

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY MARCH 6, 2012 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg,
Veenstra
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, Director of Parks and Recreation LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, stated his opposition to draft minutes not being available online or in the public packet. He expressed concern that the “only” way the public can have access to the minutes is to pay for a copy of the minutes at the Municipal Building in order to find out how their government is operating.

Bryan Holland, 1400 Sylvan Glen, Okemos, offered several reasons for his opposition to a portion of the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve being included in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Phil Ballbach, 2723 East Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, spoke to open government, the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. He requested the entire Township Board packet be made available to the public online on the Friday before a Township Board meeting.

Frank Hatfield, 1578 Sylvan Glen, Okemos, spoke in opposition to portions of the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve being included in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Lawrence Robbins, 1568 Sylvan Glen, Okemos, spoke in support of existing bicycle pathways, but in opposition to portions of the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve being included in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan. He suggested that, in the event biking would be allowed on Land Preservation property, an alternative trail near the railroad tracks be implemented, if feasible.

Barbara Zuker, 1458 Sylvan Glen, Okemos, expressed interest in keeping the trails of the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve as walking trails only.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

A. Introduction of New Police Officer

Police Chief David Hall introduced Mark Divney as Meridian Township’s newest police officer. He gave a brief history of Officer Divney’s training, including military service, accident reconstruction and crime scene experience.

B. Election Report – Elizabeth LeGoff

Trustee LeGoff gave unofficial results of the February 28th Presidential Primary, noting a 21.39% voter turnout for presidential candidates. The winner of the Republican primary was Mitt Romney (2,742 votes) while President Obama received 903 votes as the winner of the Democratic Primary. She added the East Lansing Public School bond issue experienced a 27.2% voter turnout that defeated the proposal in Meridian Township on a 449 to 514 vote.

Without objection, Supervisor McGillicuddy appointed Trustee LeGoff as Clerk Pro Tem.

Supervisor McGillicuddy urged all department heads to use the Township’s status as part of the HUD recipient area when applying for grants, as it elevates the Township’s ability to procure grant funding. She announced the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has changed the date of its annual function to the first or second Friday in June, noting it will be an ice cream social.

Treasurer Brixie reported that delinquent real property taxes were turned over to Ingham County on March 1st and must now be paid at the county. She also reported her attendance at the Chinese Entrepreneur Network Career Forum the last weekend in February on behalf of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Treasurer Brixie announced the Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) Expo will be held on Saturday March 10th, from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at Haslett High School.

Trustee Veenstra offered assurance to previous public speakers who spoke regarding bicycle riding in the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve by announcing the Township currently has an ordinance in place which prohibits bicycle riding on Land Preservation properties. He also reported his attendance at the regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Trustee Veenstra agreed with earlier public comment that the draft minutes should be placed online and in the public packet for Board meetings. He noted his preference for the Board packet being available on Thursday.

Trustee Dreyfus attended the Ingham Democratic Mardi Gras last weekend where Trustee Veenstra was the recipient of the Zolton Ferency award. He read an excerpt from a question posed to Michigan Townships Association’s (MTA) legal department regarding the conduct of a Board member who divulges closed session discussion regarding trial and settlement strategy in connection with ongoing litigation. Trustee Dreyfus noted MTA’s response was the Standards of Conduct for Public Officers and Employees Act (Public Act 196 of 1973) must be applied and this act prohibits divulging such information. He announced the Meridian Time Bank will meet Saturday, March 10, 2012 from noon to 1:00 P.M., and residents can garner more information at meridian.timebanks.org.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follows:

- A. Communications (None)
- B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 375,695.02
Public Works	\$ 116,565.91
Total Checks	\$ 492,260.93
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 7,314.30
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 499,575.23</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 391,122.80</u>

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

- 8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)
- 9. HEARINGS (None)
- 10. ACTIONS ITEMS/ENDS
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of the pathway along the south side of Kinawa Drive from Okemos Road to Channing Way, in support of the pathway from the newly completed interurban pathway to Haslett Road just east of Land Preservation property east of the Pine Lake Drain, but questioned the need for a pathway from Okemos Road south of Gaylord C. Smith Court east to connect with the existing pathway system in Nancy Moore Park as well as the pathway from Central Park South parking lot south to Central Park Drive. He questioned the appropriateness of residents using bicycles in the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve. Mr. Provencher indicated a need for some east-west non-motorized connector to have access to parks on the east side of Meridian Township.

Bryan Holland, 1400 Sylvan Glen, Okemos employed Board members to have a study performed on Sylvan Glen Road due to the high volume of traffic generated by individuals who use the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve.

Phil Ballbach, 2723 East Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, expressed concern there is significant uncertainty in the future as to the availability of oil and gasoline. He added that the uncertainty, combined with the increased use of electric cars, called for a shorter period of time, i.e., ten years, for the road millage renewal. He believed more options in the future would be best for Township residents.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

- A. Zoning Amendment #12010 (Planning Commission), permit by right, gas station fuel price sign, **Introduction**
Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed zoning amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 1, 2012.

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. _____, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article VII, by amending Section 86-687(11).”

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 Trustee Veenstra.

Board members discussed the following:

- Amendment would streamline the process
- Amendment eliminates the need for requesting a special use permit from the Planning Commission and its corresponding \$500 permit fee
- Board member suggestion to remove the word “automatically”

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan

Trustee Dreyfus moved to add the following locations to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan:

1. **along the south side of Kinawa Drive from Okemos Road to west of Channing Way**
2. **from the newly completed Inter-Urban pathway to Haslett Road along the easterly edge, or just east of, the Land Preservation property east of the Pine Lake Drain**
3. **from Okemos Road south of Gaylord C. Smith Court east to connect with the existing pathway system in Nancy Moore Park and Central Park South**
4. **from Central Park South parking lot south to Central Park Drive**

Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

Board members discussed the following:

- Nature preserves need to be treated separately from parks
- Red Cedar Glen Preserve has been experiencing erosion problems
- Alternate route using the Consumers Energy right-of-way easement would not interfere with the Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- Support for location #3 and #4 being added to the Master Plan so they are on the map, but are given a low priority until the critical gaps on Mt. Hope, Grand River Avenue, etc. are constructed
- Suggestion to increase signage for bicyclists and mark the crosswalk at Central Park Drive

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer Brixie moved the following location be added to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan:

5. **A pathway from the eastern edge of the Sylvan Glen Land Preserve east to Eastgate Park on Meridian Road with partial funding from Parks Fund. This pathway would be designated as an alternative surface pathway.**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Some portions of proposed location #5 are in Township park land, have been part of the Parks and Recreation trail map for several years, and should be included in the Master Plan for eventual construction
- Suggestion for a walking path from the east end of Sylvan Glen to connect with Legg Park at some time in the future
- A pathway within the Consumers Energy right-of-way easement that parallels Jolly Road would make a connection from Hagadorn Road to Legg Park
- No portion of the Legg Park Trail is part of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan
- Park Commission is interested in having the Meridian Riverfront Park Trail added to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan for multiuse by residents
- Several trails in Legg Park are natural
- Placement of location #5 on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan does not necessarily mean paved seven (7) foot wide pathways
- Some sections of this location have significant varying elevations
- Concern with starting location #5 at Legg Park where the Red Cedar Glen Land Preserve ends as it would encourage residents to access the pathway from Sylvan Glen Road and exacerbate the current problem for homeowners on Sylvan Glen
- Suggested use of boardwalks makes placing this on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan economically unfeasible at this time
- Experience indicates residents will stay on a well marked park trail and not wander
- Placement of this trail on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan makes it eligible for grant funding
- Reminder that this pathway would be designated an alternative surface pathway as defined in the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan
- Current primitive trails in location #5 are not “friendly” to people with limited mobility or those residents with disabilities

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees LeGoff, Veenstra, Treasurer Brixie
NAYS: Trustees Dreyfus, Ochberg, Supervisor McGillicuddy
Motion failed 3-3.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the regular meeting at 7:13 P.M. to conduct the Intergovernmental portion of tonight's agenda. [See page seven (7)]

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the regular meeting at 8:26 P.M.

C. 2012 Millage Elections

(1) Community Services Millage Renewal and Increase

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, approves the following millage ballot question language, and directs the Clerk to correct any grammatical or typographical errors and submit it to be placed on the August 7, 2012 Primary ballot:

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all property in the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County (1) be renewed at 0.1 mills (\$0.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to be disbursed to the Charter Township of Meridian to provide funding for senior citizen, recreation and human services programs throughout the Township; and (2) be increased 0.05 mills (\$0.05 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) to be disbursed to the

Charter Township of Meridian to provide increased funding for senior citizen programs throughout the Township, both for a period of ten (10) years, 2012 to 2021 inclusive. The estimate of the revenue the township would collect from this .15 mill renewed and new millage, if approved and levied in the 2012 calendar year, is approximately \$233,000.

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Board members discussed the following:

- Request by the Senior Center Board for a modest increase to extend the center's hours of operation to more effectively serve the Township's aging population

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

(2) Road Repair Millage Renewal

Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, approves the following millage ballot question language, and directs the Clerk to correct any grammatical or typographical errors and submit it to be placed on the August 7, 2012 Primary ballot:

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all property in the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, be renewed at 0.25 mills (\$0.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value), to be disbursed to the Charter Township of Meridian to provide funding for the preservation, maintenance and resurfacing of roads within the Township for a period of ten (10) years, 2012 to 2021 inclusive. The estimate of the revenue the township would collect from this 0.25 mill renewal, if approved and levied in the 2012 calendar year, is approximately \$390,000.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Millage would be used to resurface local roads in the Township
- Primary roads are the responsibility of the Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC)
- Preference for the Michigan Legislature to pass a gasoline tax and diesel fuel increase in order for the ICRC to have additional funds to maintain roads within the Township

The seconder offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Amend the ballot language by deleting "ten (10) years, 2012 to 2021 inclusive" and inserting twelve (12) years, 2012 to 2023 inclusive"**

Additional Board discussion:

- Increasing the renewal to 12 years would provide for this issue to be placed on the ballot in a presidential election year and gives the Township flexibility whether to place it on the primary or general ballot
- Both the August primary and the November general election in a presidential election year experience a higher voter turnout
- Preference for a longer period of time as roads are larger infrastructure investments

The amendment was accepted by the maker.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

D. Grant Applications Submission

(1) Wonch Park Accessible Loop Trail (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund)

Trustee Ochberg moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To authorize submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program for construction of an accessible perimeter pathway in Wonch Park with an estimated cost of \$65,000 and committing the required 25% local match from the General Fund in the amount of \$16,250.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Path would be accessible for individuals of all abilities

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

(2) Hillbrook Park Playground Renovation (Michigan Recreation Passport Program)

Trustee Veenstra moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, as follows:

To authorize the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for playground renovations in Hillbrook Park with an estimated cost of \$40,000 and committing the required 25% local match from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Renovations to the playground for children living in the nearby homes and apartments
- Permanent restroom is on the long-range master plan for this park
- Hillbrook is one of the Township's oldest parks and in need of an update

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor
 McGillicuddy, Treasurer Brixie
 NAYS: None
 Motion carried 6-0.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

A. Intergovernmental Meeting with Neighboring Governments, Area Schools and Other Area Boards/Commissions

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the Joint Meeting and introduced the following guests:

Alaeldon Township
Beth Smith, Township Trustee

Capital Area Transportation Authority
Debbie Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

East Lansing Public Schools
Rima Addiego, School Board President

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Pat Lindemann

Ingham County Road Commission
Bob Peterson, Director of Engineering

Okemos Public Schools
Dr. Catherine Ash, Superintendent

Okemos Senior Center
Cherie Wisdom, Coordinator

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Susan Pigg, Executive Director

City of Williamston
Michael Moody, Mayor Pro-Tem

- (1) Grand River Green Zone Planned Development – Wanda Bloomquist, Williamstown Township Ms. Bloomquist gave an overview of the green zone planned development created to align Williamstown Township’s zoning ordinance with its Master Plan while preserving the rural character of the township through continuing the operation of agricultural uses, providing for an appealing residential environment and protecting natural features. She added this concept was developed at a time when the economy was slow.

Board members and guests discussed the following:

- Appreciation for forward thinking and its emphasis on pathways
- Impervious minimum standards were left open, but maximum standards were established
- One goal is to allow limited well-planned low density residential and commercial development
- Michigan State University students participated in a competition by submitting nine (9) plans on different parcels using the Grand River Green Zone Planned Development
- Residents were invited to several meetings held during various stages of the process
- Majority of feedback from owners of affected properties was positive
- Most of the designated properties were farmland

- (2) Van Atta Road Bridge – Bob Peterson, Director of Engineering, Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC)
 - Van Atta Road Bridge is scheduled for 2013 funding, but construction will commence in late 2012 and be finished in Spring, 2013.
 - A two lane bridge will replace the existing two lane bridge, with some impact on surrounding park land
 - There will be pedestrian facilities on the west side

2012 projects:

- Park Lake Road/Burcham Drive roundabout – contracted to begin in early June
 - Work will commence after East Lansing Meridian Water and Sewer Authority completes its work in the intersection
 - Road will be closed and a detour necessary

- Will be open to traffic September 1st
- Haslett Road from Park Lake Road near C & N Railroad east of Marsh Road
 - Reconstruction will begin in mid-July
 - Will impact the start of school in September
- Lake Lansing between Okemos Road and Saginaw programmed for 2014
- Remainder of projects in Delhi and Lansing Townships
- Progressively timed traffic signals as a means to reduce congestion and the carbon footprint
- ICRC jurisdiction for a timed corridor along Lake Lansing Road is in the Lansing Township portion from US-127 west
- Study from Wood Road to Harrison Road is in its final phases and timing permits have been produced
- No current study for the portion of Lake Lansing Road in the City of East Lansing
- ICRC has not yet looked at the portion of Lake Lansing Road east of Birch Row Drive
- Appreciation to the ICRC for its expediency in removing trees on the verge of falling
- Appreciation to the ICRC for its efficient removal of snow during the season

Board members and guests discussed the following:

- Based on tax assessments, the difficult economic times will remain in the foreseeable future
- Support for consolidation of the district court system
- Meridian Township Citizen Survey revealed the number one reason for people living in /moving into the Township is its school systems
- Success of the Township's schools is intimately related to the success of Meridian Township
- Per pupil funding given to schools for exchange students who live with Township residents
- Cultural experience for exchange students, staff and other students who attend high school
- Completion of a new water and sewer system in the City of Williamston
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system
 - Application was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration on February 16, 2012
 - Gubernatorial interest in BRT for Michigan
 - Governor has put together several state bills to provide funding for these types of investment
 - Current proposal for 152 miles of BRT in the Detroit area
 - Need to capitalize on President Obama's interest in investing in Michigan by submission of the application
- Appreciation for the expertise of the Township Board liaison to the East Lansing Public Schools (Treasurer Brixie)
- East Lansing School Board will look at a new bond for the elementary schools
- Meridian Senior Center millage renewal with increase proposed to be placed on the August 7, 2012 ballot
- Okemos Public Schools anticipates a \$1.2 million deficit
 - Difficulty with identifying areas to address the deficit when over \$4 million was absorbed last budget year
 - Focus remains on educating all students and enhancing its response to intervention systems
 - Okemos Public Schools administration works on an ongoing basis with many Township and county officials

Ingham County Drain Commissioner:

- Petition for eight (8) big drain projects as a result of last May's torrential rain (11 inches in two days)
- Completion of a 12 mile drain which discharges out of Webberville
- Rebuild of the entire drainage system in the Village of Webberville over the next 3-4 years
- Montgomery Drain (Frandon/Red Cedar area) will be entirely rebuilt
 - most polluted discharge into the Red Cedar River
- Red Cedar Golf Course will be reformed into a stormwater "holding pond"
- Executing Kinawa Drain in the fall of 2012
- Nemoka Drain (southwest corner of Lake Lansing) is in its planning stages
- Commencement of Delta Dental's maintenance phase
 - Wildflower field will be at its best in 3 years
 - Controlled burns will take place

- Necessity for a rebuild of the Lake Lansing Dam
- Lansing voters allowed for development of 12 acres along Michigan Avenue of the 61 acre Red Cedar Golf Course (e.g., mixed use 5-6 story building)
 - Plans for a rebuild of the Sears building
 - Silver Dollar Saloon property has been demolished and plans exist for a 3-4 story building
 - Progress towards development schemes for both the Sawyer Pontiac and Story Olds sites which would complement the water management plans for the Red Cedar Gold Course site
 - Initial estimation that the two projects will create 1,000 jobs
 - All of the first livable floors in the buildings must be one foot above the floodplain
- Complaint by a resident on Pollard (Towar Garden area) of wet areas in the back
- Need to obtain an easement for Ember Oaks to move forward
- In-house solution coordinated between the ICDC and the Township for the situation on Hulett Road
- Invitation to attend the Williamstown Township Art Tour on May 4th and 5th
- City of Williamston Red Cedar Jubilee will be held the last weekend in June
- Possibility of Meridian Township partnering with the City of Williamston during its jubilee

(3) Public Art

Board members and guests discussed the following:

- Public art initiatives help define a community
- Public art as a form of communication
- Appreciation for the public art in downtown Okemos
- Public/private partnerships relative to art are common throughout the country

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed Public Remarks.

13. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Treasurer Brixie responded to earlier public and Board member comments by clarifying that approved minutes are available online through the Township’s website. She added that draft minutes are available for review at the Clerk’s office without incurring any expense.

Trustee Ochberg added, for those residents interested in the details, Board meetings can also be viewed online in their entirety at www.hometv.net.

Township Richards noted he will communicate with the Township Clerk and Township Attorney relative to placing the draft minutes online.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILlicuddy
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary