



AGENDA
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
April 25, 2018 6:00 pm
Central Fire Station

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MISSION: The Corridor Improvement Authority of the Charter Township of Meridian is dedicated to establishing the Grand River Avenue corridor in Meridian Township as a prime business and recreation destination in the Tri-County region. The Authority is focused on creating programs and projects that invigorate the streetscape and build partnerships among corridor property owners, business owners, and residents.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. Communications
 - b. Minutes – March 28, 2018
 - c. Development Projects Update
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. PRESENTATION – Brad Funkhouser of CATA
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. MUPUD Zoning Amendment Update
 - b. Form Based Code/Shaping the Ave Update
 - c. Consumers Lighting Study
9. MERIDIAN MALL REPORT
10. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT
11. CHAIR REPORT
12. STAFF REPORT
13. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS
14. PUBLIC COMMENT
15. NEXT MEETING DATE:
 - a. Next Meeting Date: May 23, 2018 - 6:00 p.m. Central Fire Station
16. ADJOURNMENT



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN Development Projects Update

March 2018

Businesses Opened:

- **Fox Lansing Nissan**, Grand River Ave
- **Small Cakes**, 3520 Okemos Road

Ribbon Cuttings/Opening Dates Announced (some estimated):

- **Lotus Beauty Lounge**, Meridian Mall (opening May 1)
- **Launch Trampoline Park**, 30k sq. ft. of Gordmanns (Meridian Mall). Plan to open June/July.
- **Commercial Bank**, vacant 5/3 bank on Jolly Road. Plan to open in May.
- **Great Lakes Interiors** - office furniture retailer at 2076 Towner Road. "open soon" on website
- **Elevation** - 350+ residential units leasing units now, move in June/July, June 15 opening party

Under construction

- **Judes Barber Shop**, 3499 Lake Lansing Road
- **Baskin-Robbins**, 1917 Grand River Ave
- **Peak Performance Physical Therapy**, new Meridian location next to Playmakers
- **Red Cedar Flats** - 112 unit, mixed use project with 11,800 square feet of commercial space on Northwind Drive.
- **Ingham County Medical Care Facility** – 64,000 square foot (48 room) addition at 3860 Dobie.
- **Whitehills Lakes South #2** –21 single family lots @ Saginaw Highway/Lake Lansing Road.
- **Georgetown #4** – initial site work underway for 22 single family lots at Tihart/Cornell Roads.
- **Sierra Ridge #3** – initial site work underway for 20 single family lots Lake Lansing/Newton.
- **Marriot Courtyard** –105 rooms at SW corner of Jolly Oak Road/Meridian Crossing Drive.

Renovations

- **Aldi**, interior renovation valued at \$400,000
- **Best Buy**, Shopping Center – exterior facelift, resizing spaces valued at \$770,000
- **Olive Garden**, Exterior remodel, complete interior makeover. No value yet

Under consideration

- **LaFontaine**, Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge Dealer proposed on W. Grand River Ave
- **Panera Bread**, Proposing to demo and rebuild BD Mongolian Grill. Drive-through proposed.
- **Silverstone Estates**, 25 single family residential homes at Powell Road north of Grand River
- **Hannah Farms East**, mixed use/student housing proposed at Eyde Pkwy (dormant for now)

Approved/not yet commenced

- **Portnoy and Tu dentist office** –4,332 square foot dental office at 2476 Jolly Road.
- **Tilted Kilt**, new restaurant at 5000 Northwind Drive (Red Cedar Flats)

Closings/Relocations

- **Toys R Us**, Nationwide closing announced, no update date yet
- **Younkers**, closing both anchor stores at Meridian Mall (Nationwide)

Younkers in Meridian, Lansing malls to close as parent company is sold to liquidators

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Lansing-area Younkers stores are on their way out.

The department store chain — an anchor tenant at both the Lansing Mall and Meridian Mall — will shutter by late summer after a United States bankruptcy court approved the sale of its parent company to a group of liquidators Wednesday.

A bankruptcy court filing listed 212 Bon-Ton stores that will be liquidated as part of the deal. According to the filing, all stores will close by August 31.

“We are certainly disappointed with the outcome, but this is an opportunity to continue to evolve our properties through transformative anchor redevelopments,” said Stacey Keating, director of public relations and corporate communications for CBL Properties, which owns the Meridian Mall. “We have been monitoring this situation closely, and we

have been working on contingency plans for each center impacted. We have several replacements under advanced negotiation.”

MORE: [Do you have a Bon-Ton gift card? Use it now, experts say](#)

Keating said CBL has a successfully redeveloped or replaced anchor tenants in other properties in the past.

Calls seeking comment from Lansing Mall management were not returned.

Bon-Ton Stores has 250 locations in 23 states in the Midwest, Northeast and upper Great Plains.

In January, Bon-Ton announced the closing of 42 stores, including several in metro Detroit. The company, which also operates stores under the names Carson's, Herberger's, Bergner's and Boston Store, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in February.

The sale was approved Wednesday after liquidators were the only bidders for Bon-Ton Stores during an auction in bankruptcy court earlier this week.

"We are committed to working constructively with the winning bidder to ensure an orderly wind-down of operations that minimizes the impact of this development on our associates, customers, vendors and the communities we serve," Bon-Ton CEO Bill Tracy said in a Tuesday statement. "We are incredibly grateful to all of our associates for their dedicated service to Bon-Ton and to our millions of loyal customers who we have had the pleasure to serve as their hometown store for more than 160 years."

Bon-Ton said it expected to provide more details about the liquidation plans and going out of business sales at its stores after approval of the winning bid.

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