

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD JOINT MEETING - **APPROVED & AMENDED** -  
PARK COMMISSION  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
349-1200, Town Hall Room  
~~TUESDAY~~ THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2002, **6:00 P.M.**

TOWNSHIP BOARD

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode  
ABSENT: None

PARK COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Bohr, Commissioners Black, Dersch, Holman  
ABSENT: Commissioner Baugh

PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair R. Smith, Commissioners Arellano, Dreyfus, Foster, Jackson, Kebler, Reddy, Wilcox, Wolfe  
ABSENT: None

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Clos, Commissioners Black, Dersch, Harding, Kielbaso, Thomas  
ABSENT: None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PRESENT: Chair Hershiser, Members Guy, Shoup, Stier, Wolfe  
ABSENT: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PRESENT: Chair Keith, Members Richards, Stier, Such, White  
ABSENT: Members Miller, Rhodes, Tons, Vine

STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Parks & Recreation LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Police Sergeant Scott Dawson led the pledge of allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL  
Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.
  - A. Introduction of New Police Officers  
Chief Gibbons introduced new Police Sergeant Scott Dawson and new Police Officer Charles Glumb.
4. PUBLIC REMARKS  
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Robert Piontkowski, 5906 Sleepy Hollow, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to the adopted rental inspection fee schedule [See December 18, 2001 Minutes]. [He submitted the Lansing Rental Registration and Rental Inspection Fee Schedule and Thank You note from a new tenant: See January 22, 2002 Board Communication BI-5]

Vernon W. McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, questioned the correctness of the posted notice for the joint meeting. He spoke regarding his communication numbered BI-7 (December 18, 2001). He spoke regarding his communication numbered BI-6 (January 22, 2002).

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT

Board Members discussed the sufficiency of the notice requirements for the meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Clerk Helmbrecht swore in the following Public Service Appointees:

- Joan Guy, Zoning Board of Appeals Member
- James Harding, Environmental Commissioner
- James Kielbaso, Environmental Commissioner
- Eckhart Dersch, Environmental Commissioner
- Steve Stier, Township Board Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- William T. White, Economic Development Corporation
- Brett Dreyfus, Planning Commissioner

Trustee Brixie announced the final meeting of the Van Atta Task Force would be held Saturday January 19, 2002 at 9:30 A.M. Harris Nature Center.

Treasurer Hunting reported the Ingham County Treasurer had erroneously listed Meridian Township as the property owner of record for a property subject to a show cause hearing for property tax foreclosure. He reported the corrected information has been given to the County Treasurer.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the Olympic torch would be going through Okemos Sunday, January 6, 2002 at 9:00 A.M.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

**Trustee Such moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

Board Members discussed the options for the disposal of the surplus copiers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Bills

**Trustee Such moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follow:**

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 245,670.21
Public Works	\$ 19,040.65
<u>Total Checks</u>	<u>\$ 264,710.86</u>
<u>Credit Card Transactions</u>	<u>\$ 14,650.59</u>
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 279,361.45</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,  
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Liquor License Transfer - Libby's Lighter Side  
**Trustee Such moved that the location request of 2001 Class C Licensed Business from Libby's Lite-R-Side Café, Inc., from 1754 Central Park, Okemos, MI, Ingham County to 3552 Meridian Crossing, Okemos, MI, Ingham County be approved and the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the Authorizing Resolution. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,  
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Disposal of Surplus Equipment - Copy Machine  
**Trustee Such moved that the Township Manager be authorized to dispose of three (3) copiers. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,  
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- D. County Reimbursement Agreement  
**Trustee Such moved that the Township enter an agreement with Ingham County for upgrading Fire Department communication equipment and that the Manager and Supervisor be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode,  
Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

8. VISION SESSION: Joint Meeting with Planning Commission, Park Commission, Environmental Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Economic Development Corporation

The Chairs called their respective bodies to order at 6:22 p.m.

Supervisor McGillicuddy thanked the elected and appointed officials for their attendance and service to the Township. She asked the participants to introduce themselves.

The Board Members and Commissioners introduced themselves.

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened discussion on Board Policy 1.1: Natural Environment Ends.

Meeting participants discussed the following topics:

- Challenge of farmland/Rural Character preservation
  - Consideration for the Land Preservation Program
  - Broadening definition of "Rural Character"
  - Role of Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance and clustered development
  - Pursue soil conservation measures
  - Involvement of County agencies
  - Narrowing of roadways
  - Implementation of walkable communities concepts
- Economic viability of natural environment ends
  - Economic Development Corporation (EDC) small business loan program
- Red Cedar River
  - flood control measures
  - enhanced recreational opportunities
  - development of community farms
  - pollution control measures
  - Redesignation to the Red Cedar Drain
  - NPDES Phase II
  - Water quality as an indicator of land use and environmental problems
- Value of undisturbed lands
- Balance of viewpoints and interests
- Coordinated planning of projects and expenditures from Park, Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway and Land Preservation Millages
- Incorporation as a city
- Lack of diversity or appropriateness of approved street trees
- Inherent disincentives of Planned Unit Development (PUD) process
- Sapphire Lakes as a model of creative and environmentally sensitive development
- Enhanced communication between bodies
- Benefit of smart-growth policies to residents and business
- Community impact of "big-box" retail business
- Fiscal-impact analysis of land use changes
- Preferred methods of communication
- Skills and contributions of public servants
- Recruitment of residents into participatory government
- Allocation of Township Staff time in working with public bodies
- Refinement of Global Ends Statement
- Strategic planning and focus

Meeting participants discussed the following possible action items/next steps:

- Prioritize construction of contiguous pedestrian/bicycle pathways or sidewalks along primary highways (Grand River Avenue, Mt. Hope, Jolly Road, Okemos Road)
- Articulate Board Goals and Objectives to key Township staff.
- Chair reports to the Township Board
- Trouble-shooting committee to address long-standing problems
- Representative attendance and participation at meetings
- Submission of an Annual Report to the Township Board by all appointed bodies

#### 9. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public remarks.

Vernon W. McLellen, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos, discussed the establishment of a "satisfying human environment." He spoke about the importance of monitoring the Governor's Collection.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, stated his belief the Township maintains poor records and alleged the Township sewer trespasses on his property.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public remarks.

10 ADJOURNMENT

The Supervisor and Chairs adjourned their respective bodies at 8:21 P.M.

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SUSAN McGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary