

Summary of Meeting
Joint Committee for Infrastructure
Green Charter Township & City of Big Rapids
February 7, 2007 - 9:00 AM (Big Rapids City Hall)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Dan Rothstein at Big Rapids City Hall.

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

The Meeting Summary from January 17, 2007 was accepted by the committee.

A summary of the meeting held with Williams & Works to discuss the water and sewer construction projects was shared with the committee. The following areas were discussed:

- Construction of a 16 inch water main seems appropriate to accommodate the current project and would be critical to allow future service to include areas other than the current development area
- Plastic pipe is a new and less costly material that could save as much as perhaps \$500,000 in construction cost. Unknown longevity of this material is a risk that has kept it from being widely used in Michigan and other areas with significant frost penetration
- The estimates that have been submitted for the water project utilize a route along 18 Mile Rd. It is possible that this would be built down the center of the roadway and it might be possible to utilize some of the existing infrastructure serving the Big Rapids Township Airport Industrial Park
- The original water system estimates were thought to bring water to the development but instead only took the water to roughly 18 Mile Rd and Northland Dr., this is the reason for the substantial increase in price as presented at the last meeting
- Utilizing a route to the development north along Northland Drive and then West along 19 Mile Road to bring water service to the development would add approximately \$500,000 to the cost estimates
- The current estimates do not include a looped water system
- Connection to the City of Big Rapids water system would occur at approximately State Street and Pere Marquette Street
- The sewer system extension is proposed along 19 Mile Road and some of this may be in the roadway. Moving to the north, although a longer route, would allow building across empty fields that would make the construction cost approximately the same as along 19 Mile Rd and may have other benefits to future development
- A property owner along 19 Mile Road in attendance at the meeting indicated a willingness to accommodate as much as possible a sewer extension along 19 Mile Road

The Mecosta County Development Corporation is directed to present the Mecosta County Road Commission with an overview of the possible impact on 18 Mile Road and 19 Mile Road.

The Mecosta County Development Corporation is directed to seek 30 minutes 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 statements made by Governor Granholm during her State of the State Address, made the previous evening, regarding a requirement that local governments demonstrate collaboration in order to obtain state revenue sharing were discussed. The consensus was that the efforts of this committee would be viewed as the kind of collaboration being embraced by the Governor.

Examples of businesses that would likely find value in being located in or near this proposed development were shared with the committee.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for:

- o February 21, 2007 @ 9:00 am @ Green Charter Township Hall

Comments were solicited from members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.