

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001, **6:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Roger Buell, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the Work Session to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY (None)

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments

Director Buell introduced the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Annual review of Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan
- Permitted construction materials and widths of pathways
- Listing of specific pathways considered for grant funds
- Designation of pathways on the Master Plan as long range construction

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the floor for public remarks regarding the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Julie Bohr, Chair, Park Commission, spoke in opposition to the deletion of pathways from the Master Plan.

Ann Beaujean, 4675 Kingswood Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of the off-road pathways and in opposition to the deletion of pathways from the Master Plan.

Shelley Lowe, 1860 Yosemite Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of the proposed pathway between Briarwood and Spring Lake.

George Owen, 4403 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the off-road pathway to Van Atta Road and the widening of the shoulders of Van Atta Road.

Mary Kuschinski, 3817 Viceroy Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed pathway between Briarwood and Spring Lake.

Rick Coy, 1843 Cimarron Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the off-road pathway between Okemos and Dobie Roads.

Jody English, 1160 Greenleaf Street, Haslett, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Dale Crites, 1633 Dobie Circle, Okemos, spoke in support of off-road pedestrian/bicycle pathways.

Nancy Krupiarz, 880 Moss Glen Circle, Haslett, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle

Pathway Master Plan. She presented a Michigan Trails Guide to the Board.

Dennis Hanson, 1801 Birchwood, Okemos, spoke in support of off-road pathways and provided the Board a copy of his book on Michigan Trails.

Arnold Johnson, 3887 Crooked Creek, Okemos, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Betty Johnson, 3887 Crooked Creek, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the deletion of pathways from the Master Plan.

John Hoehn, President, Van Atta Neighborhood Association, 4341 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Van Atta Road pathways.

Peggy Ostrom, 3663 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the off-road pathway to Van Atta Road.

Judy Linn, 5435 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the removal of the Van Atta Road off-road pathways.

Ben Schwendener, 4084 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in support of a pathway connecting Grand River Avenue, Township Parks, and Jolly Road; in support of an unpaved surfaced off-road Van Atta Road pathway.

Greg Uitvlugt, 1763 Sashabaw Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to off-road pathways.

Norm Gaffney, 3750 Beechtree Lane, Okemos, spoke in support of the removal of the Consumers Energy easements from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Donata Von Eye, 3600 Beechtree Lane, speaking as the President of the Spring Lake Homeowners Association, spoke in support of the proposed Spring Lake pathway.

Melissa Tyrer, 5644 School Street, Haslett, spoke in support of the addition of a pathway on School Street.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna Parkway, Haslett, spoke in support of off-road pathways and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Carol Englert, 4341 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the Van Atta Road pathways.

Linda Putz, 1879 Cimarron Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the off-road pathway to Van Atta Road.

Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C., spoke in opposition to off-road pathways along consumers energy easements.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the deletion of any pathways from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Andrew Granskog, 4398 Van Atta Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to an off-road pathway to Van Atta Road, and in support of a near-road pathway along Van Atta Road rather than a widened shoulder.

Christina Riddle, League of Michigan Bicyclists, 2049 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in support of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Pearl Corlett, 2409 Hulett Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the addition of a shoulder to Hulett Road.

Richard Baumgartner, 1064 Cliffdale, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the deletion of pathways from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Ronald W. Clark, Vice President, Whitehills Development Corp, 3210 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, spoke in support of the construction of the pathway along Park Lake Road from Whitehills Lakes Drive to Lake Lansing Road.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public remarks.'

Ronald W. Clark, Vice President, Whitehills Development Corp, 3210 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing, spoke in support of moving forward on Whitehills Lakes #6 streetlighting district. He submitted communications from residents in support of the streetlighting district.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public remarks.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the Work Session at 8:05 p.m.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Township Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS*

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Norm Gaffney, 530 S. Capitol, Lansing, representing the appellants, spoke in support of the appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Joy Wiseman, 4954 Hillcrest, Okemos, spoke in opposition to rezoning #00100 (Plott/OK2).

Anne Field, 6160 Innkeepers Court, East Lansing, spoke in support of the appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Such moved to approve the agenda amended by the addition of item #7H (Whitehills Lakes #6 Street Light District - Set Public Hearing). Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked if there had been any new communications.

Clerk Helmbrecht read a list of new communications.

Trustee Such moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Communications

(1). Application for Public Service (On File in Clerk's Office)

PC-1 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Planning Commission

(2). Board Deliberation (BD)

BD-1 Rick & DeDe Coy, 1843 Cimarron, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway through Consumers Energy Easement Between Okemos and Dobie Roads (See Work Session Item #3A Information)

BD-2 Craig Ruff, 1849 Cimarron, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway through Consumers Energy Easement Between Okemos and Dobie Roads(See Work Session Item #3A Information)

BD-3 Tom & Mary Jane Kuschinski, 3817 Viceroy Drive, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway through Consumers Energy Easement Between Okemos and Dobie Roads(See Work Session Item #3A Information)

BD-4 Jens & Nancy Plum, 4085 Van Atta Road, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Connecting Dobie, Haslett and Van Atta Roads(See Work Session Item #3A Information)

BD-5 Gleason & Cheryl Amboy, 1791 Sashabaw, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway through Consumers Energy Easement Between Okemos and Dobie Roads

BD-6 Arnold R. Johnson, 3887 Crooked Creek, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments

BD-7 Nancy Krupiarz, 880 Moss Glen Circle, Haslett; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments

BD-8 Norman M. Gaffney, Jr., 3750 Beech Tree Lane, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway through Consumers Energy Easement Between Okemos and Dobie Roads

BD-9 John Hoehn, President, Van Atta Neighborhood Association; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan

BD-10 Julie Bohr, Chair, Park Commission; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Recommendations

BD-11 Margaret W. Plagge, Friends of the Hope Borbas Okemos Library; RE: Proposed Interim Okemos Public Library Facility

BD-12 Raymond Benjamin, 1782 Hillcurve, Haslett; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-13 John E. Hunt, 722 Abbott, East Lansing; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-14 Anne Field, 6160 Innkeepers Court, East Lansing; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-15 Martha & Harold Davidson, 2375 Sapphire Lane, East Lansing; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-16 Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C.; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-17 Norman M. Gaffney, Jr., P.C., 530 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-18 Charley Lawler, Owner, Tom's Party Store; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

BD-19 William W. Hicks, Hicks Brothers Real Estate, L.L.P., 3450 Alaiedon Parkway, Ste 100, Okemos; RE: Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors)

(3). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 James R. Nichols, C.P.A., 6019 Marsh Road, Ste B, Haslett; RE: Revised 2000 Winter Tax Bill

- BI-2 Robert Regan, Superintendent of Schools, Haslett Public Schools; RE: Rezoning #97090 (Bird)
- BI-3 Christie Bleck, President, Natural Areas Association; RE: Priorities for Land Preservation Advisory Board
- BI-4 Laysa Ward, Director, Community Relations, Dayton's, Marshall Field's, Hudson's; RE: Renaming of Company
- BI-5 Frank Webster, 3845 Roxbury Ave, Okemos; RE: Appeal of Time Extensions of SUP #99151 (Eyde) and SUP # 99091 (Wal-Mart)
- BI-6 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Filed Affidavit
- BI-7 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax January 5, 2001 edition
- BI-8 Tyler D. Tennent, Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC, 39533 Woodward Ave, Ste 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI; RE: Appeal of Township Board Decision Regarding SUP # 99091 (Wal-Mart)

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

- OF-1 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education January 8, 2001 Agenda
- OF-2 Mid-Michigan Water Authority January 11, 2001 Meeting Packet including Agenda and Thursday, April 13, 2000 Minutes
- OF-3 Okemos Public Schools Board of Education January 22, 2001 Meeting Packet including Agenda and December 4, 2000 Minutes
- OF-4 Local Audit & Finance Division, Michigan Department of Treasury; RE: Cooperative Drug Agency Agreements

(5). Staff Response (SC)

- SC-1 Photography Workshop at the Harris Nature Center Press Release
- SC-2 Family Nature Walk at the Harris Nature Center Press Release
- SC-3 Nature Slides and Live Music at the Harris Nature Center Press Release
- SC-4 Learn About Growing Plants from Seed at the Harris Nature Center Press Release
- SC-5 Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning & Development; RE: Information regarding Planned Unit Development Ordinance Amendment

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 Treasurer Hunting.

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

B. Minutes

Trustee Such moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the December 19, 2001 Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

C. Bills

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

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 380,809.61
Public Works	\$ 99,812.30
<u>Total Checks</u>	<u>\$ 480,621.91</u>
<u>Credit Card Transactions</u>	<u>\$ 11,726.12</u>
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 492,348.03</u>

Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

[Bill list for 1/23/01 in Official Minute Book]

- D. 2001 Pathway Construction Program (Set Public Hearing - February 20, 2001)
Trustee Such moved that the Township Board set a public hearing for February 20, 2001 to hear comment on the proposed 2001 Pathway Construction Program. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

- E. PUD #00014 (Fairmont), request for preliminary planned unit development approval for a single-family detached condominium at 5559 Okemos Road (Set Public Hearing - March 6, 2001)
Trustee Such moved to schedule a public hearing for the preliminary review of Planned Unit Development #00014 for the regular Township Board meeting on March 6, 2001. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

- F. Beginning of Year Budget Amendments
Trustee Such moved that the 2001 Amended Budget as reflected on Page 2 of the memorandum to the Township Board from the Finance Director, dated January 23, 2001 be approved. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

- H. Paramedic Fire Fighter Appointments (2)
Trustee Such moved ratification of the appointments of James Scott Halligan and Darryl J. Curtis to the positions of Paramedic/Fire Fighter contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Joan Guy 1083 Woodside Drive, Haslett, stated her concerns regarding SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C., spoke in support of the appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Carla Clos, 2669 Linden Street, East Lansing, spoke in support of the appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

David E. Pierson, McClelland & Anderson, L.L.P., 1305 South Washington Avenue, Suite 102, Lansing, representing the applicant, spoke in support of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Michael Rein, Bowers & Rein Associates, representing the applicant, spoke in support of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors).

Eleanor V. Luecke, President, L.I.N.C., spoke in opposition to Rezoning #00100 (Plott/OK2).

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Interim Library Site on Okemos Road

Manager Richards introduced the interim library site for discussion.

Trustee Brixie moved that the purchase agreement between the Charter Township of Meridian and John M. and Jane A. Hauer be approved and the Township Manager be authorized to sign the closing documents on behalf of the Township. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Temporary move
- Increases funding to Township Libraries from CADL
- Okemos Library staff looking forward to larger library
- Strong community support for libraries
- Stress temporary nature of library to media
- Leadership of Supervisor in library improvements
- Temporary libraries in Township have a history of being long term
- Evaluation of fair purchase price
- Selection of architect without competitive bids
- Creation of a Library Task Force to drive the library issue
- Risk of losing momentum in library improvements
- Advantages of interim location
- Promoting additional users and increased momentum for improvements
- Date of Final Report to Board from the Library Task Force

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brixie moved adoption of a resolution approving financing under Act No. 99, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- financing and Public Act No. 99, 1933.
- Length of the tenant's lease

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

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

Trustee Brixie moved that the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone be retained as counsel to advise the Township in the completion of an installment purchase agreement. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

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

Trustee Brixie moved that David Milling and Associates, Architect, be retained to assist the Township in the design and renovation of an interim Library Facility. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board Members discussed the involvement of the Okemos Library Staff in the project.

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

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Manager be authorized to expend up to \$300,000 from the Fund Balance of the General Fund to design, modify, renovate and furnish an interim library facility located at 4321 Okemos Road. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Board Members discussed the architect's projected budget.

Trustee Stier offered an amendment to the motion to designate any remaining funds to be used for a continuation of planning and preliminary design for an appropriate larger library space.

Amendment not accepted.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Potential for solicitation of donations from businesses
- Access to excess state furniture
- Lack of competitive bidding in selection of architect
- Allocation of funds before establishing a budget
- Funds are consistent with amounts calculated in Manager's feasibility study

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

Trustee Such moved to create a Library Task Force and planning committee appointed by the Township Supervisor to develop a plan for library services, gather public input and report back to the Township Board with recommendations by July 1, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Designation of funds not necessary at this point

- Arbitrariness of report date
- Report date provides focus and can be changed if necessary
- Much work has already been done
- Establishment of Library Millage Election date
- Report date reinforces Board's commitment to library improvements

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

B. Van Atta Woods Home Sale/Mortgage Pay-Off

Trustee Brixie moved to pay off the mortgage on Van Atta Woods Park in an amount approximate to \$75,900 from Park Millage funds and authorize staff to proceed with selling the house located at 534 Grand River Avenue for fair market value and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the appropriate documents. Proceeds from the sale will revert to the Park Millage fund balance for future land acquisitions. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Board Members discussed the Permanent loss of direct access from Grand River Avenue to Van Atta Woods Park

Ted Black, Park Commissioner, discussed the Commission's application to MDOT for a curb cut to offer direct service to the park.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Reconfiguration of the park's parking lot
- Deference to the Park Commission

Clerk Helmbrecht offered an amendment to split the question to consider only the mortgage payoff.

Amendment accepted by maker of motion.

Board Members discussed the benefit of the mortgage pay off.

Clerk Helmbrecht withdrew the amendment.

Clerk Helmbrecht offered an amendment to condition the sale of the property on the receipt of appropriate documents establishing permanent access from Grand River Avenue to Van Atta Woods Park.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Interest savings from mortgage pay off
- Further consideration of sale following resolution of access issues

Trustee Woiwode moved to table the matter. Seconded by Trustee Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Water Rate and Sewer Fee Study

Trustee Such moved that the Township Board authorize the Department of Public Works and Engineering to enter into a contract with the Township's Engineering Services firm to conduct a review of the existing water and sewer rates and provide recommendations for adjustments. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board Members discussed the justification of this expense.

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

- D. Special Use Permits Coming to Board for Approval
Supervisor McGillicuddy introduced the zoning amendment for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Merit for further discussion during Committee of the Whole
- Reduction of permitted square footage in C2 and C3 zoning districts
- Consider revision of zoning amendment to increase 25,000 square feet to 100k, 75k or 50k, may be more appropriate.

Trustee Such moved to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

- E. Appeal of SUP #00011 (Gould Investors), request to construct an approximate 60,800 square-foot commercial building at the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Northwind Drive, Farmer Jack's

Trustee Such moved that the Township Board hereby affirms the Planning Commission decision and denies the appeal. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Limiting hours of operation is not a land use issue
- Proposal complies with requirements of an Economic Development Corporation project
- Possible language adding condition #16 incorporating the proposed sidewalk to the plan
- Subject site is in much closer proximity to residential property than the Meijer store
- Similar to Wal-Mart in which the Planning Commission limited hours of operation
- Compliance of project with Township standards
- Concern with pervious-impervious surface ratio
- Noise of operation and impact on adjacent residents
- Increase of foot traffic to site
- Issue of lighting addressed with landscaping

Trustee Brixie offered an amendment to the motion to add the following conditions:

17. The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the year, and 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. from Thanksgiving week to New Years Day.

18. The limitation on hours of operation may be reviewed after six (6) months from the date of occupancy by this Board.

Amendment refused by maker of motion.

Board Members discussed permitting twenty-four-(24) hour operations initially with a review and possible imposition of limited operating hours following a probationary period.

Trustee Woiwode moved to amend the motion by adding conditions number 17 and 18 as stated above. Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Extended hours during holiday season

- Provision of review by right, rather than to apply for a SUP modification
- No other grocery store in Township has hour limitations
- Probationary period does not provide an indication of any problems with twenty-four-(24) hour operations
- Applicant can demonstrate ability to be good neighbors during probationary period
- Reducing hours rather than offering extended hours is significantly more difficult
- Procedure for changing hours
- Use of term "may" vs. "shall" in condition number 18
- Need for standards to consider the lifting of restrictions on hours of operations
- Standards for consideration of lifting the hours of operations are the same as for the initial SUP
- Balance of competing interests

Trustee Woiwode amended condition number 18 to change the word “may” to “shall.” accepted by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

Board Members discussed placement of the burden of reviewing the hours of operation on the Board rather than the applicant.

Trustee Woiwode amended condition number 18 to read: The limitation on hours of operation shall be reviewed at the applicant's request after six (6) months from the date of occupancy by this Board.” accepted by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Consideration of hours of operation of Country Market
- Board focus on Township interests rather than those of the applicant
- Official neutral stance of nursing home
- EDC proactive assistance in relocating businesses impacted by redevelopment

Trustee Such offered an amendment to condition number 17 to increase the hours of operation from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Amendment not accepted by maker of motion to amend.

RESTATEMENT OF THE MOTION TO AMEND:

Trustee Woiwode moved to amend the motion by adding conditions number 17 and 18 as follows:

17. The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the year, and 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. from Thanksgiving week to New Years Day.

18. The limitation on hours of operation shall be reviewed at the applicant's request after six (6) months from the date of occupancy by this Board.

Seconded by Supervisor McGillicuddy.

MOTION TO AMEND:

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 4-3 (Brixie, Helmbrecht, Such)

Board Members discussed opening discussion with the applicant regarding the limitation on hours of operation, the proposed sidewalk, and all remaining issues.

Trustee Woiwode moved to table. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode

NAYS: Trustees Such, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht,
Treasurer Hunting,

Motion failed 3-4.

Trustee Such moved to hold a ten-minute recess to permit discussions with the applicant.

Motion died for lack of support.

Director Kieselbach discussed the procedure for the granting of a parking deferral.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Pervious-impervious ration
- Expiration of existing leases
- Relocation of bowling alley
- Concern regarding initiation of construction within one (1) year
- incorporating the sidewalk
- Language for condition #16 requiring the proposed sidewalk as shown on the applicant's alternate Site Plan dated January 2, 2001

Trustee Brixie moved to table. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

MOTION TO TABLE

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor
McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht
NAYS: Treasurer Hunting
Motion carried 6-1.

Treasurer Hunting raised a point of order as to the ability to make a motion to table a second time.

Supervisor McGillicuddy determined the motion to be appropriate based on Robert's Rules of Order.

- F. Rezoning #00100 (Plott/OK2 LLC), request to rezone lots 130, 131, and 132 of the Ottawa Hills subdivision from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) to CS (Community Service).

Clerk Helmbrecht moved that the Township Board hereby Introduces for Publication and Subsequent Adoption Ordinance No. _____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #00100 from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) to CS (Community Service)." [Planning Commission Recommendation]

Motion died for lack of support.

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board hereby Introduces for Publication and Subsequent Adoption Ordinance No. _____, entitled "Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #00100 from RAA (Single Family-Low Density) to CS (Community Service)." [Township Board Option]. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Compliance with the Comprehensive Development Plan
- Protection of residential neighborhoods
- This rezoning does not achieve the original aims of the applicant
- The applicant has the right and option to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- G. Environmental Commission Reappointments
Supervisor McGillicuddy moved to reappoint Carla Clos and Michael Thomas to the Environmental Commission to three-(3) year terms expiring December 31, 2003; to further appoint Ted Black to the Environmental Commission to a partial two-(2) year term expiring December 31, 2002 to realign the intended staggering of terms. Seconded by Treasurer

Hunting.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- The expertise necessary for the Environmental Commission
- Youth Membership

By unanimous consent, the motion was amended to appoint Yusaf Sumbal as a Youth Member of the Environmental Commission to a one-(1) year term expiring December 31, 2001.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Whitehills Lakes #6 Street Light District - Set Public Hearing
Trustee Such moved to approve the Whitehills Lakes #6 Streetlighting District - Resolution #1 tentatively declaring its intention to install and maintain fourteen (14) streetlights and defray the cost by special assessment against the benefiting parcels and setting a public hearing for February 20, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

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8. HEARINGS (None)
9. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion Items)
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Larry Stevens, Stevens Consulting Services, made himself available for questions regarding Agenda Item #9A (Community Septic Field - Grand River Ave, East of Van Atta Road).

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Community Septic Field - Grand River Ave, East of Van Atta Road
Board Members discussed the following items:
- The need to fully consider the proposal during a Committee of the Whole session to address legal concerns with the Township Attorney and the property owner.
 - Ingham County Health Department's moratorium on sand filters
 - Approval conditioned on a maintenance guarantees
 - Required permits
 - Equivalence to a public utility
 - Mandated specifications of system
 - State statutes regarding the Township's involvement
- B. Tacoma Hills Sanitary Sewer I&I Project, Award of Contract
Director Buell introduced the Tacoma Hills sanitary sewer infiltration and inflow project for discussion.

Trustee Woiwode moved that the Township Board authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign a contract with Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. of Chesterfield, Missouri for the award of the Tacoma Hills Area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$397,578. Seconded by Trustee Such.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- This item is presented for discussion only
- Lack of urgency in approving

Trustee Woiwode moved postponement of the matter until the next regular meeting of the Township Board. Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Extension of Time for SUP #99181 (Alpine Holdings), request to construct a hotel north of Jolly Road and east of Okemos Road

Darrell Herbruck, Owner, Alpine Holdings, stated the reasons for requesting an extension of time for SUP #99181 (Alpine Holdings) as follows:

- Work with adjacent property owners on storm water handling took four (4) months of the year.
- The number of parties involved in the project extends the decision making
- Issues related to the hotel delayed ground breaking until the fall
- 30-45 days of process to receive remaining reviews and approvals through the Township
- Weather conditions are likely to be a problem in resuming construction before the expiration date

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Procedural requirements
- Notification of interested parties

- D. Attorney RFP's

Supervisor McGillicuddy announced the completion of the RFP review and that two (2) firms have been selected for further consideration: Hubbard, Fox, et al & Foster, Swift, et al.

- E. Order to Maintain Sidewalk - 3986 Shoals Drive

Director Buell introduced the Order to maintain sidewalk for discussion.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Available dates for a public hearing
- Layout of existing pedestrian/bicycle pathway in the immediate area
- Questionable legitimacy of the Township ordering the completion of these gaps
- Owners of properties in question

- F. College Park Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Payback Request - Set Public Hearing (February 20)

Director Buell introduced the payback district for discussion.

Board Members discussed the available dates for a public hearing.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Juan Arellano, 2170 Seminole Drive, Okemos, complimented the Board Members on their deliberation this evening.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

11. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Trustee Woiwode thanked staff for making much of her packet available early on Friday.

12. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

A. January 29 - Policy Governance Workshop (2 Sessions)

B. February 6 - Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Amendments

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the details of the next meeting.

Board Members discussed possible agenda changes as follows:

- Beginning the Work Session at 5:00 p.m.
- Adding an item for Treasurer, Clerk, or Trustee reports.

Supervisor McGillicuddy reminded the Board of its January 29, 2001 Policy Governance Workshop.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary