

Summary of Meeting
Joint Committee for Infrastructure
Green Charter Township & City of Big Rapids

February 21, 2007 - 9:00 AM (Green Charter Township Hall)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Jack Wellnitz at Green Charter Township Hall.

Committee members present: Jack Wellnitz, Jim Peek, and Dan Rothstein.
Committee member absent: Edward Burch.

The Meeting Summary from February 7, 2007 was accepted by the committee.

A summary of comments received by the Green Charter Township Board at their last meeting from a property owner along the north side of 19 Mile Road were shared with the committee. A discussion of the option to run sewer service in the fields on the north side of 19 Mile Road was reopened. More study will be necessary to evaluate the advantageous and disadvantageous of each route. The committee is concerned with the desires of property owners in the area and will continue to seek input regarding how the location might affect future development plans and opportunities.

The infrastructure requirements to serve the proposed development were shared with the Mecosta County Road Commission during the meeting they held on February 13, 2007. The following are comments brought to the committee from that meeting and discussion areas during the committee meeting:

- The Road Commission indicated an interest in collaboration to place water and/or sewer facilities under or adjacent to 18 Mile Road. Should construction of water and/or sewer facilities occur along this route it would be a great opportunity to also improve 18 Mile Road, with this expense shared by several groups.
- The need to improve the intersection of 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive to obtain an intersection closer to 90 degrees was discussed. This intersection improvement would be an important part of the project for the Road Commission. It is likely that additional right of way will be needed to allow this improvement.
- The Road Commission asked to be kept up to date with progress on the planning for this project and the committee agreed that this was important.

The Mecosta County Development Corporation is directed to present the Michigan Department of Transportation with an overview of the project and its possible impact on 19 Mile Road and Northland Drive.

The Mecosta County Development Corporation is directed to accept the 15 minutes offered on the agenda of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board meeting on March 6th so that the committee can present an overview of the project and seek their input on collaborating to provide service to this project.

The developer sought approval to discuss with Williams and Works the proposed infrastructure design and cost estimates for water and sewer extensions. Contact with Williams and Works will be made by Green Charter Township allowing discussions that did not involve additional engineering work that would be charged to the Township.

The developer will make available a consultant that they are working with that is familiar with grant and other funding mechanisms such as Tax Increment Financing. They will also be prepared to talk about these at the next committee meeting in March.

The developer will work to prepare a more detailed site plan utilizing the detailed mapping data that will be forth coming from the City of Big Rapids per the request made to them by Green Charter Township.

The March meetings of the Committee are scheduled for:

- March 7, 2007 @ 9:00 am @ Big Rapids City Hall
- March 21, 2007 @ 9:00 am @ Green Charter Township Hall

Comments were solicited from members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.