

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES – **APPROVED**
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, TOWN HALL ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1999, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Little, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Klunzinger, Trustees McCullough, McGillicuddy, Squiers
ABSENT: Trustee Such
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Work Session to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY

Second 425 Agreement/Governor's Club

Trustee McGillicuddy asked Attorney Goodenough if it was possible to place the Governor's Club/425 Agreement on the February, 2000 public ballot, along with the Capital Area District Library (CADL) Agreement. Goodenough noted the decision on the CADL contract has to be made by December 31, 1999. He also noted that the 425 Agreement could be put on the ballot, but has not been the course the Board has chosen thus far. Meridian Township, as well as Lansing has held public hearings, but there is no 425 Agreement in effect at this point in time, although Meridian has signed it, Lansing has not yet signed it (although he anticipates it will happen in the very near future).

Clerk Helmbrecht pointed out that if Meridian Township puts anything on the ballot for the February 22, 2000 election the Township would be responsible for the entire cost of the election. Right now, since it is only a Republican presidential primary election, the state is paying the entire cost.

Attorney Goodenough noted putting CADL on the ballot is something that can be explored, however if an agreement is reached to extend the agreement on CADL until after the election, and that agreement is rescinded after the first of the year, the Township is in CADL with no options.

3. DISCUSSION ON 7:00 AGENDA ITEM TOPICS

The following 7:00 p.m. agenda items were discussed:

- Consent Agenda
- Recreation Programming Grant
- Abandonment of Zephyr Drive
- Re-opening of Eastgate Park
- CATA Supplemental Services
- Meridian Senior Center
- Confined Space Rescue Equipment
- Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Lansing
- Area-wide Major Crime Task Force
- Add #16.F. MSU River Trail Grant

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Little reported on a proposed ice rink at Meridian Road Park North. The Park Commission appointed Little to a committee to explore the creation of the rink. Recreation

Director Luann Maisner will explore the issues/costs related to the ice rink and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

Trustee McCullough received a call from a representative for the Ember Oaks project asking if the Planning and Development Committee members would reconsider the recommendation that requires extension of roads dictated by the Ingham County Road Commission. The applicant would like to have an opportunity to negotiate with the Road Commission on the road extensions. Attorney Goodenough noted the process would have to go through both the preliminary and final plat approval. Typically before preliminary plat approval is even granted, one of the groups the applicant will have to appear in front of is the Ingham County Road Commission. Goodenough noted that Township has no control over decisions made by the Road Commission, all non-state and non-federal roads within the Township are under the jurisdiction of Ingham County.

Treasurer Klunzinger noted CATA is developing a ten year plan for the use of the millage which will be coming back to the Board. A survey is also being explored to determine ridership patterns, which could be paid for with the millage funds.

Treasurer Klunzinger noted the Township is seeking input on Library options. For the process, the issue is being separated into two elements: physical and operations. Financial Planning and Budgeting Committee is meeting to develop dollar figures for the various options.

5. CLOSED SESSION

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE PURSUANT TO MSA § 4.1800(18)8(H). SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McCullough, McGillicuddy, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6.0

Supervisor Little recessed the Work Session at 6:50pm to go into closed session.

The Board adjourned to the Administrative Conference Room for a closed session.

Supervisor Little reconvened the Work Session at 7:09pm.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.
There were no Public Remarks.
Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the Work Session at 7:10 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M.G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Janis L. Haskell, Acting Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
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Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Personnel
Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Police Chief
Gary Gibbons, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Little called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 p.m

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OR CHANGES

Board members discussed the agenda.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH
THE ADDITION OF ITEM #16.F. (Resolution of support for MSU and East Lansing and their river
trail system.

CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #4.(Communications); #11.A.(Treasurer’s Report,
Certification of Abandoned Property for Acceleration Forfeiture Resolution); #16.A.,B.(Managers
Report: Bills, Assessing Stipulations); #17.A.,2. a.b.c.(Standing Committee Reports, Financial
Planning and Budgeting, Audit Contract Extension, CATA Supplemental Millage Levy Language,
Meridian Senior Center Funding for 2000); #17.A.6.a.b.c.d.e. (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
Acceptance, Fire Lanes (2), Confined Space Rescue Equipment, Mutual Aid Agreement with City of
Lansing, Area-Wide Major Crime Task Force.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. CORRECTION, APPROVAL & RATIFICATION OF MINUTES (None)

4. COMMUNICATIONS (See Consent Agenda)

A. Board Deliberation (BD)

BD-1 Ingham County Road Commission RE: Proposed Abandonment of Zephyr Drive,
Sunwind Estates

BD-2 J.T. Stocks, 3935 Jonquil Lane, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Wal-Mart

BD-3 Richard A. Baumgarten, 1064 Cliffdale Drive, Haslett; RE: Requests Board
reconsideration of Planning Commission denial of public road linking Marsh Road and
Central Park Drive

BD-4 Anne Woiwode, 5088 Powell Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Ember Oaks

B. Board Information (BI)

BI-1 JoAnn Forsberg, 1126 Bonanza Drive, Okemos; RE: Per Jolly-Okemos Park and
Cornerstone Church Requests.

BI-2 East Lansing-Meridian Water and Sewer Authority; RE: 1998 Annual Consumer
Report on the Quality of Tap Water

BI-3 Mary Jane Kuschinski, 3817 Viceroy Drive, Okemos; RE: to Ted Black, Park
Commissioner, RE: Proposed bike path in her subdivision

- BI-4 LINC to Planning Commission; RE: Ember Oaks, PRD #97015 (SBI)
- BI-5 Wally & Victoria Juall, RE: Expressing thanks for those who attended his mother's funeral
- BI-6 Carol Christenson; RE: Wants the Haslett Library to stay with CADL
- BI-7 Senator Dianne Byrum; RE: Senate Bill 205 0 Local Control Issues
- BI-8 Stan Pierce, 1806 Hamilton Road, Apartment #B16, Okemos; RE: Activities scheduled for New Years' to celebrate turn of the century
- BI-9 Beth Hubbell, 1158 Woodside Drive, Haslett; RE: Library thoughts prior to new ballot request
- BI-10 Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool, 1675 Green Road, P.O. Box 1487, Ann Arbor: Township Defense of liability claims
- BI-11 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax for week ending November 12, 1999
- BI-12 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax for week ending October 26, 1999
- BI-13 Potter Park Zoo Wonderland of Lights evening activity listing.

C. Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]

- FOI-38 Michael Skoriya, 1985 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 214, Troy, Michigan; RE: Payments or monies for which they do not know the purpose that the amount was given to them
- FOI-39 John R. Fifarek, Lasky Fifarek & Hogan; RE: Special Use Permit Applications for Wal-Mart, Eyde's Flood Plains and Eyde's New Public Road

D. On File in Clerk's Office (OF)

- OF-1 Ingham County Road Commissioners Agenda for November 9, 1999 and October 26, 1999 Statutory Annual Meeting (Reconvened from October 26, 1999)
- OF-2 Capital Area District Library: Agenda and supporting materials for October 20, 1999 Meeting.

5. QUESTIONS OF ATTORNEY (None)

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

John Duley, 4954 Chippewa Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Township pulling out of CADL, submitted letter for the records.

Thom Jayne, 3933 Cloverdale, Okemos; RE: Public consensus is at odds with what Board is trying to do; consider reaction to trying to push things through.

Alex Witte, 3933 Cloverdale, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks.

Kim Witte, 3933 Cloverdale, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Judith Hurst, 3418 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing; RE: opposed to Rysberg Rezoning,

Christie Bleck, President, Natural Areas Association; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Tim Mather, 3615 East Hamilton, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Charles Pratt, 3640 Arbutus Drive, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Paul Zana, 4920 Chipping Camden Lane, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Sally Wiggins, 3672 East Hiawatha, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Robert Ricketts, 5664 Wood Valley, Haslett; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Lucile Portwood, 1815 Hamilton, Okemos; RE Opposed Ember Oaks on behalf of Dr. Alexander Summitt, read letter into record.

Mark Hooper, 3653 Stagecoach Drive, Okemos; RE: Don't amend Planning Commission's recommendation for road connection at Ember Oaks, keep license intact to allow reasonable plantings within buffer zones

Jim Brazier, 4185 Cornell Road, Okemos; RE: In agreement with Mark Hooper's comments, stay in CADL

Matt Larson, 304 West Newman, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Monica Goble, 4875 Buttercup Lane, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Peggy Ostrum, 3663 VanAtta, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Robert McCarthy, 3629 East Arbutus, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Eleanor Luecke, LINC; RE: Settle with homeowners who filed a suit regarding Rysberg rezoning, opposed to Ember Oaks.

Charlene Decker, 2711 Pleasant Grove Road, Lansing; RE: spoke on behalf of J.K. Albin RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks; 425 Agreement not in best interests of Meridian or Lansing

Jeff Tombouljian, 2381 Mt. Hope, Okemos; RE: spoke on behalf of Tina Kahn, 734 West Grand River, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Pat Hagen, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks, road connection should have access only to emergency vehicles; commended Lansing City Council for not taking action on 425 Agreement at its last meeting

Ted Black, 4714 VanAtta Road, Okemos; RE: Opposed to Ember Oaks

Wayne McClelland, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos; RE: Petitions submitted against 425 Agreement, Board's action to move ahead

Marcia Witt, 2448 S. Wild Blossom Court, Okemos; RE: Opposed to development re: Rysberg rezoning and Ember Oaks

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA TO INCLUDE ITEMS #4.(Communications); #11.A.(Treasurer's Report, Certification of Abandoned Property for Acceleration Forfeiture Resolution); #16.A.,B.(Managers Report: Bills, Assessing Stipulations); #17.A.,2. a.b.c.(Standing Committee Reports, Financial Planning and Budgeting, Audit Contract Extension, CATA Supplemental Millage Levy Language, Meridian Senior Center Funding for 2000); #17.A.6.a.b.c.d.e. (Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Acceptance, Fire Lanes (2), Confined Space Rescue Equipment, Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Lansing, Area-Wide Major Crime Task Force. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little

NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follows:

A. COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item #4.)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH 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 OR FURTHER DISPOSITION. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 5-0.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT (Agenda Items #11.A)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OF IDENTIFICATION, INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY FOR ACCELERATED FORFEITURE.

(RESOLUTION ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. MANAGER'S BILLS (Agenda Item #16.A.)

TRUSTEE SQUIERS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGER'S BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$273,637.72
Public Works	<u>176,630.20</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$450,267.92</u>
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SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

D. ASSESSING STIPULATIONS (Agenda Item #16.B.)

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A TAX TRIBUNAL STIPULATION WITH WASHINGTON HEIGHTS APARTMENTS, L.P., ON THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
1998/1999	260561	1846 Hamilton

Assessment/Taxable	1999	\$1,716,230/\$1,716,230
	1998	\$1,689,210/\$1,689,210

RATIONAL: This Stipulation is recommended to correct the 1999 Assessed and Taxable Values. After extensive research, it has been determined that our Assessment exceeds 50 percent of the property's True Cash Value. Therefore the Proposed Assessment is recommended.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- E. AUDIT CONTRACT EXTENSION (Agenda Item #17.A.2.a.)
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT THE CONTRACT WITH PLANTE & MORAN BE EXTENDED FOR THE AUDIT OF THE 1999 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- F. CATA SUPPLEMENTAL MILLAGE LEVY LANGUAGE (Agenda Item # 17.A.3.b.)
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ON NOVEMBER 2, 1999 APPROVED A BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDED CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CATA) SERVICE TO INCREASE FREQUENCY OF CURRENT ROUTES AND PROVIDE REDI RIDE SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD IS CHARGED WITH LEVYING TAXES FOR TOWNSHIP SERVICES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE .2(2/10) MILLS IS ORDERED TO BE LEVIED ON DECEMBER 1, 1999 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ADDITIONAL 2000 CATA SERVICES.

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- G. MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER FUNDING FOR 2000(Agenda Item #17.A.3.c.)
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT THE 2000 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FROM \$3,000 TO \$5,000 FOR THE MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers,
McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- H. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (Agenda Item #17.A.6.a.)
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$18,344 AND TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S
MATCH OF \$2,038. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers,
McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- I. FIRE LANES (2)
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE FIRE LANE #54-ST. MARTHA
CHURCH IN OKEMOS AND FIRE LANE #55-SOUTH WILD BLOSSOM COURT IN EAST
LANSING.

(RESOLUTION ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers,
McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- J. CONFINED SPACE RESCUE EQUIPMENT
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE A JOINT PLAN OF THE FIRE AND
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS TO PROCEED IN ESTABLISHING A CONFINED
SPACE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE PROGRAM AND TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR
CONFINED SPACE AND TECHNICAL RESCUE UP TO \$13,000 WITH THE TRANSFER
OF FUNDS FROM 101-300.336-701.060. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers,
McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- K. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LANSING
TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
MERIDIAN AND THE CITY OF LANSING; AND TO AUTHORIZE
TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO SIGN THE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.

(AGREEMENT ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

L. AREA-WIDE MAJOR CRIME TASK FORCE

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE INGHAM COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN. SECONDED BY TREASURER KLUNZINGER.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee McGillicuddy asked if any Trustee on the yes side of the previous vote on the 425 Agreement was willing to bring the 425 Agreement back to the table, as all Trustees were not present during the November 3, 1999 vote. Because she was the only no vote, she can't bring it back on the floor.

Treasurer Klunzinger provided background on the 20+ year development history in the Township and reiterated his commitment to the preservation of private property rights. Green Board was elected in 1988 to "just say no" to development. And they did, repeatedly. As a result, the Township ended up in court frequently, lost almost all the cases, legal costs were \$300,000 - \$400,000 a year. Zoning being questioned for proposed Wal-Mart location was not legislated by the Board, it was imposed by the court. Rezoning passed by the Board two years ago, consistent with the comprehensive development plan, petitions signed to put issue on the ballot, voters said no. The property owner went to court and the court said Township couldn't deny rezoning. Board must follow case law in Michigan. Court makes decision on what the law is, not what individuals want or vote for. When saying no to development, process is being turned over to the courts, not the Township.

Trustee Squiers placed on the overhead a graph depicting Meridian Township growth over the last 12 years. The graph showed single family development growth going down, as well as commercial development.

9. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (None)

10. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Helmbrecht asked for a moment of silence in memory of the recent passing Neil White, husband of former Clerk Virginia White.

Clerk Helmbrecht announced that none of the signatures on the petitions received on the 425 Agreement lived within the area; 8 people do live in the area, none of whom signed any of the petitions.

The Township's meeting calendar for the year 2000 will be available at the next Board meeting, as well as a list of upcoming appointments that will be available. Applications for public service are available at the Clerk's office.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 96 were welcomed to the meeting.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Klunzinger noted that tax bills are being prepared and will be mailed by the end of the month. Using colored notices in tax bills pointing out that the original tax bill was sent to the homeowner's escrow company. New notices at the bottom of the tax bill break down where money to Ingham County is going.

Treasurer Klunzinger outlined options being explored for the recently passed supplemental CATA millage. The Financial Planning and Budgeting Committee will be meeting Thursday, November 18 at 8:00am in the Township's Administrative Conference Room to discuss these issues.

12. TOWNSHIP BOARD

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO INSTRUCT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISCUSSION IN CLOSED SESSION. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

13. SPECIAL HEARINGS/APPEALS (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

15. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- A. Rezoning #99060 (Rysberg), request to rezone approximately nine acres north of Lake Lansing Road, east of Abbott Road and west of Gossard Avenue from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) and RB (Single Family-High Density) to PO (Professional Office) – Final Adoption.

Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development, provided a background to the Board on the Rysberg Rezoning request (#99060). The request was brought before the Board for its final adoption.

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED THAT RESOLUTION FOR THE RYSBERG REZONING REQUEST (#99060) BE APPROVED FOR FINAL ADOPTION.

(RESOLUTION ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

Discussion included:

- Responsible land use — saves seven acres of open space
- Consistent with use of surrounding area
- Rezoning only two acres
- Consistent with unanimous vote of Planning Commission
- Area non-buildable due to wetlands
- Addresses wetlands concern and allows only minor development on two of the nine acres

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers,
McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried 5-1.

- B. Planned Residential Development #97015 (SBI) Limited Partnership, request for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) overlay and consider a PRD sketch plan for the proposed Ember Oaks development located north of Jolly Road and east of Dobie Road.

Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development, provided a background to the Board on the Planned Residential Development (#97015): the request originated in 1997 as a rezoning and a PRD request; now it is just a PRD request, no rezoning. The request is for approximately 230 acres located in Section 35 of the Township. Purpose of the PRD is to allow flexibility in development of single family subdivisions. The PRD also allows for preservation of open space and natural features on the site. There is a requirement in the PRD ordinance that states 20 percent of the developable area must be reserved for open space; this request has 29 percent of the site (92 acres) reserved for open space, including 17 acres reserved as wetlands and approximately nine acres reserved for easements. The PRD was approved by the Planning Commission.

TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON PRD #97015 (SBI) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NORTH OF JOLLY ROAD AND EAST OF DOBIE ROAD, INCLUDING CONDITION #1; CONDITION #2, WITH THE ADDITION OF SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AT END; AND REMOVAL OF CONDITION #3.

(RESOLUTION ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE.)

SECONDED BY CLERK HELBRECHT.

Discussion included:

- If not developed by PRD, whole parcel could be used with no open space preservation
- Not a zoning change, being developed with Rural Residential zoning
- Not first time for request, has been before the Township since 1997
- First request to rezone goes back to 1992, allowed for 460 lots on property
- Original request was for 330 lots, then for 196, then for 192, this resolution only allows for 159 lots
- Using property as is zoned currently, not an upzoning
- Developers worked cooperatively with Township
- Township has no control over the roads
- Road concerns can be addressed to Ingham County Road Commission before they make their final approval
- 29% of open space addresses environmental concerns
- Original plan had homes going into wooded lots, now west side is untouched, size has come down dramatically since original request, and addresses the Environmental Commission concerns.
- Not a development where developer can go in and clear-cut trees on lots

- Best compromise Township can come up with in meeting rights of private property owner
- Plan does not show layout of streets accurately
- Infringes on Urban Service Boundary
- Doesn't meet PRD requirement because it can be done without extending public water and sewer
- Perking condition would not permit property owner to have higher density
- Tests indicate property is adequate for sewer/water for 460 houses
- Only reason before Board is because it's a PRD, if not a PRD property owner would not be required to preserve open space
- Will set a precedent to infringe on Urban Service Boundary
- Planning Commission spent great deal of time on this PRD, did not have a split vote, passed unanimously after much review, investigation and exploration over many years
- Must maintain clear demarcation between urban and rural areas
- Voting down PRD would be worse for preservation of open space

TRUSTEE MCGILLICUDDY MOVED TO TABLE THIS MOTION IN ORDER TO FIND OUT ABOUT PLANS OF THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: Trustee McGillicuddy
Motion carried 5-1.

16. MANAGER'S REPORT INVOICES & BILLS

- A. Bills (See Consent Agenda)
- B. Assessing Stipulations (See Consent Agenda)
- C. Recreation Programming Grant Application

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND/OR RECREATION DIRECTOR BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM TO THE "GET MICHIGAN YOUTH MOVING" GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE MICHIGAN RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$5,000, AND A LOCAL GENERAL FUND MATCH OF \$1,300, AND THAT THE SUPERVISOR AND CLERK BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

Discussion included:

- Recreation Director LuAnn Maisner deserves to be commended for going out and seeking this grant; it's the type of thing the Board is looking for her position to accomplish
- Township match is higher than match required, this increases opportunity for funding
- Funds for match is not new money
- Grant would be used to serve as a Summer Playground Program targeting students in the Township

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Abandonment of Zephyr Drive Between Lots 15 & 16 in Sunwind Estates
Manager Richards provided outline on the Ingham County Road Commission's request for a position from the Board on the Road Commission's planned abandonment of Zephyr Drive in Sunwind Estates. Issues to be studied include police issues about the property that needs to be clarified and a proposed bicycle path that could be hampered by the Commission's action.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO REQUEST THE INGHAM COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION NOT ABANDON ZEPHYR DRIVE AT THIS TIME. SECONDED BY CLERK HELMBRECHT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Treasurer Klunzinger, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Squiers, McGillicuddy, McCullough, Supervisor Little
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Opening of Meridian Riverfront Park, Eastgate Entrance
Manager Richards noted that construction was completed on the renovation of the Meridian Riverfront Park, Eastgate Entrance on November 8. The parking lot was moved closer to Meridian Road, the old entry drive and parking lot were converted into an accessible pathway to the pavilion, and the hill in the center of the old parking lot was eliminated.

TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED THAT THE EASTGATE PARK PARKING LOT BE REOPENED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1999-29, MORATORIUM ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SQUIERS.

Discussion included:

- Commend Park Coordinator, Park Commission and other people responsible for getting onto the project as quickly as possible in order to do what was necessary.
- Entrance to Legg Park will also be reopened at the same time.

VOICE VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Resolution of Support for the MSU and East Lansing river trail system
TREASURER KLUNZINGER MOVED TO RESOLVE THAT MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HEREBY SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR A RIVER TRAIL PLANNING STUDY OF THE APPROXIMATELY 2-MILE TRAILWAY ALONG THE RED CEDAR RIVER WITHIN THE MSU CAMPUS. SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MCGILlicuddy.

VOICE VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

17. BOARD MEMBER, BOARD COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Standing Committee Reports
(1) Physical Operations & Activities (None)
(2) Financial Planning and Budgeting (See Consent Agenda)
a. Audit Contract Extension

- b. CATA Supplemental Millage Levy Language
- c. Meridian Senior Center Funding for 2000

- (3) Personnel (None)
- (4) Planning and Development (None)
- (5) Infrastructure (None)
- (6) Public Safety (See Consent Agenda)
 - a. Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Acceptance
 - b. Fire Lanes (2)
 - c. Confined Space Rescue Equipment
 - d. Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Lansing
 - e. Area-Wide Major Crime Task Force

Manager Richards announced a public forum for residents along Hamilton Road to meet with a representative of the Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation to allow residents to hear what the Road Commission plans are for the announced roundabout and to discuss other traffic issues on Hamilton Road. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 1999 at 7:00pm.

- (7) Recreation (None)

- B. Special Committees (None)
- C. Liaison Representative Reports (None)

- 18. OTHER REPORTS (None)
- 19. NEW BUSINESS (None)

[TRUSTEE SQUIERS LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:05PM.]

20. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Little opened Public Remarks.

Harold Schmidt, 4086 Dobie Road, Okemos; RE: Private property rights issues, irresponsible attitudes

Ganesh Reddy, 3614 Ponderosa Drive, Okemos; RE: Restriction to one hour for public remarks at beginning of meeting.

[TRUSTEE MCCULLOUGH, SUPERVISOR PRO-TEM, TOOK OVER THE GAVEL AT THIS TIME.]

Wayne McClelland, 1459 Cheboygan Road, Okemos; RE: Private property rights issues, gerrymandering Urban Service Boundary.

Pat Hagan, 4135 Wabaningo, Okemos; RE: Township Board participation/attendance/representation.

[SUPERVISOR LITTLE TOOK BACK THE GAVEL.]

Larry Sawdy, Marsh Road, Haslett; RE: One hour/three-minute rule, making a difference by serving on committees/commissions, Ember Oaks meets PRD.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos; RE: Lansing City Council action on 425 Agreement.

Eleanor Luecke, LINC; RE: PRD ordinance should have been sent back to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Little closed Public Remarks.

21. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Treasurer Klunzinger noted his private property rights comments reference the rights courts have said are rights of the property owner, not what the Board or voters say. He also pointed out background of the 425 Agreement/Governor's Club and attempts by East Lansing to annex the property. Agreement came up as a defensive maneuver to protect the Township. Township has a disadvantage being right next to a city and the Board has a responsibility to maintain the property lines, control of development and revenue for Meridian Township.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Little adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

BRUCE A. LITTLE
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M.G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Janis L. Haskell, Acting Secretary