for a public hearing on March 7, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- O. Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Case Backhoe
Trustee Brixie moved to approve trading the existing 1988 Case 580 K backhoe toward the purchase of a new Case backhoe. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item # 10A, #11B)

9. HEARINGS (None)

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Public Comment

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Patrick Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, noted the watershed on Lake Lansing is small and exhibits precarious behavior at times. The turnover of the lake is short and the impact of land use change has a magnified effect on the lake. He spoke in support of the appeal of Special Use Permit #05-85021 and Wetland Use Permit #05-07.

Carole Wilcox, Planning Commission Secretary, 6425 E. Reynolds Avenue, Haslett, offered a summary of the Planning Commission's rationale and decisions on Special Use Permit #05-85021 and Wetland Use Permit #05-07.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Appeal of Special Use Permit #05-85021 (Winkler)

Director Kieselbach responded to Supervisor McGillicuddy's questions regarding the events concerning Mr. Winkler's property and the various motions within the Board packet on the appeal of the special use permit.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Different set of facts based on who is performing the analysis creates a dilemma for the Board
- Artificial lake levels which have changed over time
- Setting of the floodplain through Board adoption of a FEMA map to participate in the national flood insurance program
- Lack of Board authority to ignore floodplain on this property
- Resolution for fill in the floodplain and construction of the boardwalk in an alternate location does not require the applicant to place fill
- Appreciation of the Planning Commission's efforts regarding this complicated issue

Possible legal ramifications of approval to fill in the floodplain and construct the boardwalk (Resolution #3): (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

- Q. Based on the three different resolutions and since FEMA is the ultimate authority on whether or not there is fill in the floodplain, would we be better off from a legal standpoint with FEMA by coinciding with the Planning Commission's decision and not allow any fill in the floodplain? Obviously, there is still fill there; it has not all been taken out. Do you think it is adequate protection for the Township with Resolution #3 regarding fill with a cut because that is what our ordinances require?

- A. The Township would be within its authority and would not put itself out as far as the legal question is concerned if it approved Resolution #3.

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves the appeal of Special Use Permit #05-85021 and reverses the Planning Commission's denial to place fill in the 100 year floodplain of Lake Lansing and reverses the Planning Commission's decision on the location of the six foot wide boardwalk with the following conditions:

- 1. The boardwalk is approved in the location as shown on the plans prepared by KEBS, Inc., dated October 17, 2005.**
- 2. A compensating cut equal to the amount of fill placed in the 100 year floodplain of Lake Lansing shall be provided.**
- 3. The mitigation plan for Wetland Use Permit #05-07 shall be revised to show in detail the location and total square footage of wetland and floodplain being created. The mitigation plan shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
- 4. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office, and the Township. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
- 5. Prior to construction, erosion control fencing shall be installed at the wetland edge and shall be removed after construction once the area is stabilized.**
- 6. No straw bales shall be used for erosion control, unless in conjunction with sediment erosion control fencing.**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- B. Appeal of Wetland Use Permit #05-07 (Winkler)

Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves the appeal and reverses the Planning Commission's denial to place fill in Township Wetland #10-1 and reverses the Planning Commission's decision on the location of the six foot wide boardwalk with the following conditions:

- 1. The boardwalk is approved in the location as shown on the plans prepared by KEBS, Inc., dated October 17, 2005.**
- 2. The 3,712 square foot of wetland restoration shall be accepted as sufficient wetland mitigation as was accepted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Township Environmental Commission and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner.**
- 3. Should the already mitigated area (3,712 square feet) fail to establish wetland vegetation**

- after one growing season, or fail to progress satisfactorily to a self-sustaining wetland as designed, the applicant shall conduct corrective measures to ensure successful wetland establishment as directed by the Township's Environmental Consultant and subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
4. The boardwalk shall be built on a floating foundation pier system raised at least 20 inches and constructed of materials which are standard for wetland construction or shown to be environmentally benign.
 5. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office, and the Township. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
 6. Fill shall not be placed within three feet of the trunks of the two cottonwood trees in the proposed fill area. The fill edge shall be contoured so water will drain freely towards the wetland from the easternmost tree.
 7. The boundaries of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Township conservation easements shall be clearly identified with permanent markers. The size, number and location of markers, and the language on the markers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
 8. Prior to construction, erosion control fencing shall be installed at the wetland edge and shall be removed after construction once the area is stabilized.
 9. No straw bales shall be used for erosion control, unless in conjunction with sediment erosion control fencing.
 10. A copy of the approved wetland use permit containing the conditions of issuance shall be posted on the site in a conspicuous manner such that the wording of the permit is available for public inspection. Posting of the site shall be done prior to commencement of work on the site and continue throughout the duration of the project.

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- State approved location of the boardwalk will avoid cutting of trees
- Recognition of the applicant's mitigation efforts through a variety of wetland plantings

Trustee Brixie moved to amend the resolution by restoring all conditions as submitted in the staff prepared resolution to reverse as follows:

1. The boardwalk is approved in the location as shown on the plans prepared by KEBS, Inc., dated October 17, 2005.
2. Wetland mitigation shall be provided.
3. The mitigation plan for Wetland Use Permit #05-07 shall be revised to show in detail the location and total square footage of wetland and floodplain being created. The mitigation plan shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
4. The wetlands created by the mitigation shall be protected in perpetuity via a conservation

easement.

5. Construction of the mitigation area shall be overseen by the Winklers' wetland consultant. Any deviation from the approved mitigation plan shall be first reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Planning and Development.
6. The applicant shall notify the Township in writing when construction of the mitigation area has commenced and when it has been completed.
7. The wetland mitigation shall be monitored annually by the Winklers' wetland consultant for five years with a status report provided to the Township each year.
8. Should the mitigation area fail to establish wetland vegetation after one growing season, or fail to progress satisfactorily to a self-sustaining wetland as designed, the applicant shall conduct corrective measures to ensure successful wetland establishment as directed by the Township's Environmental Consultant and subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
9. A performance guarantee in the amount of \$2,500 shall be provided in an acceptable form to the Township to ensure completion of the wetland mitigation.
10. The boardwalk shall be built on a floating foundation pier system raised at least 24 inches and constructed of materials which are standard for wetland construction or shown to be environmentally benign.
11. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office, and the Township. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
12. Fill shall not be placed within three feet of the trunks of the two cottonwood trees in the proposed fill area. The fill edge shall be contoured so water will drain freely towards the wetland from the easternmost tree.
13. The boundaries of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Township conservation easements shall be clearly identified with permanent markers. The size, number and location of markers, and the language on the markers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
14. The applicant may prevent invasion of cattails in the newly restored wetland area (east of the proposed fill area) by cutting the cattail stems below the water surface.
15. Prior to construction, erosion control fencing shall be installed at the wetland edge and shall be removed after construction once the area is stabilized.
16. No straw bales shall be used for erosion control, unless in conjunction with sediment erosion control fencing.
17. A copy of the approved wetland use permit containing the conditions of issuance shall be posted on the site in a conspicuous manner such that the wording of the permit is available for public inspection. Posting of the site shall be done prior to commencement of work on the site and continue throughout the duration of the project.

Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

Continued Board discussion:

- Failure to require appropriate mitigation when fill is placed in the floodplain may create problems for the Township with FEMA

VOICE VOTE: Amendment to the main motion carried 4-2 (Such, Veenstra).

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- C. SUP #05-86291 (St. Luke's Church), request to amend the existing SUP to add approximately 24,100 sq. ft. of space and seek a new SUP for a structure greater than 25,000 sq. ft. in size
Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #05-86291 to allow for a church facility of 39,359 square feet in gross floor area, with the following condition:
1. **Approval is granted in accordance with the revised site plan prepared by Ledy Design Group received by the Township on December 9, 2005 indicating a building with a gross floor area of 39,359 square feet, and the accompanying materials provided by the applicant, subject to revisions as required.**

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Retaining wall variance granted at the January 25, 2006 ZBA Board meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Resolution of Support for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's Growth Project Recommendations

Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the finding of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian that endorse and support the "Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future" themes, principles and policy map as depicted in A Summary Report for the Lansing Metropolitan Area and on its accompanying Poster Plan are necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare and are consistent with our fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers of the Charter Township of Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian does hereby endorse and support said themes, principles and policy map as policies for the Charter Township of Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the Charter Township of Meridian that these endorsed and supported themes, principles and policy map be referred to staff and/or the Planning Commission for use in considering consistency of future development, development decisions and other actions in local decision making.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of the Charter Township of Meridian to support and actively work with other local governments, agencies and the Tri-

County Regional Planning Commission to fully participate in considering implementation of the “Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future” action plan and in hosting related training and other activities as may be appropriate to fully integrate our policies endorsing and supporting the regional land use vision into the fabric of regional life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign this resolution and that it be transmitted to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, adjacent governmental jurisdictions and other local, state and federal agencies and representatives as appropriate. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Board members discussed the following:

- Self-explanatory resolution
- Leadership briefing on this topic scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2006 as well as Tuesday, March 14th at the Ross Hilliard County Building, Conference Room A in Ingham County

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Patrick Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, expressed concern with the way the Lake Lansing overlay district is being proposed. He spoke to the need for proper land use patterns which should take water quality into consideration. Commissioner Lindemann believed the district being created is too big. If the area around the lake is overbuilt, a buffer system will be needed to keep the lake from additional pollution as the capacity of the storm drains within the street system cannot accommodate the extra flow.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Tentative Preliminary Plat #06012 (South Whitehills Limited Partnership), request for tentative preliminary plat approval for Whitehills Lakes South, a 33 lot single family subdivision, located north of Lake Lansing Road, east of Park Lake Road

Director Kieselbach summarized the tentative preliminary plat request as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 3, 2006.

Board members discussed the following:

- Request for the developer’s definition of “outstanding” building lots
- Developer to perform a tree inventory
- Possible buffering of lots 24 through 27 from homes on BL-69 as these lots are higher than the lots on BL-69
- Variances needed for the northern three (3) lots will preserve natural features
- Block length acceptable as proposed for emergency vehicle access safety
- Change from original plan took out two (2) lots and made other lots larger to accommodate upland storm drainage that will serve as filtration before flowing into the wetland areas
- Need for retaining walls on some lots to protect trees and will be part of the landscape plans
- Safety concerns for lots along the cliff area will be addressed prior to plat approval
- Developer belief that the purported expedited process for preliminary plats has increased regulations at the state level which hamper the process

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the February 23, 2006 Board Meeting.

[Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 9:34 P.M.]

[Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 9:46 P.M.]

B. Street Lighting Ordinance

Attorney Andria Ditschman gave an overview of the revised draft Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

Board members and the attorney discussed the following:

- Grandfathered clause (h) on page 4 applies before the compliance requirements go into effect
- Township pays for the modification if it wishes to have a luminary modified that falls under the grandfathered clause
- Clarify language in (h) on page 4
- Unless exempted, all lighting must be full cut-off within five (5) years
- Staff to provide examples of businesses and types of businesses who can and cannot comply with full cut-off by changing out bulbs
- Costs of implementing this policy to properties
- Exemption for schools under the applicability section on page (3)
- Inclusion of PUDs under subdivision or specifically stated
- Discussion with Police Department regarding lumen levels for public safety purposes
- Consumers Energy currently looking at alternative lighting choices to decrease costs
- Create competitive pricing for fixtures
- Determination of “intent to attract customers” under Service Stations and other Fuel Facilities section on page 9
- Requirement for a lighting plan in the Submission of Plan-Compliance with Code section on page 9 if there will be no streetlights
- Change language in the Waiver section on page 10 to designate the only reason for a waiver would be a compelling safety interest
- Beneficial to have comparative and photographic examples of good and bad lighting
- Five (5) years is ample time for compliance
- Concern with changing requirements for developments which have already been approved but not Built
- Include MUPUD in first Area list in Table 1 on page 7
- Possible move of industrial designation to category with maximum lumens of 50,000
- Attorney to check with the City of Willamston, who is undertaking a similar ordinance
- Board authority to specify the light when the assessment district is set
- Benefit for the developer to place the proper lighting now instead of a replacement within five (5) years for compliance
- Airing an educational piece on HOM-TV for illustrative purposes
- Need for consistent grandfathering of signs
- Large task to replace each streetlight in the Township within five (5) years
- Need to amend each streetlighting district to assess added cost for different lighting

Timeframe for making changes and bringing the ordinance back before the Board: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. Andria, how long would it take to address the Board’s concerns and bring it back for further discussion? Could it be ready by the February 23rd meeting, or is that pushing it?

A. I think it is pushing it, if we want the staff to come up with economics and what it might cost to make these changes. I think it is going to take more time.

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for discussion at the March 21, 2006 meeting.

C. Lake Lansing Ordinance

Board members discussed the following:

- Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is receiving variance requests from the second tier of homes on Lake Lansing
- Need to have the overlay zoning district in place
- Request for specific language from the Drain Commissioner relative to his recommendations made during public comment
- Concern with problems created by keyhole developments
- Extent of the overlay district
- Explanation of inclusion of seawall as it has the potential to work against the wetlands and other natural lake buffering
- Rationale for the different lot widths within the draft
- Built in incentives to maintain the viability of the lake by allowing smaller setbacks in exchange for greenroofs, etc.
- Encouragement of shared drives to reduce impervious surface
- Evolution and planning of the non-conforming lots outside of the drainage district
- Boundary of the overlay district based on first and second tier of the assessment district
- Increase overlay district map to include cottage-type properties which were not on the lake but platted at the same time
- Dimensional difficulties with the lots are addressed in this ordinance
- Phase II of the ordinance will address water quality
- Expansion of homes within the floodplain would require a special use permit
- Specific definition of shoreline as it is believed shorelines change based on lake level management, erosion, etc.
- Discourage seawalls and include preferred methods for erosion control (riprap, stone emplacement, vegetation, etc.)
- Possible addition of a buffer zone
- Need for design standards
- Lots on the lake near the park which are zoned commercial

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for discussion during a June, 2006 meeting.

D. Amendments to the Board Policy Manual

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the February 23, 2006 meeting.

E. 2006 Citizen Survey

Manager Richards gave a brief overview of the 2006 National Citizen Survey as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 3, 2006.

Board members discussed the choices of up to three (3) questions to be included in the survey:

- Curbside recycling and contracted residential waste disposal
- Library facility (ies) question has already been asked
- Awareness of Land Preservation initiatives
- Benchmark the idea of cityhood
- Increased taxes for more services (i.e., roads)
- Clean water initiatives of interest due to Phase II
- Possible three (3) part awareness question incorporating existing programs (library services, Land Preservation, etc.)
- Township opinion and support for connectivity of off-road pedestrian bicycle pathways
- Timeline for question submission at the end of February
- Request for the Supervisor to schedule a Board meeting open discussion on ways the Township communicates with its resident

- Already missed opportunity for placing primary millage language on the ballot based on information from the survey
- Option to place millage language on the November ballot after survey results are known
- Township millage questions should not be placed on the ballot at the same time the district library is asking for either continued support or an increase
- Citizens do not understand the difference between the building and the service as it relates to libraries
- Need to have the Township's millage question listed first on the ballot

The consensus of the Board was to allow the Township Manager to begin the process for question submission.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:11P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary