

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
349-1200, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001, **5:30 P.M. — 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting, Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode
ABSENT: Trustee Such
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Attorney Brian Goodenough

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the Work Session to order at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public remarks.

Juan Arellano, Planning Commissioner, asked for clarification on the referral from the Township Board to the Planning Commission regarding the time extensions for SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart) and SUP #99151 (Eyde)

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public remarks

2. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY

Time Extensions for SUP #99151 (Eyde) and SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart) to the Planning Commission
Board Members discussed guidance regarding the Board's referral of the time extensions for SUP #99151 (Eyde) and SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart) to the Planning Commission. Attorney Goodenough summarized the action of the Board in considering whether the Planning Commission had reviewed the criteria as set forth in the Ordinance for granting of a special use permit.

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked if the Board needed to pass a formal motion expressing the intent of the Board that the Planning Commission consider and return to the Board a recommendation as expeditiously as possible. Attorney Goodenough stated it would be a good idea to provide specific guidance to the Planning Commission in the form of a motion in how the Board would like the Commission to proceed.

Board Members discussed the procedures of the Planning Commission in hearing and deciding individual requests.

Attorney Goodenough clarified that any motion adopted by the Board is no more than a request of the Planning Commission as it is not obligated to respond.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Towar Area Drainage District - Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann
Patrick Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, presented his recommendation to increase the Towar Area Drainage District through the petition process to resolve the larger drainage problem in the area at the least cost.

Greg Minchell Mitchell, representing the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's contracted engineer, discussed the scope of the drainage problems and recommended solutions.

Board Members discussed the Towar area drainage problems, the process for consideration of a petition to enlarge the area of the drainage district and cost containment for the project.

- Board Members discussed the appropriateness of appointing the Drain Commissioner as the Township's Primary Representative to the Phase II Storm Water - 9 Community Commission.
- B. East Lansing Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements
Manager Richards summarized the intent and scope of Meridian Township's possible participation in the sewage treatment plant improvements.

Board Members discussed Meridian Township's participation in the improvement project.

Manager Richards reported he would send a letter acknowledging the Township's intent to participate unless the Board directed otherwise.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public remarks.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, spoke regarding the lack of access to his homestead.

James Hershiser, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals, reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals findings related to the Township's request for a variance to construct a south-side Grand River Avenue pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, stated the need to provide a pedestrian/bicycle pathway on both sides of Grand River Avenue.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public remarks.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the Work Session at 7:10 p.m.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001, **7:00 P.M.**

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ABSENT: Trustee Such
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi, Police Chief Gary Gibbons, Assistant Fire Chief Dale Monnier, Personnel Director/Assistant Manager Paul Brake, Director of Parks & Recreation LuAnn Maisner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 7:25 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.

Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett, spoke regarding damages related to the lack of access from his homestead to the public right-of-way.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the addition of future parcels to the Piper Road Public Road Improvement Special Assessment District.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Brixie reported she has submitted the names of her recommendations for appointment to the Supervisor for the Van Atta Road Task Force.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported the receipt of late communications.

Clerk Helmbrecht reported Trustee Such is absent from the meeting to attend a National Conference in Washington D.C. for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. She reported on a Lansing State Journal article "Meridian Art Show is for More Than Seniors."

Trustee Woiwode reported on the status of the pathway task force she chairs.

Treasurer Hunting concurred with Board Communication BI-2 discussing the need for additions to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Agenda Item #7K (Initiation of Towar Gardens Drainage District Petition). Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Supervisor McGillicuddy asked that the agenda be amended to add item #7L (Appointments to Van Atta Road Task Force).

Amendment accepted by maker and seconder.

Board Members discussed Agenda Item #7E (EL Hospitality LLC Reimbursement). Manager Richards stated he would report to the Board on available measures to prevent a future recurrence(s) of this situation.

Board Members discussed Agenda Item #7I (Telecommunications Application Fee).

Manager Richards requested the Board move Agenda Item #7H (2001 Road Resurfacing Plan) to Agenda Item #9G. He reminded the Board that Time Frame Guidance to the Planning Commission should be added as Agenda Item #9F.

Clerk Helmbrecht corrected the cover memo and resolution for Agenda Item #7G (The Coves at Whitehills Condominiums Street Light District - Resolution #1) to set the hearing for April 17, 2001.

Trustee Brixie, as maker of the motion, amended the motion to approve the agenda as follows: move Agenda Item #7H (2001 Road Resurfacing Plan) to Agenda Item #9G; and add Agenda Item #9F (Time Frame Guidance to the Planning Commission). Amendment accepted by the seconder.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

Therefore, the above actions were taken with the votes as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Application for Public Service (***)

EDC-1 Frank Webster, 3845 Roxbury Avenue, Okemos; RE: Economic Development Corporation

(2). Board Deliberation (BD)

8A-1 Joseph Polack, 2932 Colony, East Lansing; RE: Objection to Quality of Sidewalk Repair

(3). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative Fax, March 2, 2001 edition

BI-2 Mark S. Ritzenhein, 4359 Heartwood Road, Okemos; RE: Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan Off-Road Pathways

BI-3 Creekwood Lane Resident Petition in support of North-Side Haslett Road Pathway Extension

BI-4 Nancy Moylan, 2158 Seminole Drive, Okemos; RE: Flooding of Ottawa Hills Subdivision

BI-5 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiseman, 4954 Hillcrest, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Wal-Mart

BI-6 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiseman, 4954 Hillcrest, Okemos; RE: Opposition to Zoning Amendment #01040 (Planning Commission)

BI-7 Jess Sobel, Planning Committee Chair, Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing; RE: Corrections to Preregistration Brochure

BI-8 Frederick Vogt, 2673 Bennett Road, Okemos; RE: Governors' Collection Development Site Plan Concerns

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- BI-9 Robert J. Phipps, Partner, Central Park Place, 1331 E. Grand River Avenue, Suite 200, East Lansing; RE: Zoning Amendment #01040 (Planning Commission)
 - BI-10 Therese M. Hercher, 1908 Danbury East, Okemos; RE: Township Board Meeting Rebroadcasts
 - BI-11 Charles Louis Willems, 1387 Hickory Island, Haslett; RE: Hickory Island Alley
 - BI-12 Noel S. Walker, 4411 Wausau Road, Okemos; RE: Nakoma Road Bridge Concerns
- (4). Freedom of Information (FOI) [On file in Clerk's Office]
- FOI-2001-06 Thomas M. Hitch, McGinty, Jakubiak, Frankland & Hitch, P.C., 601 Abbot Road, East Lansing; RE: Board Meeting Recordings and Documents Related to the Alternative Wastewater Disposal System Proposal
 - FOI-2001-07 Michael D. Gresens, 1194 Academic Way, Haslett; RE: Sale of Properties Located on Academic Way, Haslett
 - FOI-2001-08 Brian P. Morley, Fraser, Trebilcock, Davis & Dunlap, P.C., 1000 Michigan National Tower, Lansing; RE: Legal Service RFP and Proposals Received
- (5). On File in Clerk's Office (OF)
- OF-1 Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, RE: Adopted Resolution of Support for Lansing Community College's Aviation Program
 - OF-2 Minutes of February 27, 2001 Board of Commissioners' Meeting of Lansing Board of Water & Light
 - OF-3 Ingham County Board of Commissioners March 13, 2001 Regular Meeting Agenda and Packet
- (6). Staff Communication (SC)
- SC-1 Current List of Licensed Vendors and Non-Licensed Persons or Non-Profit Organizations Engaged in Soliciting or Canvassing
 - SC-2 Press Release for Harris Nature Center Nature for Preschoolers Registration
 - SC-3 Press Release for Harris Nature Center Moonlight Stroll
 - SC-4 Press Release for Harris Nature Center Summer Day Camp
 - SC-5 Vacant/Expiring Appointments List

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 Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the February 20, 2001 Work Session and Regular Meeting, March 6, 2001 Work Session and Regular Meeting, and March 12, 2001 Workshop as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Schedule March 27, 2001 Workshop

Trustee Brixie moved to schedule a meeting on March 27, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Room to conduct a "Policy Governance Workshop." Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

D. Bills

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

General Fund/Special Revenue	\$ 147,402.58
Public Works	\$ 576,084.88
Public Safety Bldg. Debt Fund	
Check #1073 - Bank One	
<u>1990 Bonds, 1993 Refunding Bonds</u>	<u>\$ 209,195.00</u>
<u>Total Checks</u>	<u>\$ 932,682.46</u>
<u>Credit Card Transactions</u>	<u>\$ 22,487.67</u>
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 955,170.13</u>

Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Bill list for 3/20/01 in Official Minute Book]

E. EL Hospitality LLC Reimbursement

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Manager be authorized to execute a settlement offer with EL Hospitality, LLC as outlined in a communication to the Board dated March 16, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

F. Sapphire Lakes Condominiums Street Light District - Resolution #1

Trustee Brixie moved to approve Sapphire Lakes Streetlighting District - Resolution #1 tentatively declaring its intention to install and maintain nine (9) streetlights and defray the cost by special assessment against the benefiting parcels and setting a public hearing for April 17, 2001. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

G. The Coves at Whitehills Condominiums Street Light District - Resolution #1

Trustee Brixie moved to approve Resolution #1 tentatively declaring its intention to install and maintain sixteen (16) streetlights and defray the cost by special assessment against the benefiting parcels and setting a public hearing for April 17, 2001.. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- I. Telecommunications Application Fee
Trustee Brixie moved to approve the Telecommunications Provider Application Fee Resolution. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- J. Library Task Force Appointment
Trustee Brixie moved to accept the resignation of Marilyn Rye from the Meridian Township Library Task Force and approve the appointment of Carol Christensen, 1122 Haslett Road, Haslett, MI 48840 to the open position on the Library Task Force. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- K. Initiation of Towar Gardens Drainage District Petition
Trustee Brixie moved that Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick Lindemann be authorized to pursue a petition to submit to the Township Board regarding the Towar Gardens storm sewer project. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

- L. Appointments to Van Atta Road Task Force
Trustee Brixie moved to appoint Andy Granskog, 4398 Van Atta Road, Okemos; , Barb Stevens, 4371 Van Atta Road, Okemos, John Hoehn, 4341 Van Atta Road, Okemos, Tom Diets, 4045 Van Atta Road, Okemos, Heidi Decamp, 3623 Van Atta Road, Okemos, Ted Black, 4714 Van Atta Road, Okemos, Joe Hanley, 4180 Van Atta Road, Okemos, Ben Schwendener, 4084 Van Atta Road, Okemos and Trustee Julie Brixie to serve as chair of the task force. Seconded by Trustee Stier.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

8. HEARINGS

- A. 2000 Sidewalk Order to Maintain - Heritage Hills Public Hearing
Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi introduced the 2000 Sidewalk Order to Maintain Final Assessment Roll.

Trustee Woiwode asked if the roll includes the twenty-percent (20%) administrative fee.
Chief Engineer Ishraidi stated it does.

Trustee Woiwode stated a concern about the inclusion of the administrative fee. She asked what are the criteria for assignment of a twenty-percent (20%) administrative fee.

Chief Engineer Ishraidi stated the administrative fee includes the cost to cover staff conducted inspections to determine the type and amount of defects. He stated these inspections involve an engineering aid and a project engineer to assess and send notice. He stated additional costs are incurred as Township staff develops the contract, hires the contractor, and inspects the completed work. He stated the administrative fee is more or less a handling fee. He stated there was not a significant amount of engineering required, but the process takes much time involving contact with the public from start to finish. He stated for this particular project, the homeowner does not have to pay this charge if the homeowner elects to do the work. He stated based on a rough estimate the twenty percent (20%) administrative fee runs ten to twelve thousand dollars, whereas the actual expense to the Engineering Department runs eight to ten thousand dollars.

Clerk Helmbrecht commented that the administrative fee was included in the original notice and estimate to the residents, rather than added on at the end.

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing.

Trustee Woiwode stated her concern is not the legitimacy of the cost, but in having a consistent policy in assessing fees. She asked the Board to consider directing staff to establish a fee schedule.

Trustee Brixie asked if administrative fees would be studied in the water and sewer rate fee study.

Manager Richards stated it would not be studied directly. He stated typically engineering fee schedules are set as a sliding scale: the smaller the project the larger the fee, the larger the project the smaller the fee. He stated doing sidewalk repairs in pieces is a time consuming project. He stated in terms of the concept of a fee to recover costs, engineering and public works employees are funded from water and sewer funds with a small portion from the pathway millage. He stated this program is a relatively new activity for the Township and some equitable fee structure needs to be put together.

Treasurer Hunting stated many of the things done for the citizenry justifies the existence of Township Government. He asked why the Township would charge a fee for work performed during standard working hours. He stated there might be an issue related to different services provided outside of regular functions justifying a fee, but this would require some determination of the basic functions and services provided.

Chief Engineer Ishraidi stated it would make it easier for staff if there were a fee schedule established by the Board. He stated there is a flat fee of \$150 for street lights districts, a twenty-percent (20%) fee for sidewalk repairs, and no fees charged for the Piper Road Paving District. He recommended a fee based on actual costs incurred as determined by staff time sheets.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing.

9. ACTION ITEMS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Scott Fairmont, 4429 Apache Drive, Okemos, spoke as the applicant in support of PUD #00014 (Fairmont).

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna, Haslett, spoke in opposition to PUD #00014 (Fairmont). [He asked to correct or revise the record of the March 6, 2001 Minutes for the Public Hearing in that he recommends a left-turn lane be added to the road to handle the additional traffic and enhance public safety.]

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. PUD #00014 (Fairmont), request for preliminary planned unit development approval for a single-

family detached condominium development at 5559 Okemos

Clerk Helmbrecht moved that the Township Board hereby grants Preliminary Planned Unit Development approval for Planned Unit Development #00014, subject to conditions with the following amendment: Condition #4 should read: "Unit 1 shall be located a minimum of ten feet (10') from the north property line and Unit 6 shall be located a minimum of ten feet (10') from the south property line. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- A typo to condition #4 as presented in the resolution, which states the setback to the south property line would be fifteen feet (15') rather than the setback previously amended to five feet (5').
- Time frame for consideration of traffic safety issues.
- Benefit of a single point of entry onto Okemos Road.
- Landscaping at the driveway is a valid concern for bikers and will be evaluated by professional staff at a later stage of the PUD process.
- Ingham County Road Commission approvals for site condominiums in general
- Possible addition of a provision requiring additional landscaping within the ten foot (10') north and south setbacks.

Supervisor McGillicuddy offered an amendment to the motion to amend condition #16 to read: "The common open space areas shall be designated on all plans and the master deed." Amendment accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

Board Members discussed the issue of whether the proposed setbacks of ten feet (10') would be adequate to provide buffering and landscaping.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- B. Rezoning #00170 (T.S. & P.), request to rezone the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Powell Road from of PO (Professional Office) to CS (Community Service).

Treasurer Hunting moved that the Township Board hereby denies Rezoning Petition #00170 from PO (Professional Office) to CS (Community Service). Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Denial of rezoning is consistent with the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission
- The rezoning would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Development Plan

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- C. Piper Road Special Assessment District - Resolution #5

Treasurer Hunting moved to approve the Piper Road Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #32 Resolution No. 5, which approves the special assessment roll; designates: the project as "Piper Road Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #32", the assessment roll as "Piper Road Public Road Improvements Special Assessment District #32 Special Assessment Roll", and the district as the "Piper Road Public

Road Improvements Special Assessment District #32; adopts the amount of \$74,057.39 as the final amount for the assessment roll; and orders and directs the assessment roll to be paid and collected. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Assessment of a benefit to residents of the future Blueberry Farm Subdivision from the paving of Piper Road
- Board initiation of a special assessment district does not guarantee the ultimate implementation of such a district.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

[Signed and Sealed Resolution in Official Minute Book]

- D. Appoint Water Management Advisor - Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann
Trustee Woiwode moved that Chief Engineer Younes Ishraidi be the Township's Primary Representative to the Phase II Storm Water - 9 Community Commission and that Drain Commissioner Patrick Lindemann be the Alternate Representative. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board Members discussed the importance of appointing a Township Staff representative as the primary representative to a regional body.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

- E. Hartrick Park Grant Reapplication (Tape 2 side B within last 20 minutes)
Trustee Woiwode moved to support the attached resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application due April 1, 2001, to the Department of Natural Resources for development of Hartrick Park in the amount of \$687,500. Seconded by

Director Maisner discussed the Hartrick Park conceptual plan to be submitted with the grant reapplication.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Ability to incorporate amendments to the plan layout and materials after submission of the grant application.
- Current Okemos Public Schools use of park lands
- Impact of consumers energy easement

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Stier, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Clerk Helmbrecht, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

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- F. Time Frame Guidance to the Planning Commission
Trustee Brixie moved that the Board request the Planning Commission hear and decide the two (2) matters before it concerning the time extensions of SUP #99151 (Eyde) and SUP #99091 (Wal-Mart) at its next meeting and return its recommendation to the Board for possible action at its April 3, 2001 Regular Meeting.

Board Members discussed the potential for confusion amongst planning commissioners as to nature and scope of the request.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

G. 2001 Road Resurfacing Plan

Manager Richards introduced additional information from the Ingham County Road Commission regarding the proposed Hatch Road project.

Trustee Brixie moved that the staff recommendations for the 2001 Local Street Resurfacing Plan be approved and forwarded to the Ingham County Road Commission. Seconded by Clerk Helmbrecht.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- The importance of submitting the local street resurfacing plan to the Ingham County Road Commission this early in the year.
- Specification of the Seneca Drive projects
- Concern for protection of trees with paving of Hatch Road

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion Items)

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna, Haslett, spoke in support of diverse representation on the Pathway Advisory Committee.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, stated concurrence with Mr. Provencher's comments.

A. Grading Permits

Trustee Stier introduced a concern related to inappropriate and significant grades within the Township.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Added value to communities from the addition of trees
- Special Committee recently established to review a possible tree ordinance including one (1) Planning Commission representative and two (2) Environmental Commission representatives
- Grading changes to circumvent the intent of the wetland ordinance

Trustee Stier presented photos to illustrate significant grade changes within the Township.

The Board concurred that Trustee Stier meet with appropriate staff members to review possible controls on grading changes and make a recommendation to the Board.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- A revisitation of the proposed 1990 tree ordinance by the Board

The Board concurred that Treasurer Hunting serve as the Township Board Liaison with the Ad Hoc Committee of the Planning Commission and Environmental Commission to study a possible tree ordinance.

B. Pathway Advisory Committee

Trustee Brixie opened discussion on a possible committee to review the form and function of the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway Master Plan.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Addresses the resident recommendation to actively study pathways
- Current task forces looking at existing problems while this committee would look to the future

- Regional plans and connections of pathway systems
- Parks & Recreation Department staff involvement
- Coordination of the task force effort and time frame for creation of an advisory committee
- Advantages to having an advisory committee provide input for the PIP and pathway construction priorities

The Board concurred to direct Manager Richards to direct staff to review advisory committees in other communities and report to the Board by May 1, 2001.

C. Essential Wetland Determination

Director Kieselbach introduced the wetlands considered for essentiality.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Approval process for planned grading work in wetlands
- Lack of need for the proposed widening of Grand River Avenue
- Opportunity to present resident concerns to MDOT
- Minimizing impact by adding just a third lane

D. Township Notice Policy & Expenses

Treasurer Hunting opened discussion on a review of publication of Township Notices.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Significant cost of published notices in the Lansing State Journal vs. Towne Courier
- Parameters for publication of a synopsis
- Consideration of effectiveness of publication of notices
- Multiple mediums for public notices

E. The delay of April 30 Effective Date of Zoning Districts C1, C2 and C3 (ZA #98150 (Planning Commission))

Supervisor McGillicuddy discussed her concerns regarding the new Commercial Zoning Districts and the current effective date.

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Difficulty in amending the zoning districts after enactment
- Process to amend the effective date of the ordinance
- Public notice requirements for ordinance amendments
- Recommendation that the effective date be postponed until the particular concerns are addressed through the zoning amendment process
- Status of rezoning consideration at the Planning Commission
- Postponement to a later date to be determined by the Board once appropriate amendments have been made

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett, spoke in support of the Hartrick Park development; in support of a Pathway Advisory Committee; and in support of wide outer lanes for any widening of Grand River Avenue.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

12. FINAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Treasurer Hunting encouraged Board Members to read "Rendezvous with Density."

13. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING (No Discussion)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

MARY M. G. HELMBRECHT
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Paul J. Cassidy, Secretary