

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, 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

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Bud Nilson, 3695 Okemos Road, Okemos, spoke to the amended request for RAAA zoning for Rezoning #05040 (Hooker/Haynes) and asked the Board to refer the item back to the Planning Commission.

Teri Banas, 5606 Creekwood, Okemos, asked the Board not to overlook Haslett when considering the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) recommendation from the Meridian EDC.

Marilyn Aronoff, 2248 Kent Street, Okemos, read a prepared statement on behalf of the Cedar Bend Heights Heritage Neighborhood Association President, asking the Board to include the neighborhood association in discussions to establish a DDA in the Okemos Village Area.

[Prepared statement in Official Minute Book]

Will White, 4695 Okemos Road, Okemos, agreed that neighborhood associations should have input into the DDA process and spoke and in support of Rezoning #05020, #05030 and #05040.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy expressed thanks to the staff for the Memorial Day program held at Glendale Cemetery.

Trustee Brixie apprised the Board she will be attending a public hearing held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on June 8th at 7:00 P.M. The subject of the hearing is a change to the Special Use Permit for on a piece of property that is part of the Act 425 Agreement located on the corner of M-78 and Lake Lansing Road.

Manager Richards added that the request before the East Lansing Planning Commission is being modified to have less square footage for building and includes an additional drive-through from the original request for a proposed bank. The City of East Lansing requested comments from staff, whose

response was to ensure the residential property adjacent to the buildings are properly screened from the drive-through traffic.

Manager Richards noted Meridian Township was a small sponsor and active participant of Smart Commute Week. Several staff either bicycled or carpoled to work. He also added that four (4) representatives attended the Watershed Management Stakeholders Workshop held last week. Township staff is helping to coordinate neighborhood interest in speed humps, especially at the north end of Hulett Road. A meeting of interested residents will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Hope Borbas Okemos Library. Ingham County Road Commission and Township Engineering staff will attend.

Trustee Such asked staff to develop a one-page report on the current 425 Agreement with the City of Lansing to address citizen inquiries on the time table for development of the Governor's Collection.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Check and Marge Cecil, 5676 Bayonne, Haslett; RE: Pedestrian rights
- BI-2 Carol E. DiGregorio-Dalton, 2187 Riverwood, Okemos; RE: Copy of letter to the Ingham County Road Commission in opposition to the current Okemos Road Widening Project
- BI-3 Nicole Stapleton, Events Director, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, 300 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing; RE: Invitation to the Lansing Open Golf Tournament on June 6, 2005 at Hawk Hollow or Eagle Eye Golf Courses
- BI-4 John and Tara Lulich, 5213 Blue Haven Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #05010 (Capstone)
- BI-5 Carl Harmon, 1924 Birchwood, Okemos; RE: Property Maintenance Ordinance
- BI-6 Phil Santer, ACLU of Michigan, 60 W. Hancock, Detroit; RE: USA Patriot Act

(2). Regional Linkage (RL)

- RL-1 Ingham County Road Commission, 301 Bush, Mason; RE: 2005 Proposed Construction Notice of Public Hearing
- RL-2 US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, 315 W. Allegan Street, Room 201, Lansing; RE: Public meeting notice to assess compliance with federal regulations pertaining to the transportation planning process in the greater Lansing area
- RL-3 Sharon Reid, City Clerk, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing; RE: East Lansing Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing
- RL-4 Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol, Lansing; RE: Library Strategic Plan Vision Sessions

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development; RE: Commission Review #05073 (Township Board), Max Larson Trust Land Purchase
- SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report May 13, 2005 Edition
- SC-3 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report May 20, 2005 Edition
- SC-4 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report May 27, 2005 Edition

(4). On File in the Clerk's Office (OF)

Materials received at the May 17, 2005 Meeting

- Bob and Diane Scholle, 2336 Sapphire Lane, East Lansing; RE: Amendment to Planned Unit Development #04-98014 (Giguere)
- Nancy and Roger Smith, 5166 Sapphire Circle, East Lansing; RE: Amendment to Planned Unit Development #04-98014 (Giguere)

Trustee Woiwode 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 Brixie.

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

B. Minutes

Trustee Woiwode moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the May 17, 2005 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 646,032.69
Public Works	\$ 535,859.08
Total Checks	\$1,181,891.77
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 9,270.49
Total Purchases	<u>\$1,191,162.26</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 545,927.43</u>

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Ratify Paramedic/Fire Fighter Appointment

Trustee Woiwode moved the ratification of Christopher T. Johnson to the position of Paramedic/Firefighter contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

E. Ratify Fire Department Promotions

Trustee Woiwode moved to ratify the promotion of Rocklin Lerner to Battalion Chief, Lori Schafer to Captain and Derek Burcham to the rank of Lieutenant. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

F. Outdoor Assembly Permit, 4th of July Celebration

Trustee Woiwode moved approval of the outdoor assembly license and the permit for fireworks display by Night Magic, Inc. for the Independence Day Fireworks celebration. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

G. Assessing Stipulations

Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Gary Sturk on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2004	0309686	Vacant Land, Hagadorn Road
<u>Assessment</u>	2004	<u>AV/TV</u> \$71,200/71,200
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2004	<u>AV/TV</u> \$17,500/17,500

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Mark J and Melody K Wisniewski on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2004 2005	0306992	2414 Kansas Road, Okemos, MI
<u>Assessment</u>	2004	<u>AV/TV</u> \$215,000/179,546
	2005	\$224,800/183,675

Proposed Assessment	2004	<u>AV/TV</u>	\$166,600/136,446
	2005		\$166,600/139,584

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

H. Target Law Enforcement Grant

Trustee Woiwode moved to accept the grant if authorized by the Target Corporation, and to purchase inkless Identicator Pocket Print pads. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

I. 2005 School Tax Collection Requests and Agreements

Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Board approve the Summer School Tax Collection Requests and Agreements for 2005. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

J. Lake Lansing Advisory Committee Appointments

Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record], THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons are approved as members of the Lake Lansing Advisory Committee until April 30, 2007:

Tier one

Robert Hollenshead	6068 Columbia
Helen Shipley	6369 W. Reynolds (Reappointment)

Tier two

Larry Wagenknecht	6097 Partridge (Reappointment)
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Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

K. Youth Alcohol Enforcement Grant

Trustee Woiwode moved to approve the use of the additional money to purchase equipment to assist with the Youth Alcohol Enforcement Grant. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

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

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item # 9A, #10A)

9. HEARINGS

A. 2005 Order to Maintain Sidewalks, SAD #7

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:13 P.M.

Director Severy summarized the Order to Maintain Sidewalks as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 3, 2005. He noted timely notices were not sent to property owners, so the hearing will be held open until June 21, 2005.

Trustee Such asked if he had understood that the notice of public hearing had now been sent to the interested parties.

Directory Severy responded in the affirmative.

Supervisor McGillicuddy inquired if it was necessary to renote the hearing in the paper because it was being held open until June 21, 2005.

Director Severy answered that when the notice was mailed, an addendum was attached to it stating the public hearing was being held open until the June 21st meeting.

Need to renote the public hearing: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. Andria?

A. I would say it does not.

Supervisor McGillicuddy held the hearing open until June 21, 2005.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Bob Homan, Chair of the Cable Communications Commission, 2176 Hamilton, Okemos, thanked those individuals who served on the committee and the bargaining team for the cable television franchise.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Rezoning #05020 (Sumbal), request to rezone approximately 11.22 acres located at 2267 BL-69 and 6217 and 6219 Newton Road from RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial) and RD (Multiple Family-Low Density)

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed rezoning as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 6, 2005.

Trustee Such 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 Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #05020" RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial), PO (Professional Office), RD (Multiple Family-Low Density) and RA (Single Family-Medium Density).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 Treasurer Hunting.

Board members discussed the following:

- Rezoning consistent with other uses in the area
- Applicant's willingness to respond to Board concerns
- Transitional features contained within the request
- Commercial footage too large
- Rezoning initiated under the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan

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- Decision should be based on what is contained within the Master Plan at the time of action
- Rezoning should lead to some type of comprehensive PUD which balances all the uses
- 2005 Master Plan calls for RA (2.5-3.5 units per acre) for the entire parcel

Applicable Comprehensive Development/Master Plan: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. Andria, could you give comment on this?

A. My recollection is that it is based on the time that the request was made.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Brixie, Supervisor McGillicuddy
Motion carried 5-2.

- B. Rezoning #05030 (South Whitehills & Wu), request to rezone approximately 14 acres located at the northwest corner of Lake Lansing and BL-69 from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density)

Trustee 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 Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #05030” RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 Such.

Board members discussed the following:

- Approval by the Planning Commission

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

- C. Rezoning #05040 (Hooker/Haynes), request to rezone an approximately 6.77 acre parcel located north of 3681 Kansas Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density)

Treasurer Hunting moved to refer Rezoning #05040 (Hooker/Haynes) to the Planning Commission to consider the applicant’s revised request for RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) zoning conditioned on a maximum of six lots being developed on the site. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Board members discussed the following:

- Issues which surround access
- Road concerns discussed at last Board meeting
- Inclusion of the pathway connections to the north and south
- Questionable sufficiency of the brief request to clarify what the request is actually for

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

- D. Resolution to Grant Easement to Okemos Public Schools for Property Adjacent to Cornell School

Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record], NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby authorizes the Township Manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of an easement to be granted to Okemos Public Schools consistent with this Resolution and authorizes the Manager, Clerk and Supervisor to sign such an easement on behalf of the Township as necessary subject to the following:

- 1. Approval of this Resolution authorizes the Township Manager to finalize an easement agreement with the Okemos Public Schools for the use of the Township's property.**
- 2. The terms and conditions of the easement shall include an expiration date not to exceed twenty-four months from the date the easement is granted and a provision terminating the easement in the event the Township's property is no longer used for school parking purposes or in the event the Okemos Public School property immediately adjacent to the Township's property is no longer used for school purposes.**

Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.

Board members discussed the following:

- Avoid possibility for preclusion of a land exchange
- Terms will be contained within the easement
- Change in land ownership changes to the person who the easement was granted to and the easement would cease

Treasurer Hunting offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Amend condition #2 after "used for" by inserting "Okemos Public"**

The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.

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

E. Wetland Determination of Essentiality

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed essential wetland determination for Wetland #03-08 as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 3, 2005.

Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, pursuant to Section 22-156 of the Township Code of Ordinances, hereby identifies Wetland #03-08 as essential to the preservation of the natural resources of the Charter Township of Meridian. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Driveway move to accommodate crossing at the median
- Existing center turn lane
- Action ensures this wetland is under the Township's regulatory control
- Does not meet the criteria for an essential wetland

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

Motion carried 6-1.

F. Cable Television Franchise

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record], NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan hereby approves the Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Charter Township of Meridian and Comcast of Michigan, III, Inc., and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Clerk and the Chairman of the Township Cable Communications Commission to execute and enter into this Cable Television Franchise Renewal Agreement on behalf of the Township. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board members discussed the following:

- Appreciation to the negotiators for their efforts
- Citizenry will be well served by the agreement
- Congressional discussion(s) regarding altering township's oversight of cable

Trustee Brixie offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Change all references of the "Township Board of Trustees" to "Township Board"**

The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Cathy Baird, 3720 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the pathway along the east side of Hulett Road.

Ann Alchin, 2227 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke to the lack of Cedar Bend Heights Heritage Neighborhood Association input into the DDA recommendation and questioned the proposed DDA boundary.

Norman Gear, 3760 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke against a proposed crosswalk placed "in" his driveway on the east side of Hulett Road as part of the Hulett/Bennett Pathway.

Carmen Gear, 3760 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the pathway on the east side of Hulett Road and placement of a crosswalk "in" her driveway.

Will White, 3695 Okemos Road, Okemos, responded to earlier citizen comment regarding the proposed DDA and spoke in support of establishment of a DDA for the downtown Okemos area.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. DDA Recommendation from Meridian EDC

Township Manager Richards received solicited comments from Economic Development Corporation members who expressed concerns about the creation of a DDA in the Okemos Village area. He also summarized the process and explained the plan could not be developed until the DDA is created as outlined in the staff memorandum dated June 3, 2005.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Multiple ways to raise revenue within a DDA
- Several signers of the petition were interested in a DDA, but not interested in an additional tax
- Possible Board limitation contained in the ordinance which states a property tax would not be levied
- Capture of TIFA (taxable value added)

- Possibility of DDA rental of property
- Application for possible grant(s)
- DDA as a positive statement from the Township that its wants the area to flourish
- Nebulous nature of the plan
- Concern that DDA should not have any taxing power, but may allow for special assessment districts
- Township does not qualify for a principal shopping district
- DDA sunset would allow an opportunity for other areas within the Township to subsequently form a DDA
- Board purpose for creating a DDA
- Four possible areas within the Township which would benefit from a DDA
- Discussion with state representatives to change the law regarding the defined area for a DDA
- Draw lines to protect residential quality of all surrounding neighborhoods
- Process to make the DDA smaller
- Board retention of control over the land use
- Ingham County Road Commission retains control over the roads
- Draw the DDA boundary next to the Hamilton Building on the corner of Hamilton and Ardmore and exclude the four residential properties along Hamilton between Ardmore and Liverance Street
- Leave decision of taxation recommendation to the Board up to the affected property and business owners within the district
- Okemos Village area the only citizens to approach the Township with a DDA initiative
- Poster informational meetings with “stations” for the public to obtain a better understanding of what a DDA entails
- Poster informational sessions to include explanation of lost tax dollars as it relates to other taxing authorities which would share revenue with the DDA
- Millage increase through a DDA would generate concerns from large businesses (e.g., Meijer)
- Purpose for creating a DDA is the determination that the area needs assistance in order to revitalize and promote economic development
- Need to identify what the Board is looking for in the creation of this particular DDA
- DDA an effort to “stay” or stop the declining property values in the Okemos Village area
- Township goal of vibrant commercial areas within the Township

The consensus of the Board was to move forward by holding poster informational meetings and have staff write a draft ordinance, which includes the taxing structure and the specific geographical area.

[Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 8:26 P.M.]

[Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 8:40 P.M.]

B. Recommendations on Hulett/Bennett Pathway Workshop

Director Severy summarized the Hulett Road Area Pathway recommendations as outlined in staff memorandum dated June 3, 2005.

Board members discussed the following:

- Input from staff to Mr. Cox regarding the status and information on the developments to be built on Hulett Road
- Requirement by the Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC) to widen Hulett Road to three (3) lanes at the entrances into the two (2) subdivisions
- Marking of paved bicycle lanes necessitate the need to periodically sweep the lanes to clear them of debris
- Traffic calming measure of keeping road at two (2) lanes except when turn lane is needed at the subdivision entrances
- Discussion with the ICRC regarding traffic calming devices
- Speed of cars on a road is determined by its character

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- Discussion with the ICRC to reduce lane width from twelve (12) feet
- Request for lowering the speed limit on Hulett will require using a process which involves the Michigan State Police, the Township and the ICRC
- Recommendation to the ICRC that the median be the same width as the turn lane on Hulett Road
- Need to hold a public hearing to amend the Pathway Master Plan to accommodate the off-road paths
- Pursue easement options of the plats on Hulett Road prior to amending the Pathway Master Plan to accommodate off-road pathways between The Meadows and The Sanctuary
- Speak with property owners prior to holding a public hearing
- Off-road pathways as eight (8) feet asphalt paths for two-way traffic
- Flexibility with size and type of pathway when having discussions with property owners relative to easements
- Offer of Township assistance with the screening process while attempting to obtain easements from the subdivision developers
- Consideration of a five (5) foot pathway on the east side of Hulett Road

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff contact the property owners regarding possible easements and apprise the Board at the appropriate time to set a public hearing.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Cathy Baird, Okemos, spoke to alleged inaccuracies of information regarding the Hulett/Bennett Pathway and in opposition to the pathway along the east side of Hulett Road.

Norman Gear, 3760 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the pathway along the east side of Hulett Road.

Vincent Lyon-Callo, 4122 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the pathway on the east side of Hulett Road from Bennett to Capeside.

Will White, 4695 Okemos Road, Okemos, stated the 1993 Comprehensive Development Plan's transportation analysis stated two of the intersections in the Okemos Village area operate at the E or F service level (Grand River and Okemos; Mt. Hope and Okemos). This is part of the reason why a DDA is needed for that area.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:04 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary