

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING - **APPROVED** -
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007, **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting (6:04 P.M.), Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra (6:03 P.M.), Woiwode
ABSENT: Clerk Helmbrecht
STAFF: Township Manager Gerald Richards, Director of Engineering & Public Works Ray Severy, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS/Fire Chief Fred Cowper, Assistant Manager/ Personnel Director Paul Brake, Attorney Andria Ditschman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer, PO Box 215, Mason, availed himself for Board questions on the Resolution Objecting to the Transfer of Property. He also announced a continued joint City of Lansing and Ingham County effort on resource building for mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling. Information is also available at www.holdontoyourhome.org.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

5. REPORTS/BOARD COMMENT/NEW WORRIES

Treasurer Hunting inquired if it was appropriate at this time to make a motion to declare a Clerk Pro Tem.

Nomination for Clerk Pro Tem: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. Do we need a Clerk Pro Tem?

A. We talked about this last time. Last time the question was for a zoning and you didn't for the zoning issue. But the act does say that you should nominate someone if the Clerk is absent.

Treasurer Hunting moved to nominate Trustee Brixie as Clerk Pro Tem. Seconded by Such.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hunting summarized current fixed maturity investments by fund and non-fixed investments as of October, 2007; delinquent personal property tax collections; total 2007 tax collections and 2007 distributions as of November 9, 2007.

B. Board Policy 5.1, Commission Accountability – Annual end-of year reports by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Land Preservation Advisory Board, Park Commission, Meridian EDC, and DDA

Eckhart Dersch, Park Commission Chair, pointed to the 2007 acquisition of 22 acres known as the Applegate Property on Towner Road for park land. The Park Commission is in the process of obtaining public input and will apply for a grant next year for development of the park.

Park Commission accomplishments include: 1) hiring of a new Parks & Land Management Coordinator; 2) Completion of master planning for Wonch Park renovations; 3) continued planning of the Harris Nature Center expansion; 4) grant submissions for Orlando Park, North Meridian Road Park improvements and an all-terrain wheelchair grant for total park access and 5) purchase of solar powered flag pole lights for Nancy Moore and Hartrick Parks.

Chair Dersch indicated over 100 volunteers were recognized for their contribution through Friends of the Park and Harris Nature Center recognition ceremonies. He applauded the Parks and Recreation Director and staff for its first rate recreation programs in the Township's park system.

Tom Woiwode, Land Preservation Advisory Board Chair, noted the following 2007 Land Preservation activities: 1) purchase of East Lansing Schools property which connects a collective parcel of more than 100 acres in the northwest section of the Township; 2) development of stewardship plans for each of the 19 Land Preservation parcels; 3) first Neighborhood Steward Session at the Snell Towar Recreation Center which resulted in 95% participation by attendees to be actively involved in stewardship activities and 4) acquisition of ¼ time staff position to implement stewardship plans being developed for each parcel.

Pat Jackson, Planning Commission Chair, listed Planning Commission activities as follows: 1) recommended action on fifteen (15) rezoning requests; 2) considered and/or recommended 190 acres for rezoning; 3) initiated eight (8) zoning amendments; 4) recommended adoption of a zoning map amendment for the Lake Lansing Overlay District; 5) creation of a Lake Access Ordinance; 6) recommended expanded use of the MUPUD in the PO district; 7) conducted two (2) commission reviews; 8) held hearings and made recommendations on eight (8) special use permits and 9) 2008-2017 PIP program was developed by a subcommittee of the Planning Commission and recommended to the Board.

Trustee Such, Board liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals, stated the ZBA has seen a decrease in various requests coming from the Lake Lansing area. He indicated the Zoning Board of Appeals is looking forward to the Lake Lansing Overlay District coming back from the Board. Trustee Such commended staff for its excellent job of research and preparing the Zoning Board for making good decisions which are legally defensible.

Gerald Richards, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Chair, listed the following EDC activities: 1) creation of a Train Station Committee, which investigated the potential for a train stop in the area of the former Circuit City building; 2) conducted semiannual commercial space property inventories; 3) supported the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Program through a \$5,000 sponsorship; 4) \$3,000 sponsorship for the MABA Expo; 5) extension until 2020 of the \$10,000 yearly payment to the EDC from the Burcham Hills Bond Refinancing; 6) Exploration of ways to bring the Haslett business community together and 7) contributed \$2,500 towards a regional U.S. EDA Grant coordinated through the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Paul Brake, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director, read the vision statement of the Okemos DDA. DDA activities included: work on various projects one of which was a visual preference on traffic enhancement; 2) formation of a Beautification Committee; 3) input on streetlight design for enhancement projects along the entire Okemos Road corridor; 4) request for proposal (RFP) for consultant to create an integrated urban design, land use and transportation plan and 5) work with the Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA) to discuss the possibility of adding a bus stop in the downtown Okemos area, as well as discussions regarding traffic with the Ingham County Road Commission.

Chief Cowper announced success of a nearly year long effort to improve the Township's fire protection insurance rating. Meridian Township's fire insurance rating has decreased from 5 to 4 in the hydrant areas and from 9 to 4 in non-hydrant areas. Each property owner in the Township will see a decrease in their fire insurance premiums beginning as early as February of 2008.

Trustee Such noted a staff communication which stated Comcast has indicated it will close the Miller Road facility for public access broadcasting. He wished to go on record in opposition to the continued loss of public access broadcasting and urged the Supervisor to write Comcast a letter voicing the Board's opposition.

Supervisor McGillicuddy added that Meridian Township's Channel 21 will, in the future, become Channel 911.

Treasurer Hunting stated those residents who do not have a digital converter or a digital television will no longer be able to receive HOM-TV programming after January 15th.

Trustee Veenstra indicated Comcast is now billing the Township for cable service.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA — OR CHANGES

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

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor McGillicuddy reviewed the consent agenda.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

The adopted Consent Agenda items are as follow:

A. Communications

(1). Board Determination (BD)

BD 9A/11A-1 Dan Miller, 6138 Cottage Drive, Haslett; RE: Reservation of right to appeal Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District (2008-2017)

BD 9A/11A-2 Diane Diamond, 6228 Columbia Street, Haslett; RE: Reservation of right to appeal Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District (2008-2017)

BD 9A/11A-3 Dave Card, 6045 E. Lake Drive, Haslett; RE: Reservation of right to appeal Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District (2008-2017)

(2). Board Information (BI)

BI-1 G. Lawrence Merrill, Executive Director, Michigan Townships Association, 512 Westshire Drive, Lansing; RE: Status of legislation to shift Township responsibilities to the counties

(3). Commission Linkage (CL)

CL-1 Nancy Ehret, 4635 Seneca Drive, Okemos; RE: Completion of service on the Cable Commission with expiration of current appointment on December 31, 2007

(4) Regional Linkage (RL)

RL-1 Sandra F. Montgomery, Interim Managing Director, Ingham County Road Commission, 301 Bush Street, Mason; RE: Notification of community forum on November 26, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. to introduce the five (5) Managing Director finalists

(5). Staff Communication/Referral (SC)

- SC-1 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, November 2, 2007 Edition
- SC-2 Michigan Townships Association Legislative E-Report, November 9, 2007 Edition
- SC-3 Copy of memorandum from Deborah Guthrie, HOM-TV Station Manager to Manager Richards; RE: Miller Road Public Access Facility
- SC-4 E-mail correspondence between Supervisor McGillicuddy and Sandra Otto, Department Secretary RE: Communications to the Board regarding a Joint Planning Commission with Williamstown Township

(6). On File in the Clerk's Office (OF)

Material received at the November 8, 2007 Board Meeting
Gary F. Marx, King & MacGregor Environmental, Inc., 2990 Lake Lansing Road, Suite 201, East Lansing; RE: E-mail from the applicant's consultant relative to Essential Wetland Determination for Township Wetland #33-16

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, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: None
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Minutes

Trustee Brixie moved to approve and ratify the minutes of the November 8, 2007 Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Trustee Such.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, 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	\$ 395,153.57
Public Works	\$ 276,322.20
Total Checks	\$ 671,475.77
Credit Card Transactions	\$ 14,045.10
Total Purchases	<u>\$ 685,520.87</u>
ACH Payments	<u>\$ 335,583.01</u>

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

[Bill list in Official Minute Book]

D. Assessing Stipulation

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Assessor be authorized to sign a stipulation with B. P. and Denise Carbonell on the following property:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF PROPERTY</u>
2006	0323296	1275 Leeward, Okemos, MI
2007		
<u>Assessment</u>		
	2006	<u>AV/TV</u> \$115,200/110,219
	2007	\$112,900/112,900
<u>Proposed Assessment</u>		
	2006	<u>AV/TV</u> \$101,700/101,700
	2007	\$105,400/105,400

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

E. Resolution Objecting to the Transfer of Property

Trustee Brixie moved that the Township Board approve the resolution objecting to the transfer of properties #33-02-02-03-181-015 and #33-02-02-25-276-003 from the County Treasurer to the Charter Township of Meridian.

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

F. Georgetown #1 Streetlighting SAD, **Resolution #1**

Trustee Brixie moved to approve the Georgetown #1 Streetlighting Special Assessment District – Resolution #1, tentatively declaring its intention to install and maintain sixteen (16) dark sky streetlights and defray the cost of installation, operation and maintenance by special assessment against the 42 benefiting lots, and setting a public hearing for December 18, 2007.

Seconded by Trustee Such.

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

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY (See Agenda Item # 5, #10C, #10E, #11A)

Q. What will happen to our wetlands program if the state delegation is sent back to the federal EPA? I bring that up because it is being discussed right now that the wetlands program in Michigan would no longer be a Michigan delegated program but, rather, would be a federally enforced program out of Chicago. So, I am wondering out loud what would happen to our wetlands program which operates under the state delegation.

A. We will watch those proposed changes and have an answer for you when there is action.

9. HEARINGS

- A. Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District, 2008 – 2017
Supervisor McGillicuddy opened the public hearing at 7:05 P.M.
Director Severy summarized the Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 16, 2007.

Charles Willems, PO Box 184, Haslett, requested the Township correct its assessing map for the parcel owned by Mary Willems and believed the map is in error by showing all lots going down to the water's edge.

Larry Rush, 1236 Woodland Trail, suggested a Tier 1A for the Lake Lansing Watershed Management SAD, which would encompass the subdivisions which have access to Lake Lansing.

Supervisor McGillicuddy noted the three (3) letters contained in the Board packet voicing opposition to the Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment and Dar Hart's objection, who left the Board meeting prior to the public hearing.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

10. ACTION ITEMS/ENDS

- Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.
Susan Pigg, Development Coordinator, Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, 121 E. Maple Street, Mason, availed herself for Board questions and/or clarifications.

John Anderson, 215 W. Newman Road, Okemos, voiced opposition to prohibitions contained in the Land Preservation Conduct Ordinance. He also spoke in opposition to Meridian Township membership on the LEAP Board of Directors.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

- A. Rezoning #07060 (DTN Investment Co.), request to rezone 3.13 acres from PO (Professional and Office) and RC (Multiple Family-Medium Density) to C-1 (Commercial) located on the southeast corner of Mt. Hope and Hagadorn Roads
Not discussed.

- B. Essential Wetland Determination, Township Wetland #33-16
Trustee Brixie moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, pursuant to Section 22-156 of the Township Code of Ordinances, hereby identifies Township Wetland #33-16 as essential to the preservation of the natural resources of the Charter Township of Meridian. Seconded by Trustee Woiwode.

Board members discussed the following:

- Determination necessary in order to ensure preservation without mitigation
- Township decision of this essential wetland allows for potential mitigation
- Concern that a wetland can be three-fourths filled through mitigation
- Pocket wetlands serve wetland habitat, aid stormwater retention and aquifer recharge

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Veenstra, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy, Treasurer Hunting

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Land Preservation Conduct Ordinance, **Introduction**
Trustee Woiwode moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, hereby, INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance

No. _____ amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 22, Article III, Land Preservation Program by the addition of *Public Conduct on Land Preservation Property* language.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish or post the Ordinance at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members discussed the following

- Establishment of conduct for the appropriate use of Land Preservation property
- Fragile ecosystems of some Land Preservation parcels
- Tighten up language in Land Preservation wildlife section regarding “robbing” a nest
- Suggestion to change all references in section on bicycles from bicycles to human powered cycles
- Belief citizens should be allowed to hunt on Land Preservation property
- Clarification in subsection entitled “fires” that no material(s) that burn be left on Land Preservation property
- Ordinance is too restrictive
- Concern with the necessity of written permission for club and team activities
- Unintended damage to a fragile ecosystem due to some team activities
- Consideration of protection of the land vs. recreational use of the land

Timing of non-substantive changes to the ordinance: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. When is the appropriate time to make some minor non-substantive changes to the document?

A. You can continue to make those. This is for introduction. As I understand it, this will come back for final adoption. Any of those changes can be made, and when it comes back next time, hopefully those will be in this product. Some changes have been being made and, I think, this has come before the Board before in its very basic form. Some changes were made to it at that point; you can make changes again now. If those are typographical, you can just submit those; if you change it to something substantive, you could still bring that up.

Q. At a later time, if we wanted to? Or we should bring them up now?

A. You can bring it up tonight. It would be best not to bring it up at the time you are sitting there trying to vote on it for final adoption, because then you didn't have the chance to let the public know you were making a substantive change. Although, any time before final adoption, you can make a change.

Trustee Such offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Strike “or post” in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause**

The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder.

Supervisor McGillicuddy called the question.

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

NAYS: Trustees Such, Veenstra
Motion carried 4-2.

D. Membership on the LEAP Board of Directors

Manager Richards summarized potential membership on the LEAP Board of Directors as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 16, 2007.

Treasurer Hunting moved to authorize the Township Manager to make application for membership on the Board of Directors of Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Inc. (LEAP) and that the Township Supervisor be authorized to represent Meridian Township on the LEAP Board. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members discussed the following:

- Partnering with public and private entities to bring new businesses into the area
- Regional obligation to participate as a member of the LEAP Board
- Conceptual plan of LEAP is to “depoliticize” economic development within the region
- Action consistent with Township goals and core commission
- Specific accomplishments of the LEAP organization

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 5-1.

E. Resolution for Brownfield Redevelopment Plan

Trustee Such moved [and read into the record] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, concurs with this amendment to the Ingham County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Brownfield Plan. Seconded by Trustee Brixie.

Board members and Brownfield staff discussed the following:

- Local site remediation revolving fund not yet established within Ingham County hence no description of the proposed uses for it
- Proposed plan would be the first plan to significantly contribute to the revolving fund
- Language within the plan only allows for the option to capture some tax revenue to fund the remediation fund
- Once eligible expenses have been repaid from captured taxes, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will be allowed to capture for an additional five years to place into a general county fund for repair and remediation of Brownfield sites countywide
- Potential for additional five year capture placed in the county site remediation revolving fund to reduce the Township’s obligation to fund or completely support other Brownfield projects within its borders
- County Board of Commissioners has final authority regarding capture of the five additional years sent to the general revolving fund
- Draft proposal can be changed as the county will hold its public meeting on December 11th
- Bold face print contained in the draft is the language contained in the state law
- Unbolded print is the Brownfield Authority’s response required by state law so change must be made there
- Suggestion of changes to the adopted plan language to be conveyed to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners
- Need for Township concurrence prior to the meeting at the county level
- Explicit language within the resolution to note changes
- Totals listed on page 1 and page 2 of the plan differ due to the fact administrative fees are not reimbursable or eligible expenses

Specific language to halt capture after the developer is reimbursed for eligible expenses: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

- Q. Would it be advisable in this area to put in an affirmative statement that the funds will not be used for any continuing local site remediation revolving fund? In the bold print it does say “or (2) 30 years” and I think it seems to be the desires of this Board (it certainly is my desire) not to have anything go beyond what’s necessary to reimburse the developer.
- A. That makes sense, but I also want to make sure that I understand the process. What you are saying here in your resolution is only if the county doesn’t adopt this second section will we be supporting this, because you don’t have the ability to change the plan. The county has to change the plan, so tonight you are just saying in your resolution if they don’t put that in their plan, we are going forward with this resolution. Correct? I think that makes sense. You want to add further language so that it is clear that you are not just taking out the “In addition, funds” sentence. You want to put it in the positive.

Supervisor McGillicuddy recessed the meeting at 8:22 P.M.
Supervisor McGillicuddy reconvened the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Treasurer Hunting offered the following friendly amendments:

- **Amend Page 3 of the Plan by removing the last sentence in the unbolded print which reads: “In addition, funds may be captured for an additional five years to fund the local site remediation revolving fund.”**
- **Amend the last WHEREAS clause by inserting the words “with recommended amendments” after the word “Plan” in the first line**
- **Amend the NOW THEREFORE clause by striking the words “this amendment” and inserting the words “the plan as amended”**

The maker and seconder accepted the amendments.

Trustee Veenstra offered the following friendly amendment:

- **Amend the NOW THEREFORE clause by striking the word “by” and inserting the word “that”**

The maker accepted the friendly amendment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Trustees Brixie, Such, Woiwode, Supervisor McGillicuddy,
Treasurer Hunting
NAYS: Trustee Veenstra
Motion carried 5-1.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS/ENDS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened public comment.

Gil White, 6005 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, availed himself for Board questions relative to Rezoning #07130.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed public comment.

A. Lake Lansing Watershed Management Special Assessment District, 2008 – 2017

Board members and staff discussed the following:

- Continued Board member preference for a third tier
- Concern with public comment regarding legal access points for lots marked “private”
- Legal access to restricted sites
- Assessment scheduled to be mailed to property owners in summer of 2008
- Board member request for listing of public access points on the lake from the Lake Lansing Property Owners Association
- Board member belief Tier 2 includes property owners who have deeded access to the lake but do not have lake frontage
- Assessment process for lots or strips of land owned by multiple people who all have access
- Staff research on the issue of adverse possession

Grandfathering of current lake access: (See Agenda Item #8 (Questions for the Attorney))

Q. Is this going to cause a problem in that we also have the Planning Commission looking at the Lake Access Ordinance? Should this be something the Planning Commission looks at as well, or is that going to further muddy the waters there, so to speak?

A. I'll have to look at the language, but I believe you are grandfathering in anything that existed right now. So, if there was already access, whether that is through a plat or through vacation or abandonment of a county road, that would already be in effect. I'll have to look at the issue of what happens between now and when it is enacted. I think anything already in effect you are grandfathering in so far under the ordinance that is being reviewed. So, that would take care of that issue.

The consensus of the Board was to allow staff to research and gather more information prior to bringing this item back before the Board for further discussion.

- B. Rezoning #07130 (White Family Properties, LLC), request to rezone approximately 20 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to C-2 (Commercial) located southeast of BR-69 (Saginaw Highway) between Lake Lansing Road and Newton Road
Manager Richards summarized the proposed rezoning as outlined in staff memorandum dated November 15, 2007.

Board members and the applicant discussed the following:

- Approximately four (4) buildable acres on the site
- Locating the zoning district boundary line 350 feet west of the centerline of Newton Road will not decrease the developable land on the site
- Implications on land to the south of rezoning the property to C-2

The consensus of the Board was to place this item on for action at the December 4, 2007 Board Meeting.

- C. Meridian Township Outdoor Warning Sirens
Fire Chief Cowper offered an update on the outdoor warning sirens located within the Township.

Board members discussed the following:

- Outdoor warning sirens only one method of alerting the citizenry
- Possible development of a text messaging alert system
- Other forms of contact during times of danger (e.g., reverse 911 system, radio, television broadcasting, etc.)
- Approximate travel distance of an outdoor siren sound as stated by the manufacturer(s) is 6200 feet
- Antiquated pre World War II siren at Central Station
- Concern with ability of park patrons and those on the lake to hear outdoor warning signals at Lake Lansing
- Initial concern with outdoor warning coverage for eastern and northern portions of the Township was addressed through map of test results

It was the consensus of the Board to have the Fire Chief keep the Board apprised of any future changes to the outdoor warning siren system.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Supervisor McGillicuddy opened Public Remarks.

Gil White, 6005 E. Lake Drive, Haslett, requested the Board reexamine use based and density based zoning ordinances and consider form based codes.

Supervisor McGillicuddy closed Public Remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor McGillicuddy adjourned the meeting at 9:27 P.M.

SUSAN MCGILLICUDDY
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

JULIE M. BRIXIE
CLERK PRO TEM

Sandra K. Otto, Secretary