

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Town Hall Room  
TUESDAY, July 17, 2007, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode  
ABSENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy  
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development  
Mark Kieselbach, Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire  
Chief Fred Cowper, Director of Finance Diana Hasse, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Helmbrecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Trustee Brixie moved to appoint Trustee Anne Woiwode as Supervisor Pro Tem for this meeting of July 17, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode called the roll of the Board.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened Public Remarks.

Ann Alchin, 2227 Hamilton Road, Okemos, expressed concern with the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority and requested that the Cedar Bend Heights Heritage Neighborhood Association be included in the process.

Marilyn Aronoff, 2248 Kent Street, Okemos, submitted a petition from the Cedar Bend Heights Heritage Neighborhood Association which expressed opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

[Petition in Official Minute Book]

Mary Dyke, 4835 Kenmore, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

Louis Shelburg, 2825 Roseland Avenue, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Michael Hupp, 5177 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Susan Pigg, Administrator, Ingham Co. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 121 E. Maple Street, Mason, spoke in support of the Resolution Concurring with the Provisions of Amendments to a Brownfield Plan for the Ingham County Land Bank Authority Brownfield Redevelopment Project.

Steve Dietrich, 5200 Greenfield Parkway, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, spoke to a referendum regarding Rezoning #06020 (Mayberry Homes, Inc.).

Bryan Goldberg, 2248 Mt. Hope Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

Jason Thomson, 4843 Ardmore Avenue, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

Suzanne Bickert, 2291 Hamilton Road, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

Mike Hogle, 2197 Kent Street, Okemos, spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

Philip Dwyer, 2327 Hamilton Road, Okemos, expressed concern with the proposed expansion of the Downtown Development Authority.

John Peckham, CB Richard Ellis/Martin Property Development, 1111 Michigan Ave., # 201, East Lansing, spoke in support of Zoning Amendment #07040, a request to remove size limitations for all uses in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Trustee Brixie requested staff provide the Board with the accomplishments of the DDA and a cost estimate for the timeline submitted on the public hearings for the DDA.

Trustee Brixie noted she was contacted by a Township resident who requested the Board consider supporting a multi-pronged and multi-faceted program through passage of a resolution on minimizing the effects of global warming. Trustee Brixie added that she suggested the group attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting to make a presentation to the Board.

Trustee Veenstra requested DDA Board members create a dialogue with residents of the neighboring Cedar Bend Heights community.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode encouraged residents to bring their concerns to the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for August 7, 2007.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk  
Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Determination (BD)

9A/11A-1 Marcia Horton and Joseph Fink, 6302 W. Lake Drive, Haslett; RE: Objection to Lake Lansing Special Assessment for Parcel #33-02-02-03-204-033

9A/11A-2 Patrick Dolan, 1340 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett; RE: Letter of Support for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District for 2008-

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- 9A/11A-3 Maureen Sullivan, 6348 Lake Drive, Haslett; RE: Letter of Support for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District
- 9A/11A-4 Charles and Margaret Kidd, 1790 Pine Creek Circle, Haslett; RE: Objection to Lake Lansing Special Assessment for Parcel #33-02-02-03-327-008
- 9A/11A-5 Donald and Mary Barrows, 10351 S. High Meadows Court, Traverse City; RE: Objection to Lake Lansing Special Assessment for Parcel #33-02-02-10-278-005
- 9A/11A-6 Kathleen Denisi, 1805 Crest Street, Haslett; RE: Objection to Lake Lansing Special Assessment for Watershed Management and weed control of the lake
- 9A/11A-7 Elwne and Constance Pettis, 5986 Greenman Street, Haslett; RE: Objection to Lake Lansing Special Assessment for 5986 Greenman Street, Haslett
- 11B-1 Martha Harte, 2790 Sirhal, Apt. 206, East Lansing; RE: Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-2 Betsy Montgomery, 5262 Blue Haven Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-3 Doris Wicksall, 2671 Greencliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-4 Ruth Pecic, 5099 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-5 Doris Dahl, 2782 Roseland Avenue, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-6 Karen Keyworth and Fuad Al-Kabour, 5093 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-7 Ruth Pecic, 5099 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-8 Kay Lockwood, 2695 Teri Terrace, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-9 Doris Wicksall, 2671 Greencliff, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-10 Christine Beavers, 5125 E. Brookfield, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-11 Louis Shelburg, 2825 Roseland, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-12 Ruth Pecic, 5099 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-13 Janet Ireland, 2805 Brentwood Avenue, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-14 Mary Lou Nicholson, 5243 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-15 Rebecca M. Leefers, 2630 Raphael Road, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-16 Beverly Dolph, 2790 Sirhal, Apt. 218, East Lansing; RE: Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-17 Jean Smith, 2768 Brentwood, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-18 Doug and Christina Warren, 4642 Hagadorn, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-19 Barbara L. Allyn, 2703 Roseland Avenue, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-20 Martha Harte, 2790 Sirhal, Apt. 206, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-21 Dave Bueche, 2689 Roseland Avenue, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)

- 11B-22 Petition in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-23 Louis Shelburg, 2825 Roseland, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-24 Peter Knupfer, President, Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association, 120 Oakland Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-25 Charles and Christine Beavers, 5125 Brookfield, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-26 Meridian Stratford Place, 2790 Sirhal Drive, East Lansing; RE: Petition in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-27 Gloria Duffy, 2790 Sirhal Drive, East Lansing; RE: Conditions at Meridian Stratford Place
- 11B-28 Molly Wingrove, 2649 Melville Drive, East Lansing; RE: Petitions in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)
- 11B-29 Molly Wingrove, 2649 Melville Drive, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP)

(2). Board Information (BI)

- BI-1 Mary Hill, 5935 Bayonne Avenue, Haslett; RE: Updated information on the Township's website
- BI-2 Lev Raphael and Gershen Kaufman, 4695 Chippewa Drive, Okemos; RE: Efforts to close Hamilton Road off of Grand River
- BI-3 Jean Nicholas, 6232 Brookline Court, East Lansing; RE: Board decision on land use in Meridian Township
- BI-4 Anne Cruce, 4653 Meridian Road, Williamston; RE: Comcast charges to Township consumers
- BI-5 John T. Anderson, 215 W. Newman Road, Okemos; RE: Notice of Intent to File Petition relative to Rezoning #06020 (Mayberry Homes, Inc.)
- BI-6 Ned A. Krouse, 5413 Meridian Road, Haslett; RE: Notice of Intent to File Petition relative to Rezoning #06020 (Mayberry Homes, Inc.)
- BI-7 Patrick Dolan, 1340 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett; RE: Township wide wireless system
- BI-8 Patrick Dolan, 1340 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett; RE: Phosphorus free fertilizing
- BI-9 Leslie A. Brogan, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast Cable, 1070 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing; RE: Closure of the East Lansing Public Access Studio

(3) Regional Linkage (RL)

- RL-1 Michigan Townships Association, 512 Westshire Drive, Lansing; RE: Appreciation for hosting MTA's Township Officials informational meeting
- RL-2 Janice Thelen, Watertown Township, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge; RE: Appreciation for hosting the MTA Grass Roots meeting on June 19, 2007
- RL-3 Susan Hill, Director, Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing; RE: Yearly non-resident fee charge
- RL-4 Cassie Wilkins, MSU Citizen Planner, 1405 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing; RE: Appreciation for assistance with the Open Space presentation meeting and bus tour
- RL-5 Deborah Bellows, Ingham County Road Commission, 301 Bush Street, Mason; RE: Notice of Public Hearing for 2007/2008 Proposed Construction
- RL-6 Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC), 301 Bush Street, Mason; RE: ICRC comparison of Crash data before and after the 2005 Okemos Road Widening Project

- RL-7 East Lansing Cable and Telecommunications Commission, 410 Abbott Road, East Lansing; RE: Letter to Leslie Brogan, Director of Government Affairs, Comcast, Inc, relative to closure of its public access studio at the Trowbridge Road facility
- RL-8 Orjiakor Isiogu, Director, Telecommunications Division, State of Michigan, Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing; RE: Acknowledgement of Cable Coordinator Guthrie’s letter to Comcast in opposition to Comcast’s Trowbridge Road public access studio closing in addition to copies sent to citizens and neighboring communities in regards to the closing

(4). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, June 15, 2007 Edition
- SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, June 22, 2007 Edition
- SC-3 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, June 29, 2007 Edition
- SC-4 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, July 6, 2007 Edition
- SC-5 Memorandum from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing dated June 15, 2007
- SC-6 Memorandum from Cindy Cummings, Police Records Supervisor; RE: Current list of licensed vendors and non-licensed persons or nonprofit organizations engaged in soliciting or canvassing dated June 20, 2007

(5). On File in the Clerk’s Office (OF)

Materials received at the June 19, 2007 Board Meeting  
 Evelyn Spears, 2790 Sirhal Drive, #103, East Lansing; RE: Closure of Comcast’s public access studio at the Trowbridge Road facility

**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, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the June 19, 2007 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$ 404,214.23
Public Works	\$ 494,104.92
Total Checks	\$ 898,319.15
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 27,325.39
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 925,644.54</u>
 ACH Payments	 <u>\$ 761,593.88</u>

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
 Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Second Quarter Budget Amendments

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the 2007 Amended Budget as reflected on Page 2 of the memorandum to the Township Board from the Finance Director, dated July 12, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
 Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

E. Purchase of MERS Service Credit by Employee

**Trustee Brixie moved approval of James M. Anderson’s request to purchase generic service credit of 2 years, 0 months, under the MERS Pension System and authorizes the Township Clerk to execute the authorizing resolution. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
 Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

F. Ratify Police Officer Appointment

**Trustee Brixie moved ratification of the appointment of Rebecca J. Payne to the position of Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of those items stipulated in the conditional offer of employment. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
 Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

G. Outdoor Gathering Permit, Taste of the Chamber - Meridian Township

**Trustee Brixie moved approval of the outdoor assembly license for the Taste of the Chamber-Meridian Township at the Meridian Mall on July 26, 2007, as detailed in the staff memorandum dated July 12, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
 Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

H. Liquor License Transfer, Sansu<sup>1</sup>

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve Rebecca S. Jeon’s application to transfer location of a 2006 Class C Liquor License located at 4750 S. Hagadorn, Suite 10, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 to 4750 S. Hagadorn, Suite 100, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan and further authorize the Township Clerk to execute the resolution for local approval of this transfer. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

I. Liquor License Transfer, Ukai

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve Ukai Restaurant 3, Inc.’s application to transfer ownership and location (governmental unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) of a 2006 Class C Liquor License with Dance-Entertainment Permit, from owner Ivan R. Good, whose license is being held in escrow at 114 Clare, Lansing, Michigan 48917, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan, to Ukai Restaurant 3, Inc., located at 2827 E. Grand River, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, Ingham County, Michigan, and further authorize the Township Clerk to execute the resolution for local approval of this transfer. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

J. Resolution of Endorsement for the Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan

**Trustee Brixie moved to support the Resolution of Endorsement for the Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

K. Assessing Stipulations

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Louis J. Eyde Limited Family Partnership on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0333641	4660 Hagadorn, East Lansing
<u>Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$7,637,400/6,707,999
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$7,274,600/6,707,999

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

<sup>1</sup> The liquor license transfer for Rebecca S. Jeon was rescinded through Board action on 1/3/2008.

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Louis J. Eyde Limited Family Partnership on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0333642	Heritage Office Park I, Okemos
<u>Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$2,204,500/1,597,514
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$1,944,000/1,597,514

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

**Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with Louis J. Eyde Limited Family Partnership on the following property:**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2007	0333643	3887 Okemos Road, Okemos
<u>Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$1,505,000/1,108,807
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>	2007	<u>AV/TV</u> \$1,064,325/1,064,325

**Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

- L. Office of Highway Safety and Planning Grant Application  
**Trustee Brixie moved to authorize the Police Department to submit a grant application to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center for the Electronic Crash Capture and Submission Project for 2008. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

- M. Wetland Use Permit, Sanctuary #2, Set Public Hearing Date (August 21, 2007)  
**Trustee Brixie moved to schedule a public hearing on Wetland Use Permit #07-03 for the regular Township Board meeting on August 21, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

- N. Whitehills Lakes South Street Lighting SAD, **Resolution #1**, Set Public Hearing Date (August 21, 2007)

**Trustee Brixie moved to approve the Whitehills Lakes South Streetlighting Special Assessment District, Resolution #1, tentatively declaring its intention to install and maintain five (5) dark sky streetlights and defray the cost of operation and maintenance by special assessment against the 13 benefiting lots, the cost of installation paid by the developer, and setting a public hearing for August 21, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

- O. Resolution Concurring with the Provisions of Amendments to a Brownfield Plan that Relates to Property Located Within the Charter Township of Meridian to be Approved by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for the Ingham County Land Bank Authority Brownfield Redevelopment Project

**Trustee Brixie moved approval of the Resolution Concurring with the Provisions of Amendments to a Brownfield Plan that Relates to Property Located Within the Charter Township of Meridian to be Approved by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners for the Ingham County Land Bank Authority Brownfield Redevelopment Project. Seconded by Trustee Such.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode,  
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried 6-0.

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item #9A, #11A)

9. HEARINGS

- A. Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD

Trustee Such requested that he be recused from the public hearing and discussion on Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District (LLWMSAD) as he lives in the proposed Tier 3.

**Trustee Brixie moved to excuse Trustee Such from both the public hearing deliberations and discussion on Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

Trustee Veenstra opposed the motion and reminded Board members that the motion must pass unanimously.

Status of denial of Trustee request to be recused: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. Can you comment on this, Andria?

A. I can. Actually, this was asked and answered at a previous meeting, I believe. Yes, it is a direct conflict. The answer was if the Trustee was to be here during discussion, he would make no comment or be involved in the discussion at all, and certainly shouldn't be involved in the vote. So, I don't see any reason why he wouldn't be recused at this time; he doesn't have to be here for the discussion and he shouldn't take part in the vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra  
Motion failed 5-1.

Q. I would like some clarification from the attorney. Where do I sit?

A. You are not taking a vote today; that's my understanding. Correct? So you may sit in during this meeting, but I would not take part during the discussion at all and you might want to

reconsider how we handle this at the meeting when the vote is taken.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened the public hearing at 7:05 P.M.

Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi summarized the proposed Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 12, 2007.

Joe Sheehan, Chair, Lake Lansing Watershed Management Advisory Committee, 6150 Columbia, Haslett, gave a history of the Lake Lansing area and addressed its stormwater management issues. He believed the addition of Tier 3 was needed due to the cost of inflation to implement the lake's ten-year plan.

Pam Tynning, Progressive Engineering, 1811 Four Mile Road, NE, Grand Rapids, spoke to the increased costs for the nuisance aquatic plant control program and stormwater management projects surrounding the lake.

Mr. Sheehan added it is difficult to anticipate what new lake issues may surface; i.e. Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), an invasive fish virus responsible for major fish kill.

Trustee Brixie inquired of staff if properties within the three (3) tiers are currently paying any drain assessments to the county.

Mr. Ishraidi responded he was aware of three (3) drains on the lake claimed by the Ingham County Drain Commissioner (ICDC) and believed those are being assessed. He will obtain the requested information from the ICDC.

Trustee Veenstra asked for more specificity of anticipated improvements to the storm water drainage system.

Chief Engineer Ishraidi pointed to a map which indicated drain improvements expected to cost approximately \$25,000/year to address the "orphan" drains and run-off into the lake.

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode requested the budget be provided to the Board in the next packet where the Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD is discussed as well as an outline of the work to be completed.

#### PUBLIC

Eric Bacon, 5634 School Street, Haslett, questioned why an additional mechanism was necessary to collect funds since the Lake Lansing Property Owners Association (LLPOA) has an established Lake Improvement Board. He believed the criteria used to determine the boundaries for the expanded assessment district was arbitrary and capricious and requested specific plans/costs for the proposed projects.

Charles Willems, PO Box 184, Haslett, protested Mrs. Willems property classification as "lakefront" and stated the map is incorrect and inaccurate.

Ed Rebman, 1482 Wilshire Road, Haslett, believed he did not belong in the Tier 3 assessment district and spoke in opposition to the proposed assessment for Tier 3.

William Seck, 5717 Carlton Street, Haslett, spoke in opposition to the plan as proposed, stating he thought the plan needed more work. Mr. Seck believed the entire Township should be included in Tier 3. He inquired how the assessment would be monitored and requested overall costs be provided to residents.

Robert Hollenshead, President, Lake Lansing Property Owners Association, 6068 Columbia Street, Haslett, spoke in support of the proposal for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District. He indicated the entire Township, county and surrounding areas benefit from Lake Lansing. Mr. Hollenshead indicated the purpose of the SAD is to address the pollution problems associated with Lake Lansing.

Tim McCarthy, 6076 Columbia, Haslett, spoke to the need for a county wide special assessment for Lake Lansing.

Larry Wagenknecht, 6097 Partridge Street, Haslett, owns two (2) parcels in Tier 2, and spoke in support of the proposed Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District. He believed assessing all properties within the watershed was logical and needed. Mr. Wagenknecht indicated education of the public should be added to the general purpose statement of the special assessment district.

Marvin Johansen, 6236 W. Reynolds, Haslett, spoke in support of the special assessment district as proposed.

Steve Schmidt, 1021 Wild Ginger Trail, Haslett, spoke in opposition to extension of the Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD to Tier 3. He noted clarity in state law which he interpreted to mean that a property owner must receive a direct benefit to be included in the SAD and has not seen justification for Tier 3 property owners to be assessed.

David Stirdivant, 6369 W. Reynolds, Haslett, spoke in support of the proposed SAD as he believed the property owners in Tier 3 are part of the watershed and contribute to the pollution factor and weeds contained in the lake.

Vincent Gebes, 6085 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of the renewal of the Lake Lansing SAD. He indicated weed control of the lake has previously been kept at a controllable level. He believed Ingham County should be contributing more monetarily towards the clean up effort.

Leslie Kuhn, 6162 Oak Park Trail, Haslett, questioned the use of the monies which would be generated by the addition of Tier 3 to the SAD. She indicated a need for emphasis on community education for residents surrounding the lake and spoke to noise pollution created by watercraft use.

Maureen Sullivan, 6348 Lake Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of the proposed SAD and to the need for education for those who benefit from the lake.

Christe Alwin, 1589 Colby Street, Haslett, spoke in support of watershed management and encouraged the Township to fully explore the county's role in the LLWMSAD as it relates to the two (2) park properties and the activities on those parcels. She expressed support for control sources, infiltration practices and alternatives to chemical applications.

Chris Dobney, 1382 Hickory Island Drive, Haslett, spoke in support of expansion to a Tier 3 within the LLWMSAD.

[Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode recessed the meeting at 8:25 PM].

[Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode reconvened the meeting at 8:30 PM]

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode closed the public hearing at 8:30 P.M.

#### 10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened and closed public comment.

- A. Tentative Preliminary Plat #07012 (Giguere Homes, Inc.), request to plat Sanctuary #2 a five-lot subdivision on six RAAA (Single Family-Low Density) zoned acres located east of Hulett Road and the Sanctuary subdivision, and north of Kansas Road  
Director Kieselbach summarized the tentative preliminary plat as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 12, 2007.

**Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants approval of the tentative preliminary plat for a five lot single family subdivision, commonly known as Sanctuary #2, located east of Hulett Road and the existing Sanctuary**

subdivision, and north of Kansas Road, with the following conditions:

1. Approval is granted in accordance with the revised Tentative Preliminary Plat dated May 29, 2007, prepared by Fred White Engineering Company, and received by the Township on July 3, 2007, indicating five single family lots, subject to revisions as required.
2. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Ingham County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the Township. Copies of all permits and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development. Should a permit be required from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, no grading or construction work shall be conducted until the permit is final and unappealable at the MDEQ.
3. Final utility plans shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering and shall be completed in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
4. Storm sewer leads shall be provided to each lot in the subdivision. The final location of the leads shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering. All residences constructed in the subdivision shall be connected to an approved outlet.
5. An overall grading plan for the subdivision shall be required with detailed construction plans, prior to issuance of any building permits.
6. Prior to any construction or grading on the site, the applicant shall install silt fencing at the upland edge of the water feature setback. The silt fencing shall be removed after construction once the area is stabilized and vegetation has been established.
7. A seven foot wide concrete pathway shall be constructed along the north side of Robins Way. The final location of the pathway shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering. The design and construction of the pathway shall be constructed in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
8. A five foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be constructed along the south side of Robins Way and from the south side of Robins Way to the right of way line of Kansas Road. The final location of the sidewalk shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works and Engineering. The design and construction of the sidewalk shall be constructed in accordance with Township Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
9. The 50 foot wide strip of land located west of Lot #2 and north of Robins Way shall be deeded to the Township prior to the applicant submitting the Final Preliminary Plat.
10. The natural vegetation strip shall be clearly identified with permanent markers. The size, number, and location of the markers, and the language on the markers, shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
11. The applicant shall apply for and receive a Land Clearing Permit for the removal of trees and vegetation on the site. All maple trees 12 inches dbh or greater shall be preserved.
12. Road trees shall be required along both sides of Robins Way within the subdivision.

**Species and location of the trees shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Ingham County Road Commission.**

- 13. Any wellhead(s) located on the site shall be properly closed and abandoned per the requirements of the Ingham County Health Department and the Township, prior to the issuance of any permit for construction activity, including grading permits.**
- 14. The Township Board hereby grants a waiver from Section 62-34(1)(c) of the Land Division Ordinance to permit the use of the name Sanctuary #2.**
- 15. A copy of the information that exists on computer for the plat and construction plans shall be provided to the Township Engineering staff in an Auto Cad compatible format.**

**Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.**

**Treasurer Hunting offered the following friendly amendment:**

- Add condition #16 to read: Robins Way shall connect with Kansas Road to provide alternate egress and ingress for residents in the area.**

**The amendment was not accepted by the maker.**

**Treasurer Hunting moved to add condition #16 to read:**

- Robins Way shall connect with Kansas Road to provide alternate egress and ingress for residents in the area.**

**Seconded by Trustee Brixie for purposes of discussion.**

Board members discussed the following:

- Enclosed and unconnected subdivisions increase traffic problems
- Need for second ingress/egress in the neighborhood for safety reasons
- One Board member commitment to Kansas Road residents for road to remain unconnected to the Sanctuary Subdivision
- Kansas Road as a gravel road
- Possible connection of Robins Way to Kansas Road after Kansas Road has been paved
- Right-of-way for Kansas Road is currently only 50 feet
- Options for Robins Way/Kansas Road connection through redesign
- Stub streets engineered and properly placed several years ago to improve traffic flow and safety with adjacent subdivisions

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Treasurer Hunting  
NAYS: Trustees Such, Veenstra, Clerk Helmbrecht, Supervisor Pro Tem  
Woiwode  
Motion failed 2-4.

**Trustee Veenstra moved to redesign the plat so that a connection to Kansas Road is possible after Kansas Road is paved.**

**Seconded by Treasurer Hunting.**

Continued Board and staff discussion:

- Clear direction to the Ingham County Road Commission regarding future connection to Kansas Road
- Township is the first step in the process for tentative preliminary plat approval
- No condition offered by the applicant in the rezoning approval process regarding connection to Kansas Road
- Negative effect of cul-de-sacs by creating a series of increased traffic patterns from ingress to egress for each home
- Current owner of the neighboring property does not want a connection to Kansas Road

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Veenstra, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: Trustees Such, Clerk Helmbrecht, Supervisor Pro Tem  
 Woiwode  
 Motion failed 3-3.

Continued Board discussion:

- Inclusion of a condition in the rezoning of September 22, 2005 which deeded to the Township a 15 foot easement to be used for a pathway
- Condition of the rezoning which was accepted by the Township Board for maple tree preservation

**Trustee Brixie called the question.**

ROLL CALL VOTE YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Supervisor Pro Tem  
 ON THE MAIN MOTION: Woiwode, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting  
 NAYS: None  
 Motion carried 6-0.

**11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS**

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened public comment.

Tom Ellis, 2695 Roseland Avenue, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Elizabeth Le Goff, 5189 E. Brookfield Drive, East Lansing, inquired as to the location of the second ingress/egress for Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP) and asked if the Burton Katzman Company has acquired the easement to use the proposed additional ingress/egress.

Barney Fenn, 2767 Brentwood, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Molly Wingrove, 2649 Melville Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman, Okemos, spoke in opposition to Zoning Amendment #07040 and Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Tim Hammond, 2790 Sirhal Drive, Apt. 304, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

John Scott-Craig, 5244 Wardcliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Megan Long, 2664 Greencliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Jason Chubb, 2607 Greencliff Drive, East Lansing, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Renee Sumerix, 2616 Frank Street, Delhi Township, spoke in opposition to Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP).

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode closed public comment.

**A. Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD**

Board members discussed the following:

- Request for information regarding current drain assessments for property owners within the proposed Tier 3

- Determination of amount currently assessed to Ingham County and possible additional amount to be assessed to the county
- Need to define the direct benefit for proposed Tier 3 properties
- Belief that all residents of the Township benefit from Lake Lansing
- Board flexibility to alter proposal presented in the packet regarding allocation and included properties
- Support for the work performed by the Lake Lansing Property Owners Association
- Rational basis for benefit to proposed Tier 3 property owners
- Possible adjustment on an individual basis for Tier 3 property owners
- Proposed assessment for Tier 3 property owners reduced through an increase in the contribution by Ingham County
- Increase in the Township's contribution from the General Fund
- Explanation as to why Tier 3 boundary was drawn the way it was presented
- "Squaring off" of the boundary due to partial lots
- Establishment of a 2,000 foot setback criteria for inclusion in the SAD
- Benefit of the lake v. effect on the lake
- Relationship between the benefit and the assessment
- Community benefit through a healthy aquatic ecosystem
- 2006 report available on the ecological status of Lake Lansing activity

Resident notification of special assessment through tax bills: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. Would we have to send out a special assessment notice every year or could that special assessment be included on the December tax bill?
- A. I believe it would be added to the tax bill. I would have to check on that to make sure, but I think it is.

Computation of a Township wide special assessment: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. Could someone figure out how that would work and how we could still come up with the appropriate number of dollars?
- A. Do you mean how you would divide the dollars among the property owners; is that what you're asking?
- Q. If we need \$30,000 extra dollars every year, and you spread that out Township wide, how do you do that? And, is it like \$4 or \$12? Can we just add it to the tax bill if it is approved, because we all do benefit?
- A. If I understand correctly, the answer is if that extra group beyond Tier 1 and Tier 2 are benefiting equally, then you can divide it equally and figure out what that amount is and divide it. My understanding is that you can add it to the tax bill, but I can check on that to make sure.
- Q. One of the residents made a comment questioning what the benefit was and unfortunately likened it to a sewer request which, as most Board members are aware, people who don't get sewer services pay for the sewer system for the Township because there was a township wide health benefit in providing sewer services and not contaminating groundwater, surface water, etc. Does the law for a special assessment district stipulate only "benefit" or does the law allow for "effect," the layman terms which Trustee Woiwode used. Do you convert the effect into a benefit?
- A. As long as you are showing that there is some relationship, then however you come up (or staff for the Board), with this formula or analysis, if it's reasonable and there's a relationship that I'm paying more because I either have a greater effect or a larger benefit, then you will probably pass that "straight faced" test. It's the same thing with the Township in general. If the Township takes a certain amount and then spreads it evenly over everyone, it's the same concept.

I did hear something else; if the Township, in general, has a benefit, then you can't do a special assessment. That's not true. Just because the Township says everyone benefits doesn't mean you can't do a special assessment; you still can. Some properties will benefit more. I want to

also state that there's a lot of discussion going on here, and I believe a petition has not been filed in this. If there has been enough objections by the end of the public hearing today in writing, you won't be able to go forward without a petition anyway. Just so the Board is aware of that and keeps that in mind, you can't just move forward until a petition has been filed if enough written objections were filed by the time of the end of the public hearing tonight.

Continued Board discussion:

- Encourage the use of phosphorous free fertilizers to help prevent plant growth
- Possible ordinance adoption which requires the use of phosphorous free fertilizers within the Lake Lansing watershed
- Recognition there is an area wide contribution through the Township and Ingham County contribution

**The consensus of the Board was to continue discussion of this item at the August 21, 2007 Board meeting.**

- B. Rezoning #06090 (Meridian Four Seasons LDHA LP), request to rezone approximately 9.94 acres located at 2756 E. Grand River Avenue from C-2 (Commercial) and RX (Duplex) to RC (Multiple Family-Medium Density)

Board members discussed the following:

- Current zoning is appropriate
- No conditions offered in writing by the developer
- Existing zoning does not match either the current application or the Master Plan
- Mixed messages from the Wardcliff residents regarding development for this property
- Duplex type development under current zoning could become primarily student housing
- Current configuration does not foster redevelopment along Grand River Avenue
- Concern with traffic cutting through the neighborhood which would endanger children walking to school in the streets due to lack of sidewalks
- Traffic analysis conducted during "abnormal" time of year when MSU is not in session
- Request is to upzone approximately four (4) acres of RX to RC and downzone approximately four (4) acres from C-2 to RC
- Preference for residential next to residential v. commercial next to residential

**The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the August 21, 2007 Board meeting.**

- C. Zoning Amendment #07030 (Planning Commission), request to amend Sections 86-128(c) and 86-158(b) to extend the expiration dates for special use permits and site plan reviews from 12 to 24 months

**Due to the lateness of the hour, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode postponed this item until the August 21, 2007 Board Meeting.**

- D. Zoning Amendment #07040 (Township Board), request to remove size limitations for all uses in the C-1 and C-2 (Commercial) zoning districts

**Due to the lateness of the hour, Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode postponed this item until the August 21, 2007 Board Meeting.**

- E. Local Road Maintenance and Financing

Manager Richards summarized local road maintenance planning and financing as outlined in staff memorandum dated July 13, 2007.

Board members discussed the following:

1. Details of the 2007 Maintenance Program (No Board discussion took place)
2. Plans for surveying the condition of all paved residential roadways including digital photos of the surfaces and the adjacent right-of-ways
  - Availability of funding in the current budget for surveying the condition of local roads

- Level of involvement with the Ingham County Road Commission regarding preservation v. resurfacing
  - Use of matching funds from ICRC for preventive road maintenance
3. Information to be included in the upcoming Meridian Monitor
- Special edition(s) of the Meridian Monitor dedicated to roads
  - Continued work with Stony Point Communications to provide information in the Monitor regarding the local road system, preventive maintenance and history of current road conditions
  - Map to be included in the Meridian Monitor to identify primary and residential roads
  - Resurfacing paid for through special assessment
  - Preventive road maintenance paid for through ongoing budgeted funds
4. Details regarding the millage option for maintaining residential roads
- Framing of the potential millage question
  - Finalization of millage language prior to September 1, 2007 to be placed on the November ballot
  - One mill generates approximately \$1.7 million
  - .4 mills plus matching funds would provide approximately \$1 million
  - Board request for staff memorandum included in the August 7<sup>th</sup> Board packet containing draft ballot language for review
  - Number of years for millage not “key” for passage
  - Several examples of comparative analyses of millage vs. special assessment using actual streets within the Township with different sized lots in all zip codes
  - Possible web site based calculator for residents to ascertain costs
  - Several variables used to compute calculation

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode opened and closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Pro Tem Woiwode adjourned the meeting at 11:27 P.M.

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SUSAN McGILLICUDDY  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT, CMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary