



Board Values and 2026 Board Goals

Township Board Values

Meridian Charter Township recognizes that certain values are essential to ensure a high-performing organization while also reflecting the needs and priorities of its residents and other stakeholders. These values are meant to guide all projects, programs, and activities, as well as the decision-making processes of the Board and staff.

Superior, Citizen-Driven Services – Provide exemplary, consistent public services that meet residents' needs.

Fiscal Responsibility – Utilize public funds ethically and efficiently to ensure the short- and long-term financial health of the Township.

Environmental Sustainability – Manage Township facilities, programs, and natural resources to protect and enhance the environment.

Communication and Stakeholder Engagement – Actively and regularly seek input and feedback from residents and other stakeholders on Township issues and decisions, and share information frequently through appropriate channels.

Employee Growth and Well-Being – Provide a supportive and healthy work environment to ensure employee wellness, expertise, productivity, and retention.

Welcoming Community – Embrace the Township's diversity and ensure current and future residents, and visitors, feel safe, respected, and empowered to participate in community life.

2026 Township Board Goals

Economic Redevelopment: Work with property owners and regional and State partners to advance development, property improvements, and business attraction for the Village of Okemos and Meridian Mall areas.

Environmental Sustainability: Complete and implement an updated, comprehensive water and sanitary sewer rate study prior to the 2026 budget process and develop strategies for sustaining and improving existing infrastructure, including strategies to meet the Township's renewable energy target (100% of Township operations by 2035).

Senior Center: Proceed with developing an alternative plan for a Senior Center only project.

Communications: Identify ways to expand and enhance communication with Township residents and stakeholders, and create a digital accessibility plan that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Financial Planning: Develop a five-year financial forecast to better inform the 2027 Budget process, enhance long-term financial planning, and provide a basis for productive collective bargaining with Township unions.