

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015 **5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Public Works Derek Perry, Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Parks & Recreation LuAnn Maisner, Director of Human Resources Joyce Marx

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS  
Supervisor LeGoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL  
The secretary called the roll of the Board.
4. CLOSED SESSION
  - A. Litigation

**Trustee Scales moved to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

Board discussion:

- Board member preference for the Board to be briefed on the lawsuit in open session for the benefit of the public

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
Motion carried 6-1.

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

**Trustee Scales moved to return to open session. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor LeGoff reconvened the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

**Trustee Scales moved to authorize our attorney to move forward as recommended in closed session. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Supervisor LeGoff, Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Wilson  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

5. JOINT MEETING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Supervisor LeGoff opened the Joint Meeting and the following guests introduced themselves:

Capital Area Transportation Authority

Debbie Alexander, Assistant Executive Director

City of East Lansing

Marie Wicks, City Clerk

City of Williamston

Alan Dolley, City Manager

Delta Township

Dennis Fedewa, Trustee

East Lansing Public Schools

Nell Kuhnmuensch, East Lansing Board of Education President

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

Deb Nolan, District 12 Commissioner

Ingham County Road Department

William Conklin, Managing Director

Okemos Public Schools

Dr. Catherine Ash, Superintendent

Williamston Township

Mickey Martin, Supervisor

Board members and guests discussed the following:

- Regional inconsistency in the Ingham County Road Department's (ICRD) approach to planting of trees in the rights of way
- Need for a regional approach at the county level relative to its standards for planting trees in the rights of way along the Grand River Corridor to promote non-motorized transportation
- Delta Township's number one priority is to enhance its East Saginaw corridor
- Preference for continuity among the corridor to avoid clear demarcation between municipalities
- Ingham County Service Committee discussed trees in the rights of way, but the request by Meridian Township for a variance was subsequently withdrawn
- Ingham County must balance desires of the municipalities with functionality of the road system for orderly and safe movement of traffic
- Street trees and street furniture which convey a message to the driver to slow down are more typically found in central business districts than on higher speed multi-lane thoroughfares (e.g., Marsh Road)
- Street trees exist on road types such as Newman Road
- Concern by Okemos Public Schools for pedestrian safety and security on Kinawa Drive near Kinawa and Chippewa Middle Schools
- Meridian Township Police as a resource for safety in Okemos school buildings
- Appreciation for snow removal on streets, sidewalks and pathways for Okemos school children
- Delta Township search for a Township Manager who focuses on regionalism
- Delta Township expansion of its current trail system for connectivity
- Engagement with other municipalities for strategic planning in a coordinated fashion
- Importance of holding a joint meeting to foster regionalism
- Appreciation for the contract between the City of Williamston and Meridian Township's Parks and Recreation for Williamston's recreation services
- Recreation services contract also benefits the surrounding townships of Williamston as it serves the entire school district

- Williamston sold its 1500 Building (which previously housed the DPW and police departments) to an individual turning the building into a microbrew pub and restaurant
- Williamston Police Department relocated to a new building downtown next to City Hall
- Appreciation for road resurfacing in Williamstown Township
- Williamstown Township appreciation for the joint police service agreement with Meridian Township
- Suggestion for a Joint Planning Committee of Williamstown and Meridian Townships
- Ingham County working on three (3) main regional issues: bus rapid transit (BRT), Michigan Avenue “look” to make the area a showpiece, trails and connectivity
- Offer by Ingham County Commissioners representing Meridian Township to work with the Township to draft an ordinance or resolution regarding street trees: County Commissioner Banas sits on the County Services Committee
- State work group report released on March 15<sup>th</sup> regarding local control of urban farming
- Work group preference for the creation of an urban farm act
- Multi-modal station under construction with occupancy expected in early July, 2015
  - Reduction in parking to complete site work and demolition of existing building followed by construction of a parking facility for approximately 120 parking spaces
  - Taxi cab holding area to be built near the inner city bus boarding area
- Delta Redi-Ride modeled after Meridian’s urban based Redi-Ride Program
- BRT project:
  - Traffic analysis (8 models of the roadway) expected to be brought before the Steering and Technical Committees by the end of the month
  - Alignment decision by the Board of Directors between Bogue Street and 127 (double lane running along the south side curb buffered by a median or one westbound lane center running and one eastbound lane south side curb running)
  - Remainder of the BRT would be center running with a few exceptions
  - Draft environmental documents will be submitted in mid-May to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) who will share with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
  - Public hearings expected to be held in Fall of 2015
  - Expectation to have an environmental clearance decision by year end
  - Snow removal for the dedicated lanes has not yet been discussed
- Working with neighboring communities to maintain continuity along Michigan Avenue/Grand River Corridor
- Request from the Superintendent of Haslett Public Schools for the Township to continue to provide affordable housing to young families
- TA Forsberg to present the proposed Okemos Pointe project to the Okemos Board of Education at its April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- Example of regionalism through hosting of elections when there is “overlap” in school districts
- Urban Services Management Area (USMA) as a tool for managing growth in a region
- Many jurisdictions represented at this meeting have adopted a USMA

6. PRESENTATION

- A. City Clerk Marie Wicks, City of East Lansing – Greater Lansing Taxi Authority (GLTA)  
Clerk Wicks offered history on the need for taxi cab regulation which led to creation of the Greater Lansing Taxi Authority (GLTA).

Board and presenter discussion:

- Safety issues over the taxi stands and obstruction of traffic
- Independent taxi drivers fight with one another over fares
- City of East Lansing, by resolution, declared a moratorium on additional taxi cab companies and individual companies adding vehicles
- Uber has added its presence to the competition in an already oversaturated taxi cab market
- Large use of taxis by college students has led to an underserved market in the greater Lansing area (hotels, etc.)
- Focus of the GLTA is to provide service to lesser served communities within the greater Lansing area

- GLTA has been adopted by both Lansing and East Lansing City Councils through articles of incorporation and municipal cooperation agreement
- Tickets have been written with regularity to individuals driving a licensed taxi cab without a permit
- Driver permitting requires a background check and drug screening
- GLTA currently working with Michigan State University (MSU) to come under its umbrella
- Driver can drop off a fare at any regional destination
- Pickup point is the licensing body
- Lansing and East Lansing are the only members of the GLTA at the present time
- Meetings regarding the GLTA have been held with Delta, Delhi, Lansing and Meridian Townships as well as a meeting scheduled with MSU
- Lansing Airport currently performs its own licensing of taxi drivers
- Airport Authority and the Lansing Visitors and Convention Bureau are ex-officio members of the GLTA
- Airport Authority charges approximately \$500 per month for companies to pick up riders
- GLTA currently not dealing with Uber
- Rationale for GLTA to employ a three-cab requirement is to provide round the clock service and service a wider area in the region
- Currently there are many one car companies
- One-car companies would have the option to combine with other companies to meet the three-cab requirement
- Some cab companies are looking to expand their fleet, but the moratorium does not allow for it
- Uber cab drivers would register with GLTA but be licensed through Uber
- Uber is considered a transportation network company
- Definition of a taxi cab
- Taxi cab v. ride sharing network
- Penalty for Uber non-compliance is being ticketed for operating as a cab without a cab permit and all types of traffic violations

[Supervisor LeGoff recessed the meeting at 7:24 P.M.]

[Supervisor LeGoff reconvened the meeting at 7:38 P.M.]

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

8. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORT

Trustee Scales reported his attendance at a presentation on forfeiture given by Cullen Harkness and held at the State Bar on March 6th. On that same day, he reported attending the Okemos High School Band Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Trustee Scales attended the Haslett Boys Basketball Regional Finals last evening.

Trustee Styka reported his attendance at both the Okemos and Haslett School Board meetings on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He attended the media conference sponsored by HOMTV on March 12<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the branding and broadband sessions of the conference. Trustee Styka indicated he attended a meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the crosswalk signal device on Kinawa Drive for Chippewa Middle School. He announced the Okemos Hockey Team made state semifinals. Trustee Styka reported this week is Fine Arts Week at Okemos Schools which culminates in the annual Collage Concert on Saturday.

Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at the March 6<sup>th</sup> workshop sponsored by the Michigan State University Center for Economic Development titled "Cultivating a Civil Society in an Era of Incivility." He also attended the March 5<sup>th</sup> Meridian Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting where discussions were held on locations for expansion of the Farmers Market, the Chinese New Year Celebration and administrative oversight of the Meridian Area Resource Center (MARC) transfer from the Meridian Area Business Association (MABA) to the EDC.

Trustee Veenstra addressed a communication in the packet regarding the stagnant number of students at MSU, while voicing concern with plans for a total of over 1,000 new beds for students in various apartment complexes. He spoke in support of community broadband. Trustee Veenstra believed the Board should have a greater voice in the BRT since it will traverse through Meridian Township. He noted his attendance at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Transportation Review Committee of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) where discussion focused on whether to allow Delhi Township to transfer approximately \$1 million of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant money to construction of a pathway.

Trustee Wilson announced the groundbreaking of the new central fire station on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 A.M.

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Trustee Scales moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications

**Trustee Veenstra 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 Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

**Trustee Veenstra moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 222,790.67
Public Works	\$ 238,744.17
Total Checks	\$ 461,534.84
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 10,171.71
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 471,706.55</u>

ACH Payments \$ 622,368.03

**Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

(Bill list in Official Minute Book)

- D. Fire Department Promotion – Full-Time Firefighter  
**Trustee Veenstra moved to authorize the Fire Chief to promote part-time Firefighter Rebeckajo Lewis to a full-time firefighter position effective March 27, 2015. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- E. 2015 Order to Maintain Sidewalks, Special Assessment District No. 16 – **Resolutions #1 & #2**  
(Set Public Hearing Date for April 21, 2015)  
**Trustee Veenstra moved to approve 2015 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District #16 – Resolutions #1 and #2, which tentatively approves the improvements and the cost estimates of proposed improvements and sets the date for a public hearing on April 21, 2015. Seconded by**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

11. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

12. HEARINGS

- A. Perry Road, Special Assessment District No. 42

Supervisor LeGoff opened the public hearing at 7:54 P.M.

Director Severy summarized the special assessment district as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 12, 2015.

Board discussion:

- Cost is determined by access to Perry Road

Supervisor LeGoff closed the public hearing at 7:56 P.M.

13. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Matt Haggerty, Meyers & Meyers, 915 N. Michigan Avenue, Howell, outlined changes made to the revised site plans for the appeal of SUP #14111 dated February 16, 2015.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

- A. Appeal of Special Use Permit #14111 – 2049 Grand River (Former Northwest Tire Site)  
**Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby upholds the appeal and approves Special Use Permit #14111 (MF Okemos, LLC), to construct an approximate 5,900 square foot multi-tenant retail building with one drive-**

**through lane, subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Approval is based on application materials submitted by MF Okemos, LLC; site plan prepared by Westwood Professional Services, Inc., dated February 16, 2015 and building elevations prepared by Harriss Associates, LLC, dated October 17, 2014, subject to revisions as required.**
- 2. Trees designated to be preserved as shown on the site plan shall be properly protected prior to the commencement of any demolition, grading, or construction activities. Any and all plant material that dies from moving, relocation or as a result of construction activities shall be replaced with a similar type and size of plant species, subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
- 3. A secondary means of egress shall be provided on the subject site so as to address circulation concerns of the Township Fire Department.**
- 4. The final site plan, landscape plan, building elevations, building materials and colors, shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development. Brick, stone or masonry products should cover no less than 60 percent of each building facade.**
- 5. The applicant shall secure all applicable variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals.**
- 6. The trash dumpster shall be enclosed on four sides; the enclosure (3 sides) shall be constructed with masonry products to match the building.**
- 7. All mechanical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, generators, and similar systems shall be screened from view by an opaque structure or landscape material selected to complement the building. Such screening is subject to approval by the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
- 8. Site and building lighting shall comply with Article VII in Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances and shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development. LED lighting shall be used where feasible.**
- 9. Final utility, grading, and storm drainage plans for the site shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering and shall be completed in accordance with the Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.**
- 10. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, and the Township. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
- 11. Copies of the site plan information and construction plans for the project that exist in an AutoCAD compatible format shall be provided to the Township Engineering staff.**

**12. Any future modifications to the drive-through lane shall require a modification to Special Use Permit #14111.**

**Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

Board discussion:

- Appreciation to the appellant for addressing the concerns of the Board and Planning Commission in the revised site plan
- Appreciation that the applicant's changes have taken into account what is transpiring with neighbors surrounding the site
- Appreciation for the connection with the property to the west
- 36" oak tree is located at the south end of the sidewalk which brings pedestrians into the site

**Treasurer Brixie offered the following amendment:**

- **Add Condition #13: The sidewalk leading into the site shall be relocated in such a manner as to preserve the 36" oak tree immediately east of the driveway into the property, resulting in the preservation of five (5) of the mature trees on the front of the site.**

**Seconded by Trustee Wilson.**

Board discussion:

- Studies show trees or tall buildings close to the road calm traffic
- Mature trees take care of pollutants of vehicles
- Tree preservation modification may eliminate one parking space
- Parking agreement with Meijer would allow for off-site employee parking and the Township's ordinance would reduce the required number of parking spaces
- Tree roots have caused the existing asphalt to buckle

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

Continued Board and appellant discussion:

- Possible use of pervious material around the tree to provide better drainage
- Board member suggestion for possible use of pervious material for parking spaces along Grand River

**Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:**

- **Amend condition #8 by deleting the words "where feasible"**

**The motion died for lack of a second.**

Continued Board, staff and appellant discussion:

- Board member concern with the Township's process used for an appeal
- Ordinance allows for the Township Board to have the powers of the Planning Commission relative to this appeal
- Addition of a green roof on the building would provide more greenspace on this parcel
- Applicant's intent to cut only one (1) mature tree
- Board member desire for the mature tree to be replaced at a one (1) to three (3) ratio
- Variance needed to save the tree and have one (1) less parking space
- Variance needed for the side and rear setbacks
- If the special use permit is referred back to the Planning Commission, they would make a recommendation to the Board for a final decision
- Concern over the additional length of time necessary for the project to work its way through the process if it was referred back to the Planning Commission
- Reminder that what is before the Board is only the appeal of the SUP for the drive-through

- Appreciation for the appellant's willingness to make changes to the project in response to Planning Commission and Board comments during the SUP process for the drive-through
- Continued concern for the left turn onto Grand River Avenue
- Board member suggestion to add a condition for a right turn only onto Grand River Avenue

**Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:**

- **Add condition #14 to read: The driveway exit onto Grand River Avenue shall be right-turn only during those hours when the traffic volume on Grand River is high enough so that it makes left turns hazardous.**

**The motion died for lack of a second.**

Continued Board, staff and appellant discussion:

- ICRD could provide information on the feasibility of a right-turn only during the site plan review process
- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reviewed the traffic study and did not express a concern with left turn movement onto Grand River
- The Township's traffic consultant did not express concern with left turn movement onto Grand River
- Shared parking agreement with Meijer will allow for three (3) ingress/egress points
- Review of the five (5) key points used by the Planning Commission for denial of the SUP request
- Belief that the variance requests have been reduced from six (6) to two (2)
- Board member reminder applicants should expect predictability and consistency in the Township's policies and procedures
- Board member belief the Board's vote today should be to overturn a decision of the Planning Commission, but is not because the project has been changed

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson, Supervisor LeGoff,  
Treasurer Brixie, Clerk Dreyfus  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Harris Nature Center Pavilion Project – DNR Grant Submission Request  
Director Maisner summarized the grant submission request as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 12, 2015.

**Trustee Wilson moved to approve the resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program for a universally accessible pavilion facility and access sidewalks in Meridian Riverfront Park/Harris Nature Center with an estimated total project cost of \$100,000, with a 50% local match of \$50,000 from the Township's Park Millage Fund. Seconded by Trustee Veenstra.**

Board discussion:

- Park Commission has already vetted the project

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- C. North Meridian Road Park Pavilion Project – DNR Grant Submission Request  
Director Maisner summarized the grant submission request as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 12, 2015.

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program for construction of a universally accessible pavilion facility with access sidewalks in North Meridian Road Park for an estimated project cost of \$100,000 with a 50% local match of \$50,000 from the Township's Park Millage Fund. Seconded by Trustee Styka.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Hillbrook Park Tennis Court Renovation Project – DNR Grant Submission Request  
Director Maisner summarized the grant submission request as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 12, 2015.

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund for tennis court renovations and ADA access improvements in Hillbrook Park with an estimated project cost of \$100,000, with a 50% local match of \$50,000 from the Township's Park Millage Fund. Seconded by Trustee Scales.**

Board discussion:

- Explanation for \$15,000 proposed expenditure for fencing

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Sale of Former Central Fire Station/MARC Property – Real Estate Agent  
**Trustee Scales moved to authorize the Township Manager to sign on behalf of the Township a Commercial Real Estate Services Agreement with Musselman Realty, Inc. for the marketing and sale of the Central Fire Station, 2150 Clinton Street and the MARC at 4675 Okemos Road. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.**

Board discussion:

- Concern with the low appraisal

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

14. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

- A. Perry Road, Special Assessment District (SAD) No. 42

Board discussion:

- Next step is to bring Resolution #5 to the Board at the next meeting to finalize the project and approve the final assessment roll
- Resident who signed the petition with the caveat that his assessment be limited to \$2,000 is satisfied with the assessment he received
- No affected property owner contacted the Township after notification letters were sent

**It was the consensus of the Board to place the Perry Road SAD on for action at the next Board meeting.**

- B. Findings of the Local Officials Compensation Commission (LOCC)

Director Marx summarized the findings of the Local Officials Compensation Commission (LOCC) as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 3, 2015.

Board and staff discussion:

- One percent (1%) increase in 2015 will be effective April 1, 2015
- One percent (1%) increase in 2016 will be effective January 1, 2016
- Park Commission should have a substantial increase in 2017
- Trustee cut in pay of \$1,000 several years ago should be restored in 2017
- LOCC discussion of salary comparison with other municipalities failed to consider other compensation offered by those municipalities

- C. Towner Road Property Sale

Manager Walsh summarized the history and circumstances surrounding the Towner Road

property as outlined in staff memorandum dated March 13, 2015.

Board and staff discussion:

- Full right and use of the property will be transferred to the Parks Commission through Board resolution
- Properties which the Township owns have been subject to the same property value decline as other parcels throughout the county, state and nation
- Township has come “full circle” with this property, as it was originally acquired because the Park Commission was short on funds to purchase the entire parcel
- Need for the Township to hold parties contractually accountable when Township owned land is either rented or sold on land contract
- Cost of building demolition would come from the sale of the property paid for with park millage money
- Township will transfer money from one fund to another and avoid paying a real estate agent fee
- Request for a full accounting of any Township owned property on land contract or which has a rental agreement

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.**

15. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

16. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT (None)

17. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

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ELIZABETH LEGOFF  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary