

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Such (6:05 P.M.), Woiwode
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Asst. Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Computer Specialist Stephen Gebes, Attorney Mike Woodworth

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor McGillicuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Joe Hundt, 5672 N. Woodside Dr., Haslett, spoke in opposition to Special Use Permit #03-88131 (Bharatiya).

Richard Foster, 4990 Country Drive, Okemos, spoke regarding land donation by Newman Equities, proposed hearing on Rezoning #02080 (Eyde), Special Use Permit #04-88131 (Bharatiya), and procedures for Request to Amend Eyde Company Stipulated Agreement.

Charles Willems, PO Box 184, Haslett, spoke concerning the Assessing Department's description of his property as lakefront.

Mark Clouse, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel, Eyde Co., 4660 S. Hagadorn, Suite 660, East Lansing, gave an update on the progress of Rezoning #02080 (Eyde).

Brian Cavanaugh, Butzel Long, 110 W. Michigan, Lansing, introduced himself as a candidate for the open seat on the Ingham County Circuit Court.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Trustee Stier gave a summary of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of February 11, 2004.

Clerk Helmbrecht reminded voters of the March 15th Ingham Intermediate School District Election for a millage proposal. The new voting equipment installation for the 2004 elections has been delayed due to federal government systems approval.

Treasurer Hunting announced today was the deadline for payment of 2003 winter taxes.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Clerk Helmbrecht moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Deliberation (BD)

9-A Reginald and Marilyn Stuart, 6184 Birch Row Drive, East Lansing; RE: Support for
2004 Order to Construct Sidewalk, Special Assessment District #2

(2). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Richard B. Foster, 4990 Country Drive, Okemos; RE: Request with multiple
signatures for hearing on Rezoning #02080 (Eyde)

BI-2 Melissa K. Goodnoe, 4714 Powell Road, Okemos; RE: Request with multiple
signatures for hearing on Rezoning #02080 (Eyde)

BI-3 Ann L. Alchin, 2227 Hamilton Road, Okemos; RE: Train noise and support for
traffic control measures on Hamilton Road

BI-4 Elizabeth LeGoff, 5189 East Brookfield Drive, East Lansing; RE: Support for
Federal Railroad Administration's Interim Final Rule for the Use of Horns at
Highway-Rail Crossings

BI-5 Richard and Lois Purcell, 5876 Shaw Street, Haslett; RE: Support for Federal
Railroad Administration's Interim Final Rule for the Use of Horns at Highway-Rail
Crossings

BI-6 Eleanor V. Luecke, President, LINC, PO Box 40, Okemos; RE: Opposition to
Rezoning #04020 (Okemos Public Schools)

(3). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax February 6, 2004 Edition

**Trustee 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 Such.**

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Minutes

**(1) Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the January 24, 2004 Special
Meeting amended as follows:**

- **Amend Page 1 to exclude Trustee Woiwode from the list of Board members present
and include Trustee Woiwode in the list of absent Board members**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

NAYS: None
Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the February 3, 2004 Regular Meeting amended as follows:

- **Amend Page 4, Agenda Item #7E by reversing the dates contained in the motion**
- **Amend Page 6, following the second full paragraph, by inserting, “Mr. Clouse responded that the applicant would be willing to present such a proposal.”**

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

C. Bills

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the Manager’s Bills as follows:

Common Cash	\$ 210,235.11
Public Works	\$ 148,641.58
Central Park Drive Debt Retirement	
2/9/2004 – Check #1060 (Bank One)	\$ 4,200.00
Total Checks	\$ 363,076.69
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 9,867.54
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 372,944.23</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 261,090.50</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Ratification of the Township Manager’s Action to Join the Rysberg Lawsuit

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board ratify the action of the Township Manager in authorizing the Township Attorney to intervene in the Rysberg v. City of East Lansing, et al. as Meridian Township has a vested interest in the outcome of this litigation.

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

E. Fire Department Software Purchase

Trustee Brixie moved to authorize the Township Manager to enter into a purchase agreement and a multi-year payment schedule with the sole source provider, Medtronic Physio-Control, for the “Lifenet EMS Electronic Patient Care Reporting System” software under the terms and conditions as recommended in a memorandum to the Board dated February 13, 2004. Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

- F. Zoning Amendment #03070 (Planning Commission), request to amend the definition of “changed circumstances” in Section 86-2 and in Section 86-225 to replace “changed conditions” with “changed circumstances”, **Final Adoption**

Trustee Brixie 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. 2004-01, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Code of Meridian Township, Michigan, by Amending Section 86-2 and Section 86-225 of the Code of Ordinances.” Seconded by Trustee Such.

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]

- G. Burcham Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No. 47-Resolution #5
Trustee Brixie moved to approve the Burcham Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No. 47-Resolution No. 5, which approves the special assessment roll; designates the project as “Burcham Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No. 47”, the assessment roll as the “Burcham Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No. 47 Special Assessment Roll”, and the district as the “Burcham Drive Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No. 47”; adopts the amount of \$15,053.40 as the final amount for the assessment roll; and orders and directs the assessment roll to be paid and collected.” Seconded by Trustee Such.

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]

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item # 10C, #11A, #11B)

- Q. Per the suggestion from Rick Foster, when we are looking at the court stipulated order on the Central Park property, should we be handling it like any other rezoning or is there cause for it to be different?
- A. Because it is the subject of a consent order, it will be somewhat different. There are some fundamental issues that will need to be addressed such as conducting a public hearing. In this case, this Board would ultimately have to make a decision as to whether or not a consent judgment will be modified through amendment.

My recommendation is that a public hearing occur at this level. We don't need a duplicate public hearing; [tape inaudible], although Planning Commission recommendation will be necessary, but that we not duplicate the public hearing process, but conduct one public hearing, have the matter come back with recommendation from the Planning Commission.

9. HEARINGS

- A. 2004 Order to Construct Sidewalk, Special Assessment District #2
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 6:23 P.M.

Director Severy introduced the proposal as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 13, 2004.

Clerk Helmbrecht asked if a sidewalk would not be part of building a home on the vacant parcel just purchased on Birch Row Drive. The Township would not want to have the owner put the sidewalk in and then have the sidewalk driven on during the construction of the home.

Director Severy responded that the Township would not require the sidewalk until the house was constructed later in the year. The owner also has the choice of building the sidewalk themselves. The Township would work with the owner to ensure they do not have to build the sidewalk twice.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 6:25 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Bob Homan, 2176 Hamilton Road, Okemos, represented the applicant, Mr. Wells, and availed himself for questions by the Board.

Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the 2003 Order to Maintain Sidewalk, Special Assessment District #5, Resolution #5, showing five (5) surveys dating back to 1970 with alleged disputes in the sidewalk and road boundary at 4530 Nakoma Drive.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Rezoning #03080 (Wells), request to rezone .55 acres located at 5789 Okemos Road north of Haslett Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA, **Final Adoption**
Trustee Brixie 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. 2004-02, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township Pursuant to Rezoning Petition #03080” RR (Rural Residential) to RAAA (Single Family-Low Density). Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

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]

- B. Special Use Permit #04-88131 (Bharatiya), request to construct an approximate 4,140 square foot addition at 955 Haslett Road

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #04-88131 with the following conditions:

1. **Approval is granted in accordance with the revised preliminary site plans prepared by C.C. Khiroya, P.E., dated December 18, 2003, and the submitted building elevations, dated December 18, 2003.**
2. **The final site plan, landscaping plan, and building elevations shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.**
3. **Occupancy in the main worship room of the temple shall not exceed 450 people.**
4. **The applicant shall provide a wetland delineation report defining the boundary of the regulated wetland located at the south end of the subject site near the Jeffries Drain. The delineation report shall be reviewed and approved by the Township’s Environmental Consultant and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).**

5. **The applicant shall apply for and receive all necessary variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals, or modify the building plans to comply with the Code of Ordinances.**
6. **All applicable conditions of Special Use Permits #88131, 96-88131, and 98-88131 shall remain in effect.**

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- **Revised plans for variance to be presented during site plan review**
- **No proposed changes for the parking lot with the addition**
- **ZBA approval of variance not to have curb and gutter for the parking lot during 98-88131**
- **Screening required in the SUP would need to be brought back into compliance**
- **Sidewalk and parking lot intersection as a safety issue assessed during site plan review**
- **Staff meeting with members of the community to alleviate apprehension concerning the addition**
- **Extent of a SUP on this property**

Treasurer Hunting offered the following amendment:

- **Amend condition #2 by inserting after “site plan ” “to include sidewalk and parking lot intersection safety concerns”**

The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.

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]

- C. **2003 Order to Maintain Sidewalk, Special Assessment District #5, Resolution #5**
Director Severy summarized the proposed special assessment as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 13, 2004.

Trustee Such moved to approve the 2003 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 5 - Resolution No. 5, which approves the special assessment roll; designates the projects as “2003 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 5”, the assessment roll as the “2003 Order to Maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 5, and the district as the “2003 Order to maintain Sidewalk Special Assessment District No. 5; adopts the amount of \$31,319.82 as the final amount for the assessment roll; and orders and directs the assessment roll to be paid and collected.” Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.

Approval of the motion: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

- Q. The approval of this motion, which moves things forward on this subject, does not preclude anybody else coming in and talking about lines, etc. does it?
- A. Essentially, the way to challenge the assessment would be to the Tax Tribunal. If there was a claim of a takings, for example, that would go to the Circuit Court. There are avenues of relief available. I see no reason not to go ahead and pass the resolution from a legal perspective.

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]

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Joe Hundt, 5672 N. Woodside Drive, Haslett, spoke in opposition to Special Use Permit #04-88131 (Bharatiya).

[Prepared statement in Official Minute Book]

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Request to Amend Eyde Company Stipulated Agreement

Director Kieselbach summarized the request as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 13, 2004.

Legal procedure for this request: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. Could you help me understand what exactly this request is and how it fits into the legal machinations of this case?

A. What you see here in the zoning classification, specifically this PO zoning, was all part of a court order. That court order was revisited in 1996, and again in November of 2001 in connection with the Eyde/Walmart litigation. This PO zoning classification was part of the original design of "ring" zoning, as it progressed outward from Central Park Drive. The request now is that we amend the consent order, and that we amend that to convert this to the RD (Residential) zoning. The court, when it entered the settlement documents and effectuated it with an order, retained jurisdiction over that. This amendment of the consent order has been done in the past, on a prior occasion back in 1996. The process that would be followed is the one that I had described earlier because a rezoning is contemplated, a remand to the Planning Commission for its recommendation back to the Board. But the Board is the one that would have to decide whether the consent order should be amended and would have to vote to do that. For that reason, I would suggest the appropriate place for a public hearing, which also needs to be conducted, would be before this Board.

Q. We are requesting the judge change the consent order because that is where it has to come from?

A. That is correct.

Q. So, in other words, we, as a Board, and the applicant, would go to the judge and say we agree or we don't agree. Does the applicant have to make that request, or can it come from either party?

A. Although, that is not the setting here, conceivably the applicant could petition the court and say the circumstances have so changed as to render this original order unreasonable; it doesn't reflect current circumstances of the growth and development of the Township. That is not what is happening here, I want to make that very clear. In this case, what we have is the applicant coming to the Board and saying I think there are mutual reasons why we ought to agree to amend this consent order. There would be another available to the applicant.

Q. But the judge is the one who makes the decision?

A. Ultimately, that is correct.

Q. Whatever we decide is not the final decision; we would go with the applicant to the judge?

A. The judge will want to see that, in fact, the procedures have been followed if, ultimately, there is agreement.

Inclusion of greenspace: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. Having been around when this was originally signed, one of the important components of the modification that occurred a few years later was the inclusion of greenspace. Is that considered part of the area? If we proceed with this, I want to be sure what is actually being rezoned and how much counts towards the acreage, etc. There are two significant areas of greenspace in the PO area. Is that included in this, or is that excluded and counted separately from the amount

that would count towards needing to be open space in the future?

- A. Those greenspaces will not be impacted by the change in zoning.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Greenspace area within the zoning but with a separate legal description
- Other than wetlands, greenspace area was not to be counted
- Dedicated office rezoning to multiple family as a positive downzone
- Need to hear public comment
- Master Plan for this area as a mixture of uses
- Downzoning as a contribution to walkable community and mixed use concepts in the commercial core
- PO as a good buffer from commercial to residential
- No access to the proposed subdivision from Powell Road
- Access from Powell Road would greatly diminish area east that is rural residential

Criteria for modification agreement: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. With this request for rezoning, can the Planning Commission only look at RD or are they able to look at RDD? Are they going to be restricted?

A. They would be restricted. They would also be restricted to the criteria. They could make the recommendation based upon.....the whole issue here is one of contract. Ordinarily, you will hear me say we can't do contract zoning, we can't do contract zoning. But what we are talking about in this case, is, in fact, a contract that was entered into as part of a court settlement. In this case, we are either going to arrive at a modification agreement; specifically, the RD zoning, or we are not. Those are the choices that will be presented to the Board and the way it must be framed to the PC. What the PC will be charged with doing is applying the criteria to the rezoning case to make a recommendation; does a RD rezoning of this PO area make sense.

The consensus of the Board was to have this request as an action item at the next Board meeting to send the request to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

- B. Ordinance Amendment to Signs

Director Kieselbach summarized the Township Board's request for staff to review the sign ordinance and prepare potential amendments to update the ordinance as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 12, 2004.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Suggestion for staff consultation with companies which put up signs
- No change in size of signs within the ordinance
- Explanation of commercial wall signs as it relates to raceways
- Amendment of real estate sign size to six (6) square feet
- Fairness in calculation of sign area irrespective of shape
- Definition of philanthropic signs
- Sign regulations condensed into one area
- Temporary announcing signs
- Time and temperature signs allowed only in commercial district
- Allowance of individual signs within office development
- Development entry external illumination signs allowed subject to lighting ordinance
- Addition of height to outdoor advertising structures
- Measurement of the sign area as length times height (l X h) instead of base times height
- Township Attorney recommendation for time frame change from ninety (90) days to one (1) year regarding abandonment of attached or relating non-conforming sign
- Real estate signs include for lease signs
- Roof line definition restricts aesthetically pleasing appropriate signage
- Change definition to allow flexibility for aesthetically pleasing signage
- Interpretation of "roof line"

Outdoor advertising signs: (Questions for the Attorney (See Agenda Item #8))

Q. I looked at the area and I wondered if we were addressing all of our current needs for language of the outdoor advertising signs? I just wanted to make sure they were addressed and if we

needed to have some supporting documents for this section, that we have those documents.

A. If I could briefly respond to that, I would anticipate that when this ordinance is before this Board for passage, that it will be accompanied by staff reporting the basis for the various provisions. In particular, for this one, if I am later called upon to defend how the Township Board arrived at twenty-five (25) feet and what is the justification for that, I share your concern. The rationale for it was that we needed to get the clearance, as Mark has discussed here, and we needed to make sure we could accommodate legitimate advertising needs, but at the same time, make sure that those comply with public health, safety and welfare concerns. So, perhaps, incorporation of a staff memo at the time the Board adopts the changes.

Q. Would it be appropriate to put in here the signs needed to be turned off at a certain time of day, like when your business is closed? Can we do that? If we wanted to do that, could we do that here, or would we need to do that somewhere else?

A. It could go here, and it could also go in our lighting ordinance. The difficulty is that you have some of these lights on timers and those get disrupted on occasion by electrical storms; I could come up with a whole parade of potential enforcement [tape inaudible]. I think it would be difficult, and you have to ask yourself at what point are you going to have people out enforcing when the sign was turned off and was not turned off. You could have a provision in either the sign ordinance or you could have it in the lighting ordinance. The question is going to be how you are going to enforce it.

Q. Is it possible that we would be able to have this back for our March 2nd meeting, or is that too soon?

A. I think we could get comment back on it. I've got maybe some ideas of how we can address Trustee Stier's concern.

The consensus of the Board was to have the Township Attorney look at new draft and come back to the Board for continued discussion at its March 2nd meeting.

C. Rezoning #04010 (Fedewa), request to rezone approximately .93 acres of land at 5842 Okemos Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RC (Multiple Family-Medium Density)
Director Kieselbach summarized the rezoning request as outlined in staff memorandum dated February 13, 2004.

Gerald Fedewa, 5570 Okemos Road, East Lansing, presented the following reasons as support of his request:

- Future Land Use Map calls for the parcel to be rezoned to RC
- RC zoning on three sides of the property
- Surrounded by multiple housing on three sides of the property
- Utilities available to this site
- No problem identified in the traffic study
- Improvements for the curb appeal of the site
- Increase in tax base for the Township
- No cost to the Township for infrastructure development
- No wetland or floodplain
- No natural feature(s) on the site
- Planning Commission approval of this rezoning

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Request consistent with the Master Plan
- Home currently on the parcel built prior to the condominium project
- Possible additional access addressed during site plan and special use permit process

The consensus of the Board was to have this request as an action item at the next Board meeting.

[Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 7:42 P.M.]

[Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 7:53 P.M.]

12. VISION SESSION/ENDS: Lake Lansing discussion with the Lake Lansing Homeowners Association representatives John Warbach and Dr. Don Kaufman
Supervisor McGillicuddy stated the Board has been studying the complex issue of Lake Lansing and one of the components is homeowners' feelings about the lake and enjoyment of the lake. She asked for recommendations which the Homeowners would like to see considered at the Board level as it formulates solutions for Lake Lansing property.

Dr. John Warbach, 6070 Columbia, Haslett, offered the following comments and/or concerns:

- Lake Lansing Watershed Management Plan was set up through a special assessment district approximately six years ago
- Goals in the plan addressed lake area planning, zoning, environmental issues and recreational safety
- As a result of the recommendations, the Lake Lansing Special Assessment Advisory Committee and Lake Lansing Property Owners Association developed a Lake Area Planning and Zoning committee
- Purpose of the committee is to carry out goals, objectives and strategies of the Watershed Plan
- Committee studying planning and zoning issues, looking at variance requests, access, new home construction and studying plat maps
- Outcome of the study is recommendations for changes in the Township's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance and other applicable regulations
- Specific basic goals are to protect the water quality of Lake Lansing, foster recreational safety, improve the character of the Lake community and improve zoning to make it less burdensome to residents and the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Preliminary findings are that existing regulations don't effectively protect Lake Lansing, a conflict exists between existing zoning and small and varied lot sizes and contemporary building patterns, most everything is nonconforming and almost all building activity requires dealing with that nonconformance in some fashion
- Recommendations include: greater reliance on performance standards and less on dimensions and lot coverage percentages, sliding scale of side yard setbacks for building practicality, front yard minimums "by right" which include a practical driveway, a sidewalk and permeable parking pad
- Safety concerns with resulting greater enforcement of existing marine safety laws
- Greater enforcement of existing traffic laws and traffic calming approaches
- Changes in the building code for use of fire-resistant building materials, fire-suppression sprinkler systems and arch-fault interrupters
- Performance standards for runoff from the property
- Purification of street runoff and stormwater filter
- Use conflicts involving private and public access points
- Use of public access site for mooring
- Water and land safety issues
- Need for private storage areas for lots with no residences

Dr. Don Kaufman offered the following comments and/or concerns:

- Use of permeable material to increase lake quality
- Use of fire retardant materials and sprinklers in new construction and major remodeling
- Jurisdiction of various police agencies; Ingham County Sheriff's Department, DNR and Meridian Township Police
- Keyhole or "funnel" development
- Police patrol for compliance in addition to ordinance change

Board members discussed the following:

- Definition of arc-fault interruptor as an apparatus which fits into the electrical panel to cut power off when there is an electrical power surge in the line

- Timeline to have committee recommendations to the Board
- Road Commission involvement limited to obtaining easement mapping
- Committee to provide framework first to the Board
- Committee coordination with the Planning Commission during conception phase
- Potential for discussion with the Road Commission regarding parking and traffic calming measures as safety issues
- Resident safety and lake quality as primary concerns

13. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Carole Wilcox, 6425 E. Reynolds Road, Haslett, member and supporter of the Lake Lansing Property Owners Association stated she believed protection of public safety was the number one issue around the lake. She voiced appreciation that the latest water quality study was posted to the Township website.

Wynne Lewis, 1350 Hickory Island, Haslett, and member of the Lake Lansing Property Owners Association, spoke in support of recreation safety regulations.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary