

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Dreyfus,  
LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development  
Mark Kieselbach, Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, Police Chief Dave Hall, Fire Marshal  
Steve Schlachter, Assistant Manager/Human Resources Director Paul Brake

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

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke to the Township attorney's method of billing legal expenses and the need for the code violation process to be corrected.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Supervisor McGillicuddy attended a Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) meeting this afternoon where the majority of discussion centered around possible formation of a regional Metro Council.

Trustee LeGoff attended a meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> where the Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack, spoke about the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He stated his interest in local produce and local consumption through farmers' markets.

Treasurer Brixie attended the first ever Capitol Area Treasurer's meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Township Hall Room where she was elected Co-Chair. She indicated the group will meet quarterly to discuss a variety of issues that Treasurers encounter.

Trustee Veenstra spoke to the need for the Township to not send misleading written information about ordinance requirements to residents in the Township.

Trustee Dreyfus spoke to the installation of cameras mounted at the Towar Recreation Center for security purposes.

Supervisor McGillicuddy requested staff look into Mr. Kincaid's code violation complaint and report back to the Board.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1) Board Determination (BD)

BD 10A-1 Ellen Wheeler, 1802 Tupelo Trail, Holt; RE: Message Therapy

(2). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 William Lindow, DMD, 5586 Silverleaf Court, Haslett; RE: Repair of Cornell Road

(3). Commission Linkage (CL)

CL-1 Teri Banas, Chair, Park Commission; RE: E-mail to Trustee LeGoff regarding the future of Wardcliff Elementary athletic fields

(4). Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Linda Towsley, Windsor Charter Township Clerk, 405 W. Jefferson, Dimondale; RE: National Association of Towns and Townships Town Meeting, September 9-11, 2009 in Washington, DC

**Treasurer Brixie 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 Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor  
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager's Bills as follows:**

Common Cash		\$ 305,837.79
Public Works		\$ 319,362.46
Retainage Account		
- Check #1011 (Hard Rock, Inc.)	6,224.35	
- Check #1012 (TH Eifert)	1,263.34	
- Check #1013 (Barnhart & Son)	2,198.24	9,685.93
Flexible Spending Account		
- Check #1004 (Meritain Health)	711.10	
- Check #1005 (Meritain Health)	200.00	911.10
 Total Checks		 \$ 635,797.28
Credit Card Transactions		\$ 24,432.70
Total Purchases		<u>\$ 660,229.98</u>
 ACH Payments		 <u>\$ 304,563.92</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulations

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Patrick J. Doran on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0340674	1051 Wild Ginger, Haslett, MI 48840
2008		
2009		
 <u>Assessment</u>		
	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$126,600/126,600
	2008	\$127,500/127,500
	2009	\$115,400/115,400
 <u>Proposed Assessment</u>		
	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$121,200/121,200
	2008	\$122,100/122,100
	2009	\$112,500/112,500

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Joseph J. Pysh on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
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**2007                      0340118                      1279 Silverwood, Okemos MI 48864**  
**2008**  
**2009**

<u>Assessment</u>	<b>2007</b>	<u>AV/TV</u>	<b>\$287,000/282,884</b>
	<b>2008</b>		<b>\$279,100/279,100</b>
	<b>2009</b>		<b>\$258,600/258,600</b>

<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	<b>2007</b>	<u>AV/TV</u>	<b>\$264,200/264,200</b>
	<b>2008</b>		<b>\$257,400/257,400</b>
	<b>2009</b>		<b>\$241,200/241,200</b>

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with James W. Dunn Jr. on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2004 thru 2007	0339572	5478 Martinique Circle
<u>Principal Residence Exemption</u>	2004 thru 2007	0%
<u>Proposed exemption</u>	2004 thru 2007	0%

Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Yoshie Iwamura-Baker on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>	
2007	0340080	4434 Oakwood, Okemos, MI 48864	
2008			
2009			
<u>Assessment</u>	<b>2007</b>	<u>AV/TV</u>	<b>\$131,000/89,978</b>
	<b>2008</b>		<b>\$122,800/92,047</b>
	<b>2009</b>		<b>\$116,900/96,097</b>
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	<b>2007</b>	<u>AV/TV</u>	<b>\$119,200/89,978</b>

<b>2008</b>	<b>\$111,900/92,047</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>\$106,700/96,097</b>

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Christopher Lee Kerr on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2008 2009	0343312	4411 Arbor, Okemos, MI 48864
<u>Assessment</u>	2008 2009	<u>AV/TV</u> \$81,000/81,000 \$80,400/80,400
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2008 2009	<u>AV/TV</u> \$75,500/75,500 \$73,200/73,200

**Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

E. Liquor License Transfer, Maru Restaurant  
**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve Maru Restaurant, LLC's application to transfer ownership and location of a 2007 Class C Liquor licensed business with official permit (food), from Owner Restaurant Villegas, Ltd., Kelly M. Hagan, Trustee, whose license is being held in escrow at 1731-1735 W. Grand River, Okemos, Michigan 48864, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, to Maru Restaurant, LLC located at 5100 Marsh Road, Suite A-1, Okemos, Michigan, Meridian Township, Ingham County and further authorized the Township Clerk to execute the resolution for local approval of this transfer. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

F. Michigan Green Communities Challenge Resolution  
**Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, agrees to participate in the Michigan Green Communities Challenge and pledges to work toward an energy efficiency and conservation strategy by achieving the goals of the Basic Challenge over the next three years. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

G. East Lansing 911 Dispatch Center Legacy Costs

**Treasurer Brixie moved that the Township Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Ingham County for Meridian Township to pay \$9,000 annually for a maximum of 10 years as a contribution toward legacy costs associated with the consolidation of dispatch centers in Ingham County. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

H. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Competitive)

**Treasurer Brixie moved to authorize the Police Department to accept grant funds to enhance the in-car video system and implement automated license plate recognition technology through the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance State Competitive Grant, in the amount of \$332,200 with no match required. Seconded by Trustee Ochberg.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried unanimously.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY

9. HEARINGS

A. Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:19 P.M.  
 Chief Engineer Ishraidi summarized additions and deletions to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 15, 2009.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of addition #1 (west side of Okemos Road from the existing Interurban Pathway to Raby Road) ) and urged the Board to use concrete. He did not understand the need for a pathway on the west side of E. Hidden Lake Drive from Burcham Drive to Golden Circle.

Mr. Provenchur continued his support for the addition of the west side of the Foster Drain from Tihart Road, south to the Unruh Drain. He agreed with the following deletions:

- Along the Herron Creek Drain within the College Fields property (City of Lansing property)
- South side of Bennett Road from Hagadorn Road to Hulett Road (City of Lansing property)
- North side of Bennett Road from Hagadorn Road to east side of College Fields (City of Lansing property)
- North and west side of Jolly Oak Road from Jolly Road to Okemos Road
- North side of Burcham Roads from Jo Pass to east of E. Hidden Lake Drive
- North side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake Road to proposed South Ridge Road (usage does not justify the cost)

Mr. Provenchur expressed appreciation for the pathway system while stating the Interurban Pathway needs to be maintained. He suggested the creation of Friends of the Pathway System.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, expressed support of the pedestrian pathway system. He suggested a sidewalk be constructed on Methodist Street to connect to the Hamilton/Okemos Road corridor. Mr. Kincaid requested the sidewalk “gaps” be filled in on Mt. Hope Road.

Tom Kinder, 1895 Haslett Road, Haslett, spoke to a possible non-motorized pathway connection to Towner Park. He expressed a safety concern with the section of the Raby Trail where a tree has fallen and damaged a portion of the boardwalk.

David Card, 6045 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, requested the north side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake Road to the proposed South Ridge Road be left on the Master Plan. He spoke to the need for building the portion of the south side of BR-69 from Park Lake to Lake Lansing Road, while acknowledging it was not Township property.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:55 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #09030.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Zoning Amendment #09030 (Township Board), request to amend Sections 86-2, 86-403, 86-405, and 86-432 of the Code of Ordinances to allow massage therapy and physical therapy as permitted uses in the C-1, C-2, C-3 (Commercial) zoning districts, **Final Adoption**

**Trustee Dreyfus moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby FINALLY ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2009-05, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 86, Article IV, Division 3, by amending Section 86-403(c)(3), Section 86-404(c)(7), and Section 86-404(d)(5), and deleting Section 86-404(d)(3) and Section 86-405(d)(2).”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is finally adopted at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.**

**Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board members discussed the following:

- State of Michigan has not yet begun the licensing process
- Many current massage therapists will be grandfathered in without taking a licensing exam
- Massage therapy is currently an allowed use in the C-1, C-2 and C-3 district
- In the commercial district, exception to the licensing requirement in Chapter 38 is that massage therapists in good standing and a current member in a nationally recognized association would be exempt
- Board could allow individuals to practice similar to the State of Michigan
- Township cannot have a licensing process since the passage of the state act
- Consideration of placing the PO district on the next agenda with staff suggested changes as there is an individual who would like to practice in the Township
- Staff will speak with the Township attorney to adjust or fine tune the wording on the certification process for the PO district

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Wetland Use Permit #07-03, Sanctuary #2 Extension

Director Kieselbach summarized the wetland use permit request as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 16, 2009.

**Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants an extension of Wetland Use Permit #07-03, (Giguere) for a period concurrent with the expiration date of Final Preliminary Plat #07012 Sanctuary #2, October 2, 2011, with the following condition:**

- 1. All previous conditions placed on the wetland use permit shall remain in effect.**

**Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Open Burning Ordinance Amendment to Allow Prescribed Burns, **Introduction**  
Fire Marshal Schlacter summarized the proposed open burning ordinance amendment as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 21, 2009.

**Trustee Ochberg 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 Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 26, Article III, Section 26-54(a) by adding Section 26-54(a)(4).”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Veenstra.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Practice should be encouraged in the Township
- Permitting will be through the Fire Department
- Last year, Land Preservation planted 5 acres of tall grass prairie and wildflowers on the west side of the Davis Preserve on Van Atta Road
- Last month, 60 acres on the east side of the Davis Preserve were planted with the same tall prairie grass and wildflowers
- Red Pine Forest in New Jersey is maintained by regular burning
- Burning is necessary to invigorate the regrowth of wildflowers
- Residents obtaining a prescribed burn permit will be charged for Fire Department staff time to monitor the burn

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

**11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS**

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened and closed public comment.

- A. Essential Wetland Determination (Capstone)  
Director Kieselbach summarized the essential wetland determinations as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 16, 2009.

Board members discussed the following:

- Mitigation will be north near the railroad tracks
- Ensure the area is conducive to wildlife
- If Board determines the wetlands to be essential, discussion regarding the specific area would be appropriate during the wetland use permit process
- Wetlands meet three (3) of the ten (10) criteria for being determined essential
- If the Board does not determine the wetlands as essential, there will be no mitigation

**The consensus of the Board was to determine the wetlands as essential and place this item on for action at the August 4, 2009 Board meeting.**

#### B. Pedestrian Bicycle/Pathway Master Plan Amendments

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Deletion of the proposed pathway along the Herron Creek Drain within the College Fields property as the constructed subdivision makes it a moot point
- Three properties within the City of Lansing should remain on the plan as pathway millage tax is paid to the Township
- There should be a sidewalk on the north and west side of Jolly Oak Road from Jolly to Okemos
- Two City of East Lansing properties should remain on the plan as guidance to the City of East Lansing
- Feasibility of making a bike lane as opposed to a pathway for the north side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake to the proposed South Ridge Road
- Area between the boardwalk and pathway along Grand River near Wellington has a nine-inch gap which needs to be addressed
- Sidewalk on the east side of the north end of Nakoma Drive is not part of the Master Plan as it would be a dead end
- Nakoma is not a primary road
- Staff contacted the City of Lansing Planning Office to inquire if they had required the construction of the pathway on the north and south side of Bennett Road and are awaiting a response
- Hesitant to remove the City of Lansing properties as they are a critical non-motorized travel component as they link residents to MSU
- Addition of the west side of Okemos Road from the existing Interurban Pathway to Raby Road would allow “loop” opportunities for walking residents in Everett Farms and Everett Woods
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan contains 70 miles of existing pathway
- Concern with lack of maintenance on the pathway system
- Concern that maintenance is complaint generated
- Lack of maintenance can lead to unusable pathways
- Development of a maintenance plan for the pathway system
- Pathways should be swept in the Spring and Fall to prevent the build-up of debris
- North side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake to the proposed South Ridge Road is difficult to build and a compromise was reached with the White Hills builder to pay into an escrow account for the cost of a normal pathway and the Township would apply for a grant for the needed retaining wall to build a safe pathway
- Lake Lansing Road and Okemos roads are primary roads
- Staff to check into what effect the deletion of the north side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake Road to proposed South Ridge Road would have on the agreement with the builder
- Existence of signalized intersections at each end of the gap on the north side of Lake Lansing Road
- If removed from the plan, the developer will be required to construct a 5’ foot sidewalk on the north and west side of Jolly Oak Road from Jolly Road to Okemos Road
- Township process for completion of the “gaps” every Summer is to first address safety issues and then citizen requests
- Construction plans for most segments of the pathway plan take two (2) to three (3) years as there are issues with wetlands, floodplains, right-of-ways and easements
- Request to complete both sides of Mt. Hope on the pathway plan for safety reasons
- Request to construct a pathway on the north side of Grand River between Cornell Road and slightly east of Central Park Drive

- Township should contribute towards the relocation of the electric horse fence for a landowner with property adjacent to the unfinished Hulett Road pathway south of Bennett to Jolly Road
- Methods of minimizing the impact on wetlands and tree loss as a result of installation of a pathway
- Keep the north side of Lake Lansing Road from Park Lake Road to proposed South Ridge Road on the Master Plan as it is a primary road and a critical link to the plan
- Request for a staff report on mowing pathways on the plan
- Staff currently taking request for proposals (RFPs) to outsource trimming along the pathway system
- Request for staff to provide notification to the Board by the end of each February on proposed construction plans for that summer
- Request for the Board to review the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan every three (3) years
- Possible coordination with the Ingham County Road Commission relative to the reconstruction of Mt. Hope Road and the installation of a pathway on the north side
- Township currently negotiating an easement for the Dart property in an attempt to avoid installation of the pathway close to Mt. Hope Road, which has a posted 45 m.p.h. speed limit
- Hulett Road pathway south has all necessary permits and has been awarded to a contractor
- Concern with paved shoulders in rural parts of the Township as a safety issue
- Preference for dedicated bicycle lanes instead of paved shoulders
- The west side of E. Hidden Lake Drive from Burcham to Golden Circle completes a loop and connects to a future cross country path that would allow residents to connect from neighborhoods to the east and north of Okemos Road
- Parks & Recreation requested the addition of Meridian Riverfront Park trail and a 7 foot pathway along Towner Road between Newton and Marsh Roads on the Pathway Master Plan
- Portion of the Riverfront Park trail is on Land Preservation property
- Objection to paving on Land Preservation property at this time
- Board request for staff to provide a map identifying Township, Land Preservation, and park properties
- Parks & Recreation requested the addition of the south side of Towner Road between Newton and Marsh Road as a seven (7) foot pathway
- Towner Road has extensive wetlands and would require construction of a boardwalk which is eight (8) times more expensive than concrete
- Request for map to show wetlands and future approved construction in the vicinity of Towner Park

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the August 18, 2009 Board meeting.**

[Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 8:20 P.M.]

[Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 8:28 P.M.]

C. Prioritize Ordinance Amendments

Supervisor McGillicuddy requested Board members give a show of hands indicating prioritization from the list of 33 ordinance amendments outlined in staff memorandum dated July 17, 2009.

Board members discussed and the following:

- Addition of changing the review process for the 25,000 square foot or larger buildings
- Address ordinance amendments which are easiest to do first
- Additional Board discussion on the more involved amendments
- Zoning Board of Appeals receives many variance requests from the sign ordinance
- Top eleven ordinance amendments in order of priority:
  - Phosphorus fertilizer restriction
  - Bicycle parking
  - MUPUD Ordinance
  - Wind generation
  - Conservancy District
  - Outdoor cafes
  - Home occupations

- Lighting Ordinance
- Redevelopment
- Special Use Permit extension
- Vegetation

**It was consensus of the Board to allow staff to prepare ordinance amendment language for each area of concern and bring them back to the Township Board when ready for Board discussion.**

- D. Revisions to the Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD) Ordinance  
Director Kieselbach requested the Board give further direction on proposed revisions.

Board members discussed the following:

- Possible planning expert to address the Board on mixed use concepts
- Planning expert would speak from a single viewpoint
- MUPUD setback requirements should be more relaxed for redevelopment than new development
- Concern with limitation to developed sites only
- Analyze approved mixed use developments in the Township for research purposes
- Question if new urbanism is appropriate for a suburban community
- Possibility of creating two ordinances; one for new development and one for redevelopment
- Open discussion with staff and the Planning Commission
- Concern that MUPUD intent can be circumvented
- Significant Board flexibility within the mixed use ordinance
- Concern that enforcing setback requirements will prohibit mixed use redevelopment in downtown Haslett
- Mixed use is appropriate in any commercial area and most office areas
- Concern that narrowing the ordinance to eliminate a concern from a previous project would limit what could be created at a future site
- Density as a goal to preserve what land is left in the Township
- Balance of density with open space, useable farm space and other recreational facilities
- Request for staff to provide review of the ordinance in line form for discussion purposes
- Suggestion to begin with review of the amenities section
- Solicitation of input from individuals who have used the mixed use ordinance
- Commence discussion at the beginning where the purpose of the ordinance is stated

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for further discussion at the August 18, 2009 Board meeting.**

## 12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provenchur, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, expressed appreciation for Board discussion on several items on this evening's agenda. He noted the high water level on the north side of the Interurban Pathway this year which sometime lapped onto the asphalt and resulted in a small pond. Mr. Provenchur inquired as to the possible need for drainage from one side to the other.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, discussed property rights. He expressed concern the pathway master plan is still a "hodge podge" system. Mr. Kincaid suggested the Township look at some type of unified comprehensive non-motorized pedestrian use system. He spoke to Nakoma sidewalk as a connector artery between Hamilton/Grand River and Mt. Hope/Okemos Roads and suggested a more uniform approach to view how residents move through the Township.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

## 13. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION

**Trustee Ochberg moved that the Township Board go into a closed session to discuss strategy**

**connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement and a personnel matter as allowed under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 9:37 P.M.

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

**Clerk Helmbrecht moved to return to open session. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Dreyfus, LeGoff, Ochberg, Veenstra, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Brixie  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

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SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY  
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