

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

PRESENT: Supervisor LeGoff, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Scales, Styka, Veenstra, Wilson
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Supervisor LeGoff called the meeting to order at 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 and closed Public Remarks.
5. 2005 MASTER PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Director Kieselbach summarized the Planning Commission's recommended changes to the Master Plan Goals, Objectives and Strategies as outlined in staff memorandum dated August 14, 2013.

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the amendments proposed by the Planning Commission with the following changes:

- Page 1 - Remove last sentence in the first paragraph
- Page 2 - Goal 1, Objective A: Delete Strategy 1 and renumber the remaining strategies
- Page 3 - Goal 1, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 3 to read: "Designate appropriate neighborhoods as special land use areas and adopt zoning specific to their needs."
- Page 3 - Goal 1, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 4: Insert "cluster developments," after "Encourage"
- Page 4 - Goal 1, Objective B, Strategy 3: Delete "subdivision" and insert "residential"
- Page 6 - Goal 2, Objective A, Strategy 6: Delete "Consider developing" and insert "Develop"
- Page 6 - Goal 2, Objective B: Eliminate Strategy 2 and renumber the remaining strategies
- Page 7 - Goal 2, Objective B: Eliminate previously numbered Strategy 6
- Page 7 - Goal 2, Objective C, Strategy 1: Delete "reference" and insert "guide"
- Page 8 - Goal 2, Objective D, Strategy 1 to read: "Support regional efforts to protect groundwater recharge areas."
- Page 8 - Goal 2, Objective D, Strategy 2: Delete "Encourage the development of programs" and insert "Continue"
- Page 8 - Goal 2, Objective D, Strategy 3 to read: "Use zoning and other appropriate land management techniques to protect important groundwater recharge areas."
- Page 8 - Goal 2, new Objective E to read: "Preserve greenbelts, open spaces and natural areas and create pathways by encouraging the use of planned unit development or other suitable zoning strategies for new residential developments."
- Page 8 - Goal 2, new Objective F to read: "Work with the Park Commission, Department of Public Works and Engineering and the School Districts, where appropriate, to encourage developers and builders to maximize the amount of land left in a natural state as common open space."
- Page 10 - Goal 3: Objective A, Strategy 1 to read: "Participate in regional efforts to redevelop the Grand River Corridor."
- Page 10 - Goal 3, Objective A, Strategy 2 to read: "Identify strategies to maintain the Haslett Road commercial area's traditional character."

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- Page 10 - Goal 3: Objective A: Delete Strategy 3 and renumber the remaining strategies
- Page 10 - Goal 3, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 3 to read: “Encourage redevelopment of the downtown Okemos area using the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Integrated Plan as a guide.”
- Page 10 - Goal 3, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 4 to read: “Evaluate opportunities for walkable urban design.”
- Page 10 - Goal 3, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 5 to read: “Cooperate with regional partners and other entities to participate in studies.”
- Page 11 - Goal 3, Objective B, Strategy 1 to read: “Conduct and/or participate in studies where appropriate.”
- Page 11 - Goal 3, Objective B, Strategy 2 to read: “Explore the viability of upper floor residences in the commercial core.”
- Page 11 - Goal 3, Objective B, Strategy 3 to read: “Continue to engage the public in deciding the direction for development in the commercial core.”

[Supervisor LeGoff recessed the meeting at 7:33 P.M.]

[Supervisor LeGoff reconvened the meeting at 7:42 P.M.]

Trustee Wilson moved to cease tonight’s Board discussion of this topic at Page 15.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Continued Board consensus:

- Page 13 - Goal 4, Objective A, Strategy 3 to read: “Support Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway linkages to parks and recreation facilities.”
- Page 13 - Goal 4, Objective A, Strategy 4 to read: “Provide accessible facilities and leisure opportunities for persons of all physical abilities and socio-economic characteristics.”
- Page 14 - Goal 4, Objective B, Strategy 1: Delete “improvement to meet identified” and insert “development”
- Page 14 - Goal 4, Objective B, Strategy 3 to read: “Increase coordination between the Township Board, Park Commission and Land Preservation Advisory Board to maximize the potential benefits and enhance stewardship of open space, natural areas and park lands.”
- Page 15 - Goal 4, Objective B: Add a new Strategy 6 to read: “To provide resources necessary to maintain and develop a diverse parks and recreation system that:
A. provides a high quality of life for our community residents.
B. provides necessary support for the maintenance and operation of these amenities.
- Page 17 - Goal 5, Objective B: Delete strategy
- Page 17 - Goal 5, Objective C: Delete strategy
- Page 17 - Goal 5, Objective E: Delete language after “agencies.”
- Page 19 - Goal 6, Objective C, Strategy 1 to read: “Define a vision for a Complete Streets program.”
- Page 19 - Goal 6, Objective C, Strategy 2 to read: “Review current policies to identify inconsistencies and impediments to implementing a Complete Streets policy.”
- Page 19 - Goal 6, Objective C: Delete Strategy 3 and renumber remaining strategies
- Page 20 - Goal 6, Objective C, newly numbered Strategy 5 to read: “Share the Township’s vision and work with transportation and road authorities.”
- Page 20 - Goal 6, Objective D to read: Expand and improve the Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway plan
- Page 20 - Goal 6, Objective D, new Strategy 6 to read: “Coordinate the Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan with parks, schools, preserves, greenspace plan, neighborhoods and other destinations.”
- Page 21 - Goal 6, Objective F, Strategy 1: Delete language after “long range plan.”
- Page 22 - Goal 6, Objective F, Strategy 2: Delete language after “improvements with” and insert “transportation and road authorities.”
- Page 23 - Goal 7, Objective A: Delete Strategies 2, 3, 5 and renumber the remaining strategies
- Page 23 - Goal 7, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 3 to read: “Encourage electric vehicle charging stations in the Township.”

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- Page 23 - Goal 7, Objective A, newly numbered Strategy 4: Delete “subject to compliance with state law.”
- Page 24 - Goal 7, Objective A, new Strategy 8 to read: “Explore incentives for new or redeveloped projects to be LEED certified or equivalent.”
- Page 24 - Goal 7, Objective B: Eliminate Strategy 1 and 2
- Page 24 - Goal 7, Objective C, Strategy 1: Delete language after “Township policies”
- Page 26 - Goal 7, Objective E: Delete the word “growth” and insert the word “development”
- Page 26 - Goal 7, Objective E, Strategy 1 to read: “Engage all stakeholders to study new techniques for the control and management of development.”
- Page 27 - Goal 7, Objective F, Strategy 1 to read: “Eliminate inflexible or obsolete zoning regulations.”
- Page 27 - Goal 7, Objective F, Strategy 2: Delete language after “redevelopment sites”
- Page 27 - Goal 7, Objective F: Delete Strategy 2a, 2b and 2c, 3 and 4
- Page 27 - Goal 7, Objective F, newly numbered Strategy 3 to read: “Expand public participation.”
- Page 27 - Goal 7, Objective F, Strategy 5 becomes newly numbered Strategy 4

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor LeGoff opened Public Remarks.

Judy Linn, 5435 Van Atta Road, Okemos, requested socio-economic status remain included in the Master Plan Goals, Objectives and Strategies. She asked the Board to ensure that wetlands and watersheds are protected.

Supervisor LeGoff closed Public Remarks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor LeGoff adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary