

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
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The special meeting of the Superior Charter Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor, William McFarlane, at 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2005, at the Superior Township Hall, 3040 North Prospect, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The members present were William McFarlane, Brenda McKinney, Nancy Caviston, Roderick Green (arrived 4:15 p.m.), David Phillips and Lisa Lewis. Kay Williams was absent.

Supervisor McFarlane gave a report on the following items:

- a. Legal defense fund millage - There may be support for a .25 millage to establish a legal defense fund. If the money is not needed for legal defense, it could be used for the purchase of development rights. Treasurer McKinney said she could support such a millage but she expressed concern about residents who are on fixed-incomes.
- b. A .5 millage proposal by Washtenaw County is scheduled for the May 2006 ballot. The money will be used to pay for 800 meg radios for police and fire departments.
- c. Ypsilanti District Library millage – The Library has asked the Township for additional funds amounting to a possible 2 mills.
- d. Washtenaw County Jail – The County may request .5 mil for the County Jail and/or sheriff patrol.
- e. The annual Washtenaw County Planning Workshop is scheduled for November 10, 2005. Supervisor McFarlane said the workshop may include a presentation on Superior Township's efforts to preserve farmland and open space through transfer of development rights (TDR.)
- f. Leslie Harris from the Utility Department has resigned, again.
- g. Hyundai flags – Supervisor McFarlane and Treasurer McKinney investigated a complaint that the Korean flag appeared to be raised higher than the American flag on the Hyundai site. They reported that it was not.

Treasurer McKinney reported that she is working with some residents in Geddes Ridge interested in establishing a special assessment district to raise money for an entrance sign. The Board discussed the need to include sign maintenance funds in the assessment.

Supervisor McFarlane said the purpose of the special meeting was to authorize the distribution of proposed amendments to the Growth Management Plan to neighboring communities and to Washtenaw County. The proposed amendments are related to the proposed Regency Woods development. He said the Planning Commission recommends the distribution of the amendments as required by Act

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168 of 1959, as amended. The Board discussed the amendments and reviewed the areas to be included as “Areas of Special Study Proposed for Permanently Preserved Farmland and/or Conservation Land.”

Brenda Baker, 8512 Ashton Ct., submitted a letter and addressed the Board. She objected to the special board meeting because it was only needed to get the Regency Woods project timeline can get back on track. She said the Township made a mistake in announcing December 21, 2005 as the date of the public hearing and publishing it in the newsletter. She said it is an inconvenient date that the Township insists on maintaining because it has already been announced. She offered to pay for new notices if the public hearing date is changed.

McFarlane thanked Ms. Baker for her comments and said he agreed that the original publication of the public hearing date should have been labeled as “tentative.” He described the Township’s efforts to keep the public informed about the project. Phillips said the Township is required to give a petitioner a timely review which is one reason for moving the process forward. The Board discussed the possibility of asking the Planning Commission to hold the public hearing on another date. Green said he was concerned that people have already received notice of the meeting. He cautioned about setting another meeting date that nobody knows about.

It was moved by McKinney, supported by Lewis, that the Superior Charter Township Board to adopt the following resolution:

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**A RESOLUTION TO DISTRIBUTE THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT
PLAN AMENDMENTS
FOR THE REGENCY WOODS PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, a proposal entitled Regency Woods has been brought before the Township that proposes residential land uses north of Geddes Rd. in an area designated in the Growth Management Plan as an “*Area of Special Study*”; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the Regency Woods proposal necessitates the consideration of amendments to the current Growth Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, at their October 26, 2005 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed amendments proposed to the Growth Management Plan and recommended to the Township Board that the amendments be distributed to adjoining jurisdictions and to

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Washtenaw County for review and comment as required by the Township Planning Act 168 of 1959, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the amendments and deems them ready to release for distribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superior Charter Township Board receive the proposed Amendments to the Growth Management Plan for the Regency Woods proposal, and so notify the Secretary of the Planning Commission to distribute the proposed update to all of the following:

- (a) The planning commission, or if there is no planning commission, the legislative body, of each city, village, or township located within or contiguous to the township.
- (b) The regional planning commission, if any, for the region in which the township is located, if there is no county planning commission for the county in which the township is located. If there is a county planning commission for the county in which the township is located, the secretary of the township planning commission may submit a copy of the proposed plan to the regional planning commission but is not required to do so.
- (c) The county planning commission, or if there is no county planning commission, the county board of commissioners, for the county in which the township is located. The secretary of the township planning commission shall concurrently submit to the county planning commission or, if there is no county planning commission, the county board of commissioners, a statement, signed by the secretary, that the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b) have been met. The statement shall include the name and address of each planning commission or legislative body to which a copy of the proposed plan was submitted under subdivision (a) or (b) and the date of submittal.
- (d) Each public utility company and railroad company owning or operating a public utility or railroad within the township, and any government entity, that registers its name and address for this purpose with the secretary of the township planning commission. An entity that, pursuant to this subdivision, receives a copy of a proposed plan, or of a plan as provided in section 8(5), shall reimburse the township for any copying and postage costs thereby incurred by the township.

The motion carried unanimously.

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It was moved by Lewis, supported by Caviston, that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Deborah Kuehn, Deputy Clerk

William McFarlane, Supervisor