

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode  
ABSENT: Treasurer Hunting  
STAFF: Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of  
Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, 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 and closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy attended the pre-construction meeting for the Towar Storm Drain Project on February 23, 2006. The project is scheduled to commence the first of March. The public can receive additional information on the project and its progress by logging on to [www.towargardens.org](http://www.towargardens.org).

Trustee Brixie announced that Professor Igor Vognovic from Michigan State University has again selected Meridian Township as the subject of his geography seminar on planning. Mobile Home Manor and frontage along Grand River have been chosen for his project. The focus of the class will be to develop mixed use designs for the area.

A. Election Report

Clerk Helmbrecht announced a special primary election was held on February 21, 2006 for the vacancy created in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District when Virg Bernero became mayor of Lansing. The two Republican candidates were one vote apart county-wide and it will not be known until February 24<sup>th</sup> if a recount will be held. In Meridian Township, John Findlay won on the Republican ticket and Gretchen Whitmer won on the Democratic ticket.

Clerk Helmbrecht announced a special general election for the 23<sup>rd</sup> State Senate seat will be held on March 14, 2006.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

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The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Melanie Jaramillo, 2080 Ashland Avenue, Okemos; RE: Board appointment of Park Commission member
- BI-2 Stephen D. Fuller, 1045 W. Woodside Drive, Haslett; RE: Opposition to expansion of WalMart at 5110 Times Square, Okemos
- BI-3 Maureen Sullivan, 6348 Lake Drive, Haslett; RE: Update of Haslett Beautification Association activities and request for assistance with watering of flower beds during the summer of 2006

(2). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report February 3, 2006 Edition
- SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, February 10, 2006 Edition

**Trustee Such 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  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

**Trustee Such moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the February 7, 2006 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 134,577.77
Public Works	\$ 254,741.77
Total Checks	\$ 389,319.54
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 13,473.58
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 402,793.12</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 266,203.08</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Appointment(s) to Boards and Commissions

**Trustee Such moved that the Township Board approve the appointment of Mark Stephens to the Park Commission as stated in a memorandum to the Township Board dated February 17, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Sewer TV Truck

**Trustee Such moved to approve trading the existing 1982 Ford E-350 Sewer TV Truck toward the cost of converting a 1996 Ford F350 ambulance into a sewer TV truck. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

9. HEARINGS

A. Cider Mill Place Streetlighting Special Assessment District

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Director Severy summarized the Cider Mill Place Streetlighting Special Assessment District as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 17, 2006.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:10 P.M.

B. Wetland Use Permit #06-01 (Eyde) – Lake Lansing Estates Subdivision

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:10 P.M.

Director Kieselbach summarized the wetland use permit application as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 17, 2006. He also introduced a redesign (developed to address the Township environmental consultant's remarks) at the end of the 10" pipe where the discharge is located submitted by the applicant's engineer on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and at Board members' seats on the dais. Director Kieselbach noted the redesign includes a 5 X 20 foot sediment trap with rock spreader that has a depth of one and one-half (1-½ feet) which would further slow and filter the water. Any additional water which would overflow after passing through the sediment trap would travel across a 2 x 2 foot rock check dam and be dissipated over a wider area.

Director Kieselbach stated the Township's wetland consultant indicated the redesign is a better approach, but felt if the permit was approved, it should be conditioned upon further review, as there was concern with the slope of the property and the velocity of flow as it leaves the pipe. The consultant's report mentioned plantings which would help hold the soil would be favorable.

Supervisor McGillicuddy inquired if the approximate five (5) foot drop was vegetated.

Director Kieselbach responded it is currently scrub shrub vegetation.

Trustee Such inquired if the polishing pond had any type of lining on the bottom.

Director Kieselbach answered that he was not sure, but the applicant could respond to his question.

Trustee Such expressed concern that the 1-½ foot depth of the water detention area was not sufficient to hold the eventual road sediment over time.

Director Kieselbach replied that it was the intent for this water detention area to be part of the Ingham County drain system for maintenance purposes.

Trustee Such inquired who was going to maintain the sediment trap and rock dam as it would eventually fill up.

Director Kieselbach responded that the applicant would be able to answer Trustee Such's question.

Supervisor McGillicuddy stated the applicant has asked the Board to act on this tonight as there are load limits relative to the weight of the trucks accessing the site which will be enacted once the ground thaws.

APPLICANT

Mark Clouse, Eyde Co., 4660 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, noted that his company was originally advised by the Township that a wetland use permit was not necessary as there are no structures near, abutted or close to a wetland. The sedimentation trap is 100 feet away from the wetland. Subsequently, Mr. Clouse stated the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) amended its policy for review and the Township then advised the applicant a wetland use permit was now needed. Mr. Clouse indicated the rationale for requesting the Board act on the wetland use permit request tonight was due to the significant delay caused by the change made by the MDEQ.

Mr. Clouse clarified earlier questions by stating the detention pond will become part of Ingham County Drain Commissioner maintenance program and the cost will be borne by the residents of the subdivision. Mr. Clouse clarified in detail the process through which the water will travel and noted there are sedimentation traps which currently exist within catch basins for storm drainage in this area. He noted there was an approximate three (3) foot drop over 100 feet of lineal area and was unsure of the Township's wetland consultant concern in that regard.

Mr. Clouse reiterated that there was absolutely no filling of the wetland in this area. He indicated the water from this area adds to the wetland and building the road or adding homes at this location would not change the amount of water on this site. What will occur is any water which may have been diverted from the wetland will be placed back in the wetland after going through several sedimentation and control features.

PUBLIC

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the wetland use permit as he alleged the developer wants to build and mitigate in the wetlands. He also alleged this permit would cause irreparable harm to the Township and its wildlife.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:30 P.M.

C. Property Maintenance Code

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:30 P.M.

Director Kieselbach summarized the property maintenance code as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 17, 2006.

PUBLIC

Richard Harrington, 820 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the proposed property maintenance code as he alleged the rental code standards would be applied to private homeowners in an intrusive manner. He believed if Board rationale for implementing this code was the retention of property values, his position is that property value retention is not a function of government.

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, alleged this property maintenance would make a potential criminal out of every homeowner. He also alleged this code was not appropriate for Meridian Township and was an unnecessary regulation.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:45 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

A. Final Plat # 04052 (Nilson), The Sanctuary

**Trustee Such moved [and read into the record], NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN approves the Final Plat of The Sanctuary with the following condition:**

- 1. The applicant shall amend Wetland Use Permit #04-04 if the Township determines an amendment is needed to address the additional pre-treatment area on Lot 24 and 25.**

**Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Financial guarantees can be in the form of cash, check, letter of credit or performance guarantee
- Cost of financial guarantee is determined through Engineering and Planning staff
- Possible condition to address the additional pre-treatment was requested by the Drain Commissioner after the preliminary plat and will come before the Board
- Condition to address the additional pre-treatment would not alter lot sizes or lot lines
- Overflow for the pond will be discharged into the wetland

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Tentative Preliminary Plat #06012 (South Whitehills Limited Partnership), request for tentative preliminary plat approval for Whitehills Lakes South, a 33-lot single family subdivision located north of Lake Lansing Road, east of Park Lake Road

**Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants approval of the tentative preliminary plat for a 32 lot single family subdivision commonly known as Whitehills Lakes South located north of Lake Lansing Road and east of Park Lake Road with the following conditions:**

- 1. Approval is granted in accordance with the revised Tentative Preliminary Plat prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated February 10, 2006, indicating 32 single family lots, subject to revisions as required. Any revisions to the layout of the plat shall be subject to the Township's approval.**
- 2. Prior to submitting an application for final preliminary plat review, the applicant shall submit a wetland delineation for review by the Township's Environmental Consultant and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and, if necessary, shall obtain a wetland use permit for impacts to Wetland #05-06 or revise the preliminary plat so a wetland use permit is not necessary.**
- 3. The building envelope of Lot 13 shall be revised so that no portion of the envelope is situated within Wetland #05-06 or the water features setback.**
- 4. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 13 on the tentative preliminary plat shall have the natural vegetation strip clearly identified with permanent markers. The size, number and location of markers, and the language on the markers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.**

5. **Prior to any construction or grading on the site, the applicant shall install silt fencing at the upland edge of the water features setback. After construction, the fencing shall be removed once the area is stabilized.**
6. **The Township Board hereby grants a variance from Section 101-4.53 of the Township's Subdivision Regulations to allow Southridge Road to exceed the maximum block length of 1,320 feet. The variance is required for the road layout which was designed to avoid extensive cutting of the terrain and a reduction in the depth of the sewer line.**
7. **The Township Board hereby grants a variance from Section 101-4.62 of the Township's Subdivision Regulations to allow the lot line between Lots 27 and 28 to be non-perpendicular and non-radial to the street right-of-way line of Southridge Road. The variance is required to avoid an odd-shaped lot boundary.**
8. **The Township Board hereby grants a variance from Section 101-4.63 of the Township's Subdivision Regulations to allow Lots 4, 5, and 13 to exceed the minimum lot depth to width ratio of 2.5 to 1.0. The variance is required to create usable building envelopes adjacent to the wetland, water features setback, and steep slopes.**
9. **The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Ingham County Road Commission, and the Township. Copies of all permits and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development at the time the applicant requests final preliminary plat approval. Should a permit be required from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, no grading or construction work shall be conducted until the permit is final and unappealable at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.**
10. **Subject to Ingham County Road Commission and Fire Department approval, a temporary "T" turn around shall be installed where Southridge Road ends at the south edge of Phase 1 or a temporary gravel road shall be provided to Lake Lansing Road until the Southridge Road is completed.**
11. **Final utility plans shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering and shall be completed in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.**
12. **Storm sewer leads shall be provided to each lot in the subdivision. The final location of the lead shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering. All residences constructed in the subdivision shall be connected to the leads.**
13. **A cross-access easement agreement shall be provided for review and approval by the Township for access and maintenance of the stormwater detention area located south of Lot 22 prior to final plat approval.**
14. **An overall grading plan for the subdivision shall be required with detailed construction plans, prior to issuance of any building permits.**

15. A five foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be constructed along the east side of Southridge Road, the north side of Winterfield Road, as well as the frontage of Lots 14, 15, 16, and 32 on the cul-de-sac. The sidewalk shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
16. A seven foot wide concrete pathway shall be constructed along the north side of Lake Lansing Road and the east side of Park Lake Road. The design and location of the pathway shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering. The pathway along the north side of Lake Lansing Road shall be located within the road right-of-way and at least ten feet from the back of the curb. The pathways shall be built prior to final plat approval and in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
17. Street trees shall be required throughout the subdivision, as well as along the frontages of Lake Lansing and Park Lake Roads. Species and location of the trees shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Ingham County Road Commission.
18. The applicant shall submit a copy of the tree survey for review by the Township's Environmental Consultant. The survey shall identify those trees proposed to be removed or relocated on Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 to determine if there is a need for a vegetative screen between those lots and the existing dwellings on BL-69. If screening is determined to be necessary by the Township, the design and proposed landscape materials shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
19. Any wellhead(s) located on the site shall be properly closed and abandoned per the requirements of the Ingham County Health Department and the Township, prior to the issuance of any permit for construction activity, including grading permits.
20. A copy of the information that exists on computer for the plat and construction plans shall be provided to the Township Engineering staff in an Auto Cad compatible format.

**Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

Board members, staff and the applicant discussed the following:

- Appreciation to the developer for incorporating earlier Board comments into the tentative preliminary plat
- Five (5) foot sidewalk on one side of the street was to keep uniformity with the rest of the subdivision
- Staff to provide a wide variety of native tree species after consultation with the Township's environmental consultant
- Pathway along Park Lake and Lake Lansing Road will be along the frontage of the plat
- Impact of Lake Lansing Road hillside on the sidewalk
- ICRC condition for clear vision so the hillside will have to be regraded
- Revisit issue of the sidewalk during preliminary plat or final plat approval as it will dead end into the side of the hill
- Pathway proposed on north side of Lake Lansing in the Master Plan
- Drop off of property to the east will be addressed through a fencing plan by KEBS and will be available for the final preliminary plat
- Bridging of the wetland on Park Lake Road for continuity in the sidewalk
- Potential to severely impact the root systems of trees on the adjoining property along north side of Lake Lansing if sidewalk is constructed

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- Meandering of the sidewalks on Lake Lansing Road would require easements and the hill is extremely steep
- Possible crosswalks to access sidewalk from the other side of Lake Lansing Road
- Possibility for children to use the sidewalk in the future to walk to William Donley School
- Necessity for a retaining wall if hillside is cut
- Option to run a pathway diagonally across the unplatted area at the entrance on the east side which would come closer to the corner where citizens could cross and go to the trail on the south side
- Alternative of using a paved shoulder to get to the corner

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Amendments to the Board Policy Manual

**Trustee Woiwode moved approval of amendments to the Board Policy Manual, discussed and developed at the Board Policy Governance Workshop held on January 28, 2006, and presented to the Board for discussion on February 7, 2006, as described in a memorandum from the Township Manager dated February 17, 2006. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Board review of its policies once each year
- Belief that low public attendance is proof that Saturday is not a good day to have the workshop session

**Trustee Such offered the following friendly amendment:**

- **Amend the motion after “January 28, 2006” by inserting “in accordance with the Open Meetings Act”**

**The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, addressed comments made by the Township’s wetland consultant relative to the Lake Lansing Estates wetland use permit request. He alleged the proposed Property Maintenance Code does not fit in Meridian Township.

Bob Homan, 923 S. Lansing Street, Mason, expressed appreciation to the Board for its efforts in working with Consumers Energy to provide a cost effective dark sky streetlight fixture.

Mark Clouse, Eyde Co., 4660 S. Hagadorn, East Lansing, also expressed appreciation to the Board for its efforts in working with Consumers Energy to provide a cost effective dark sky streetlight fixture. Mr. Clouse noted there are four (4) filtering locations in Lake Lansing Estates that will address the water before it gets to the wetland. The depth of the water which would stand at any given time is between 1/2 to 1-1/2 feet.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Cider Mill Place Street Lighting Special Assessment District

Board members discussed the following:

- Cost of standard light fixture is \$100 per fixture

- Cost of cut-off light fixture now being considered by Consumers Energy is \$300 (previously least expensive fixture was \$1300)
- Consumers Energy to look at other full cut-off light fixtures

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on the consent agenda at its March 7, 2006 meeting.**

**10DB. Wetland Use Permit, Lake Lansing Estates**

Board members and the applicant discussed the following:

- Minimal amount of silt by the time the water reaches the 5' X 20' sediment trap
- Maintenance of the trap will be handled by the ICDC

**Trustee Such moved to reopen the action items to address the Lake Lansing Estates Wetland Use Permit as Action Item #10D. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: Trustees Veenstra, Woiwode  
Motion carried 4-2.

**Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, pursuant to Article 4 of Section 22 of the Township Code of Ordinances, the Township Board hereby approves Wetland Use Permit #06-01 with the following conditions:**

- 1. Approval is based upon the plans, documents, and materials prepared by KEBS, Inc., submitted in conjunction with Wetland Use Permit #06-01, subject to revisions as required, including the stormwater outlet design provided by KEBS, Inc. on February 21, 2006.**
- 2. Prior to construction, the revised design for the stormwater discharge provided to the Township by KEBS, Inc. on February 21, 2006 shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
- 3. The wetland boundary for Wetland #04-22 shall be flagged in those areas adjacent to the proposed work. The flagging shall be clearly evident throughout construction.**
- 4. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office prior to any work beginning on the stormwater basin and outlet. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approvals shall be forwarded to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
- 5. Erosion control fencing shall be installed prior to construction and shall be removed after construction is completed and the area is stabilized.**
- 6. No straw bales shall be used for erosion control, unless in conjunction with sediment erosion control fencing.**
- 7. A copy of the approved wetland use permit containing the conditions of issuance shall be posted on the site in a conspicuous manner such that the wording of the permit is available for public inspection. Posting of the site shall be done prior to commencement of work on the site and continue throughout the duration of the project.**

**Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

Board members and the applicant discussed the following:

- Construction will not occur in the wetland
- One hundred feet provides a large area of vegetation for the water to flow through
- ICDC will provide maintenance through the establishment of a special assessment district
- Director of Community Planning and Development will work with the consultant regarding the design for the stormwater discharge
- ICDC will ensure design specifications meet his design standards
- Concern over speed with which the Board has been asked to move on this wetland use permit
- Issues expressed by the consultant have been addressed by the motion
- Sediment trap will filter the water then let the water dissipate through rip rap, but will not keep the water
- Water can drain out through the bottom of the basin
- Wetland consultant to provide a list of native plant materials with deeper root structure which will deter erosion
- The entire plat is outside the wetlands and floodplains
- Suggestion that the basement floors be above the water table

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy,  
Clerk Helmbrecht  
NAYS: Trustee Woiwode  
Motion carried 5-1.

**B. Property Maintenance Code**

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Amend language in Section 302.8 (Motor Vehicles) to allow for inside storage
- Clarification of or change in definition to rodent harborage and infestation language in Section 302.5 (Rodent harborage)
- Code sets minimum standards for maintenance or upkeep of the property after construction is completed
- Need to read the entire code and not take language out of context
- Section 402 (Light) applies to all residential and non-residential structures
- Concern that every person in the Township will be in violation of this “sweeping law” if adopted
- Concern that codes for owner occupied housing and rental housing do not need to be the same
- Concern that adoption by reference precludes publication of the text in a newspaper for the public
- Concern with language as written in Section 308.1 (Infestation) regarding extermination of “structures”
- Concern that Township amendment to Section 106.4 (Violation penalties) allows days counted as a violation to begin prior to due notice being served
- Concern that proposed code allows staff to use selective enforcement
- Need for an ordinance whose purpose is to protect a neighbor’s property values
- Request for Trustee Veenstra to draft amendatory language to address his concerns
- Request for Trustee Veenstra’s amendatory language be received in the next Board packet
- City of East Lansing, Delhi and Delta Townships have adopted the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and have not experienced any of the problems mentioned
- The IPMC is in place and the Township can currently enforce it
- IPMC reinforces Board goals

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for discussion at the March 7, 2006 Board Meeting.**

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Maureen Sullivan, 6348 Lake Drive, President, Haslett Beautification Association, reiterated her wishes expressed in a letter to the Board regarding the need for assistance in watering the plants during the summer of 2006.

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the WalMart expansion special use permit request.

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced a tentative date of April 18, 2006 for a public hearing on the WalMart expansion, conditioned upon the Department of Community Planning and Development receiving a completed application.

Gil White, 6005 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, requested the Board develop a reasonable standard in the property maintenance code relative to ongoing and continuous progress in the construction of homes. Mr. White also asked the Board to promote a healthy region by monetarily supporting the City of Lansing's grant application for construction of rain gardens between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and a traffic circle at Michigan Avenue and Washington Square. The City of Lansing can qualify for a \$2.1 million state grant if it can contribute \$745,000 towards the project.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

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SUSAN McGILlicuddy  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary