

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra,
(6:04 P.M.), Wilson
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Community Planning & Development
Mark Kieselbach, Director of Public Works and Engineering Ray Severy

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. PUBLIC REMARKS
Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, announced Liaison for Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (LINC) will meet this Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. in the Community Room of the Haslett Library. He provided an update in graph form of sewer cleaning for October, 2013.

Christine Tenaglia, 2551 Bruin, East Lansing, representative for the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), spoke in support of Commercial Planned Unit Development #13034 (Meridian Mall).

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION –eCities 2013 Top Performing Entrepreneurial Community
Peter Menser, Associate Planner, explained eCities is an annual research study undertaken by students in the College of Business at the University of Michigan Dearborn. He noted this is a benchmarking essay project, the focus of which is to learn and share the best practices which attract entrepreneurial development and create business growth. Meridian Township placed in the top 8 out of 102 communities which applied and was recognized as a four star community and a best practice community. Mr. Menser showed a short marketing video of Meridian Township's best practices.

Marsha Madle, Chair of the EDC and Co-Director of the Meridian Asset Resource Center (MARC), noted Meridian Township has received the highest eCities awards four (4) out of the last five (5) years. She added this is a statewide program which places Meridian Township at the forefront year after year as a top performing community.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT
Manager Walsh reported on the following:
 - Okemos Library project is on task
 - Van Atta Bridge has been moved up one month and will probably begin in January, 2014
 - Whole Foods C-PUD will be before the Board on December 3rd and 10th
 - Appeal of the New Central Fire Station will be before the Planning Commission on November 25th and may be before the Board on December 10th
 - Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Employment Agreement on the December 3rd Board agenda

- Public hearing for the Plasma Center in the Carriage Hills Shopping Center was held by the Planning Commission last evening. Little to no support for the project surfaced during the meeting and a resolution to deny this SUP request will be on the Planning Commission's November 25th agenda. He added this proposal would not come before the Board unless an appeal is filed by a party.

7. BOARD COMMENTS & REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Treasurer Brixie summarized delinquent personal property tax collection totals for tax years 2008-2012, 2013 total tax year collections as of November 14, 2013, distributions as of October 28, 2013, and current fixed maturity investments and non-fixed investments as of October 31, 2013.

Trustee Scales reported his attendance at last night's Planning Commission meeting and his continued mentoring of students at Haslett High School. He congratulated Haslett's robotics team for making the finals at the Robotics Tournament in Belleville and the Haslett High School Volleyball Team for winning the Class A Regional Championship. Trustee Scales noted today marks the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg address.

Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at the EDC meeting where the 2014 EDC budget, sponsorship for this year's Chinese Initiative and staff visits to businesses were discussed. He noted his participation in the "Health in All Policies" sponsored through the Ingham County Health Department. Clerk Dreyfus explained health issues are linked to various social and other conditions, including transportation, education, access to food, economic opportunities and land use. He stated health impact assessments are being used as a new tool, adding that Meridian Township is one of six (6) communities in the United States using health impact assessments in the site and development plan stages. Clerk Dreyfus reported his attendance at a Maker's Network in Lansing where items are made and the network can lead to economic and business spinoffs. He addressed an article in *Bridge*, a publication printed by The Center for Michigan where unfunded legacy costs were discussed, and noted by adding additional annual property taxes of \$73 for a \$100,000 home would eliminate Meridian Township's \$23,265,00 legacy costs. Clerk Dreyfus contrasted the \$73 figure with the City of Grand Rapids at \$1,731 and the City of Saginaw of over \$4,000 per homeowner per year. He reported Senator Gretchen Whitmer introduced legislation to decriminalize marijuana which failed along party lines.

Trustee Wilson reported her attendance at the last EDC meeting.

Trustee Styka reported he attended, along with Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustee Veenstra and Manager Walsh, a tour of Capital Area Transportation Authority's (CATA) transportation facility, met with CATA Board members and learned about some of its history. He noted a subcommittee created of members of both the Planning Commission and Township Board met to find a resolution to communication issues relative to the urban services boundary. Trustee Styka also addressed the relatively small unfunded legacy costs for Meridian Township compared to other communities.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor LeGoff reviewed the consent agenda.

Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Communications

(1) Board Information (BI)

BI-1 John P. Gardner, Senior Manager, Government Affairs, Comcast, 1401 E. Miller Road, Lansing; RE: Change to Comcast’s channel lineup commencing November 13, 2013

BI-2 Mark and Mary McDaniel, 1057 Cambria, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to a Plasma Center locating in Meridian Township

BI-3 Debra Lashbrook, 1703 Cranston Court, East Lansing; RE: Opposition to a Plasma Center locating in Meridian Township

(2) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Ken O’Hara, Secretary, Delhi Charter Township Planning Commission, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt; RE: Adoption of Delhi Carter Township’s Master Plan

(3) On File in the Clerk’s Office

Material received at the November 7, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Eric W. Ederer, 4446 Seneca Drive, Okemos; RE: Support for the Human Relations Ordinance

Treasurer 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 Clerk Dreyfus.

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

B. Minutes

Treasurer Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

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

C. Bills

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

Common Cash	\$266,234.05
Public Works	\$476,058.88
Total Checks	\$742,292.93
Credit Card Transactions	\$6,628.69
Total Purchases	<u>\$748,921.62</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 383,582.80</u>

Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

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

- D. Ratification of Part-Time Paramedic/Firefighter Appointments
Treasurer Brixie moved to ratify the appointments of Grant Gillie and James Gramza to the position of part-time Paramedic/Firefighter pending completion of a successful background investigation and physical examination. Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

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

10. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (None)

11. HEARINGS

- A. Commercial Planned Unit Development #13034 (Jeff Kyes)-Request to Establish the Meridian Mall C-PUD
 Supervisor LeGoff opened the public hearing at 6:39 P.M.

Director Kieselbach summarized the proposed commercial planned unit development (C-PUD) as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 14, 2013.

- Applicant
 Greg Petru, KEBS, Inc., 2116 Haslett Road, Haslett, stated the main request is to establish a C-PUD for the mall, constructing an approximate 19,000 square foot addition. He noted the addition would be combined to 30,000 square feet of existing space for use by one user of 50,000 square feet. Mr. Petru believed establishment of the C-PUD will allow Meridian Mall flexibility during the review process as additional tenants desire to locate in Meridian Township. He listed existing amenities as public transportation, bicycle racks, benches, planters, underground utilities, and pedestrian/bicycle access to Marsh Road and Central Park Drive. Mr. Petru also believed the mall itself was an amenity, as it provides spaces for various functions (Winter Farmers Market, walking club, arts & crafts, etc.). He listed proposed amenities as public seating benches outside the new addition, covered bicycle parking, additional planters and pavers and a 2.74 acre open space.
- Public
 Roger Lubs, Vice President, Studio C, 1999 Central Park Drive, Okemos, spoke in support of the proposed C-PUD. He noted the addition will be directly across from the movie theater and is a great use of existing property.

Supervisor LeGoff closed the public hearing at 6:53 P.M.

12. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett, clarified a statement he made at the November 7th Board meeting relative to the location of bicycle parking at the proposed Residence Inn. He recommended using the standard contained in the Township’s ordinance (Section 86-760(d)) and suggested the island in front be used for bicycle parking.

Mitch Irwin, Project Manager and representative for Hannah Hospitality, LLC, 3811 Meridian Road, Okemos, addressed concerns expressed at the November 7th meeting regarding the applicant’s address (2855 Hannah Boulevard, East Lansing) and bicycle rack placement at the north end of the site. He believed the bicycle parking on the revised site plan at the north end to be the safest and most appropriate, as he had concerns with traffic traversing all four (4) sides of the island. Mr. Irwin spoke to “by brand” amenity requirements (sports court and outdoor gathering place) and added an electric car charging station on the north side of the barrier free parking next to the main lobby, a location for public art on the north side near the Hannah Boulevard right of way and landscaping along the south and east property line as amenities. Mr. Irwin indicated seven (7) foot sidewalks would be constructed along both the TownePlace Suites and Residence Inn properties.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, inquired if the electric car charging station was available for use by the public and inquired as to what type of station it will be.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

A. Preliminary Plat Extension #00012 (Ember Oaks Co.)

Treasurer Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby grants the extension of Preliminary Plat #00012, Ember Oaks, for a period of two years, from November 19, 2013 to November 19, 2015, with the following condition:

- 1. All previous conditions placed on the approvals of the preliminary plat and preliminary plat extension approvals shall remain in effect.**

Seconded by Trustee Scales.

Board members discussed the following:

- Progression of the subdivision has been slower than anticipated
- Ember Oaks Subdivision adds positive tax base to the Township
- Developer has cooperated with the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and the Township through financial assistance for erosion control installation and restoration of the Red Cedar Glen Preserve

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Insert “on approximately 230 acres” after “157 lots” in the first whereas clause**

Seconded by Clerk Dreyfus.

VOICE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT: Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following amendment:

- **Insert “consisting of 110 lots” after Plat #00012 in the resolve clause.**

Continued Board discussion:

- Board action is an amendment to the original preliminary plat and the number of lots should remain the same

The motion died for lack of a second.

Continued Board and staff discussion:

- The possible effect of Ember Oaks’ future growth on erosion and water management in the area
- Temporary wetland use permit was granted to Ember Oaks so the developer could make corrections on the south side of the railroad tracks as part of this plat
- Additional wetland work will be done on the Ember Oaks site to control/maintain storm drainage as future phases come to fruition
- Storm drainage maintenance on the Ember Oaks property will eliminate negative effects to the Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- Physical infrastructure is already in place on the Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- Request for staff to delete conditions of the preliminary plat if they have been fulfilled
- Wolverine Pipeline 66-foot easement traverses the back of the plat diagonally
- Board member suggestion to discuss the 50 foot setback requirement in the future

Trustee Scales called the question.

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

NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Correct Drain Easement Lot 59 in Ponderosa Subdivision
Trustee Scales moved the Township Board authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement to relinquish the drain easement on Lot 59, Ponderosa No. 3, 1094 Trail's End. Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Current easement is for a drain which does not exist

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

NAYS: None
 Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #13024 (Hannah Hospitality), Residence Inn by Marriott
Trustee Scales moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #13024, subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the mixed use planned unit development is based on the revised cover sheet and landscaping plan prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated November 13, 2013; revised utility/storm plan, pervious/impervious plan, and existing survey plan prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated October 7, 2013; revised photometric plan prepared by LSI Industries dated October 2, 2013; floor plans and building elevations prepared by Gary Brink & Associates received by the Township on August 30, 2013. All plans are subject to revisions as required.
2. Approval of Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #13024 shall be contingent on the Township Board's approval of Special Use Permit #13131 for the size of the building.
3. The character and quality of the building materials and general architectural design of the buildings shall be consistent on all four sides of the building.
4. Brick, stone or masonry products shall cover no less than 60 percent of building facades that are either visible from a public street or provide individual entrances to residential units.
5. Site accessories such as railings, benches, trash and recycling receptacles, exterior lighting fixtures for streets and buildings, and bicycle racks shall be of commercial quality, and complement the building design and style. Final design and location shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
6. Any future building additions or expansions to the buildings will require modification to the Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #13024 and Special Use Permit #13131.
7. A concrete sidewalk a minimum of seven (7) feet in width shall be installed along Hannah Boulevard, Eyde Parkway and Esoteric Way. The applicant also agreed to install a concrete sidewalk a minimum of seven (7) feet in width along Hannah Boulevard in front of 2855 Hannah Boulevard, Marriott Towne Place Suites. The construction and installation of the sidewalks shall be in accordance with the Township's Engineering Design and Construction Standards.

8. To the greatest extent possible, existing mature and healthy trees shall be incorporated into the project's landscape plan subject to the approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development and the Ingham County Road Department, as applicable.
9. Street trees shall be installed along Hannah Boulevard. 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 Department.
10. Landscaping shall generally comply with the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, including the mixed use planned unit development standards as outlined in Section 86-440(d)(4) and other applicable sections of the Ordinance pertaining to landscaping. The landscape plan shall clearly indicate all trees to be preserved on the site and consideration shall be given to the location and type of street trees and landscape material proposed for the site. The applicant shall work with the Township staff to provide additional landscaping, trees and/or shrubs, along the east property line of the site.
11. 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. Street and site lighting shall be consistent with previously approved projects in the Hannah Farms Mixed Use Planned Unit Development. Light poles shall not exceed 15 feet. LED lighting shall be used.
12. A final sign program shall be submitted as part of site plan review and shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Community Planning and Development.
13. All mechanical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and similar systems shall be screened from view by an opaque structure or landscape material (if at street level) selected to complement the building. Such screening is subject to approval by the Director of Community Planning and Development.
14. The applicant shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and approvals from the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Ingham County Road Department, and the Township. Copies of all permits and approval letters shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.
15. The 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's Engineering Design and Construction Standards.
16. Buried construction or other materials, debris found on the subject site, and debris resulting from clearing, grading, or construction activities related to the proposed project shall be removed from the site and be properly disposed.
17. A copy of the site plan information that exists in a computer format for the development project and construction plans shall be provided to the Township Engineering staff in an AutoCad compatible format.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Belief no Board member has a problem with amenities required by Marriott
- Appreciation to the applicant for willingness to address Board concerns regarding real community amenities (i.e., public art, electric car charging station)

- Appreciation that the applicant is adding extensive landscaping to the southern and eastern boundaries of the property
- Suggestion to place bicycle parking at various locations on the site for functionality and use by staff and guests
- Bicycle parking placement will be a decision made during site plan review by the Director of Community Planning and Development
- Importance of having seven (7) foot sidewalks in front of the existing hotel as well as the proposed project for consistency
- Preference for the applicant to open up the outdoor half basketball court to the public
- Inquiry as to the voltage of the electric car charging station
- Aesthetically pleasing charging station will be approved by both Marriott and the Township Planning staff, but will likely be 240 volt, level 2
- Applicant comment that it has no authority to ensure seven (7) foot sidewalks are installed on Esoteric Way, but will commit to installation along TownePlace Suites and the Residence Inn along Hannah Boulevard
- Request to install bicycle lockers and covered bicycle parking conveniently located near the main entrance
- Guests who use bicycles as their mode of transportation may not always use the main entrance and would need bicycle racks at other entrances
- Ample storage will be available to accommodate bicycles which belong to staff
- Concept of availability of a “ride sharing” bicycle
- Preference for a parking lot connection between the existing TownePlace Suites and the proposed Residence Inn
- Traffic experts, the Fire Marshal and the Marriott Team indicated the parking lot connection is not necessary as appropriate turn around space is already provided

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

D. Special Use Permit #13131 (Hannah Hospitality), Residence Inn by Marriott
Trustee Wilson 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 #13131 (Hannah Hospitality) to construct a Residence Inn by Marriott totaling approximately 72,091 square feet in gross floor area subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the special use permit is in accordance with the revised cover sheet prepared by KEBS, Inc. dated November 13, 2013, subject to revisions as required.
2. Special Use Permit #13131 is subject to all conditions placed on Mixed Use Planned Unit Development #13024 (Hannah Hospitality) by the Township.

Seconded by Treasurer Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- MUPUD would have been a better project if it was incorporated in a town center concept
- Town center concept would have offered multiple economic opportunities for retail and commercial through the type of individuals who utilize extended stays
- Town center concept would have birthed community activation in the area
- Concern the 96-room hotel does not count toward the maximum number of units allowed on the 81-acre parcel

- Board member request that the maximum number of allowed units be adjusted to a maximum of 1,000
- Request for the appropriate whereas clause to always include the vote by which the Planning Commission approved or denied a project
- Level of service (LOS) F for the overall MUPUD area is unsatisfactory

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

- E. Resolution Authorizing SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management & Wastewater) Grant Agreement
Treasurer Brixie moved to adopt the attached SAW Grant Agreement resolution, which approves the form of the SAW Grant Agreement and authorizes the Township Manager to execute the SAW Grant Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Scales.

Board members discussed the following:

- Important part of the Township’s overall infrastructure
- Township responsible for a match (\$444,000) based on the total amount of the project

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

- F. AFSCME Department of Public Works Employees Agreement
Trustee Styka moved to approve the 2014-2016 collective bargaining agreement as tentatively agreed to and further ratified by the AFSCME Department of Public Works Employees Union.

Seconded by Trustee Scales.

Board members discussed the following:

- Appreciation for the success achieved through the leadership of both the Township Manager and the Human Resources Director during negotiations with the Township’s bargaining units

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

13. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor LeGoff opened and closed Public Remarks.

- A. Commercial Planned Unit Development #13034 (Jeff Kyes)-Request to Establish the Meridian Mall C-PUD

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Applicant is in the process of obtaining a signed lease with the proposed tenant
- C-PUD is an overlay which allows for the underlying zoning (C-3) to stay in place while redeveloping a 40 year old site
- C-PUD allows the design to meet site requirements
- If this C-PUD had already been in place, the 19,000 square foot addition would have been handled by staff
- Meridian Mall is the commercial “heart” of Meridian Township
- C-PUD allows for the possibility of adding a second story in the future

- Location of the proposed permanent open space in front of the mall conflicts with suggested Michigan /Grand River Avenue Corridor charette designs should the mall be used as the transit stop for the bus rapid transit
- Meridian Mall as a regional draw and important to the economic health of the community
- Importance of open space as an amenity
- Lack of green space currently exists at Meridian Mall
- Preference to reduce the 82.5% of impervious surface
- Open space in front of the mall can be changed later if an additional redevelopment project comes before the Board
- Concern with southeast corner being labeled as “permanently” green
- Preference to use property on the north, making it “semi-park like” with covered structures for possible Farmers Market relocation
- Request to reduce parking from 4.67 to 4.54 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable floor area
- Reduction in parking still exceeds the minimum standard for mall development of 4.5 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable floor area
- Meridian Mall has not reached full parking capacity for the last five (5) years
- Pervious/impervious ratio requirement for a C-PUD is set by the Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) originally granted a variance for Meridian Mall to be at the 82.54% impervious surface coverage
- Impervious surface coverage is conforming due to the variance granted by the ZBA
- Project areas to be changed are the parking lot and the service area which are already impervious surface, so there would be no change in the impervious surface percentage
- Parking requirements are determined by the Board
- Appreciation for the covered bicycle parking
- Request for bicycle racks to be located at each entrance to the mall
- Request for an explanation of cast stone approximately three (3) feet off the ground
- Once the C-PUD is approved, minor additions can be handled by staff

It was the consensus of the Board to place this item on for action at the December 3, 2013 Board meeting.

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood Drive, Haslett, asked when Cornell Road will be open to the public.

Manager Walsh replied the Township is waiting to hear about a date certain from the Ingham County Road Department.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett expressed appreciation for a Board member’s suggestion to provide bicycle parking at various locations on the Residence Inn property.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

15. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Treasurer Brixie attended the Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting last week where Board members voted to allow bicycles on the Red Cedar Glen main trail for one year on a trial basis. She noted the Red Cedar Glen Preserve is located at the end of Sylvan Glen Drive and allows bicyclists to travel from Dobie Road to Van Atta Road and on to Meridian Road without the need to access Grand River or Jolly Road.

Trustee Veenstra reported four (4) bills are currently in the state legislature relative to marihuana.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary