

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD POLICY GOVERNANCE MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007, **8:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such,  
Veenstra, Woiwode  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

2. DISCUSSION OF BOARD POLICY 7 GOVERNANCE MODEL

A. Susan Stratton, Leading Edge Mentoring

Susan Stratton, Senior Partner of Partners in Policy Governance, focused on Board member communication and behavioral issues in the sustainable practice of the Policy Governance model.

Board members discussed the following:

- Administrative v. policy-making behavior
- Collective decision making methods
- Process of discovering the “third” alternative
- Being open to the mindset and experience of other Board members
- Excellence in governing as support for the majority decision irrespective of one’s vote on the issue
- Rezoning process
  - Establishment of a value system around the issue
  - Consistency in the evaluation of Planning Commission recommendations
  - Due diligence relative to appropriate timelines
  - Possible revisit of the Board’s Ends
  - Creation of instructions to applicants for conditions relative to their requests

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

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SUSAN McGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary