

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SUPERIOR BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Charter Township of Superior Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Dabish Yahkind at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025, at the Charter Township of Superior Hall, 3040 N. Prospect Rd., Superior Township, Michigan 48198.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The members present were Supervisor Dabish Yahkind, Clerk Robinson, Treasurer Lewis, Trustee McKinney, Trustee Devereaux and Trustee Schwartz.

Absent: Trustee Greene.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Treasurer Lewis and supported by Trustee Devereaux to adopt the agenda as presented.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

*Documents submitted at the table will appear at the end of these minutes.*

**4. PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – GEDDES RIDGE LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD)**

The motion was made by Trustee Schwartz, supported by Treasurer Lewis, to open the public hearing on the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD). The public hearing was opened at 6:01 p.m.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**(1) Notice of Public Hearing**

The Clerk confirmed that notice of the public hearing for the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District was mailed December 1, 2025, and published December 4, 2025, and December 7, 2025, in accordance with applicable law. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment regarding the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District.

**(2) Public Comments**

Members of the public provided public comment regarding the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District, both in person and electronically. Public comments included concerns regarding cost, placement, and potential light pollution.

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**(3) Written Comments**

The Clerk reported that written public comments regarding the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District were received, including comments included in the meeting packet and comments submitted at the table prior to the meeting. All written comments received were made a part of the record and are attached to these minutes.

It was moved by Trustee McKinney, supported by Clerk Robinson, to receive and file the written comments.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**(4) Board Questions / Discussion**

The Board discussed the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District. Trustee Schwartz noted that a prior special assessment district request related to drainage in the area was petition-driven by residents and discussed concerns raised regarding whether those supporting the current proposal were Geddes Ridge residents.

Trustee Devereaux requested that the Township consider a future method (such as a survey) to obtain additional input from neighborhood residents regarding priorities and concerns.

It was moved by Trustee Schwartz, supported by Treasurer Lewis, that the Board not proceed on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in Geddes Ridge and that the Board would only take it up in the future upon receipt of a petition from the residents.

Roll Call

Ayes: Supervisor Dabish Yahkind  
Trustee Devereaux  
Treasurer Lewis  
Trustee McKinney  
Trustee Schwartz  
Clerk Robinson

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Greene

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**(5) Close Public Hearing**

The motion was made by Clerk Robinson, supported by Trustee Devereaux, to close the public hearing on the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD).

**The public hearing was closed by unanimous voice vote at 6:35 p.m.**

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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Trustee Schwartz and supported by Clerk Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Robinson, Clerk

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**Fw: Objection to Lighting on Geddes Road**

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**From** Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>

**Date** Mon 12/15/2025 5:03 PM

**To** Sarah Izzo <sizzo@superior-twp.org>; Kristina Rankin <krankin@superior-twp.org>

FYI



**Angela Robinson**  
**Clerk, Charter Township of Superior**  
**(734) 482-6099**

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**From:** Wesli Turner <wesli.turner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 4:43 PM

**To:** Emily Dabish Yahkind <edy@superior-twp.org>; Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>; Lisa Lewis <llewis@superior-twp.org>; Brenda McKinney <brendamckinney@superior-twp.org>; Dana Greene <dgreene@superior-twp.org>; Ken Schwartz <kenschwartz@superior-twp.org>; Sarah Devereaux <sdevereaux@superior-twp.org>; Vincent Laufer <vincent.a.laufer@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Objection to Lighting on Geddes Road

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Dear Superior Township board members,

I am respectfully submitting my objection to the proposed lighting special assessment. After reviewing the placement of the lights it seems that only a few houses would truly receive benefit from the lights. Additionally, as my property is at the corner of Ascot Dr and North Harris Road, I would have two lights near my house but already benefit from the light from the Harris rd lights, whereas homes further down Ascot road would not receive any benefit. Additionally, only 6 lights are proposed for our entire subdivision whereas Oakbrook has 6 lights on the entry from Geddes Rd. A distinct discrepancy and highlights concern over the true intent of this project.

I therefore hope that the board reconsiders this plan and comes up with a more equitable solution.

**Wesli H. Turner**

9012 Ascot Dr, Superior Charter Twp, MI 48198

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**Fw: Street Lights Geddes Ridge Subdivision**

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**From** Emily Dabish Yahkind <edy@superior-twp.org>

**Date** Tue 12/16/2025 12:27 PM

**To** Sarah Izzo <sizzo@superior-twp.org>

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**Emily Dabish Yahkind**  
**Supervisor, Superior Township**

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**From:** Thomas Schlegelmilch <schlego9@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:49 AM

**To:** Emily Dabish Yahkind <edy@superior-twp.org>; schlego 9 <schlego9@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Street Lights Geddes Ridge Subdivision

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Hello Supervisor Emily.

I have a question regarding the proposed installation of **6** street lights in the Geddes Ridge subdivision. Why only 6? There are no lights on Abbey Lane, Ashley and Arlington other than 1 at the corner of Abbey Lane and Ashley the far south west corner. Why is this 1/2 of the subdivision not included? Is their installation years away? I'm unable to attend Mondays meeting, so I'm hoping for a reply. If the whole subdivision can't be included I don't think its a good idea. Alot of residents from that section take walks in the evening and they should have the same lighting the front half of the subdivision has.

My name is:

Tom Schlegelmilch

9204 Ascot Dr.

schlego9@yahoo.com

Thank you.

Regards

Thomas Schlegelmilch

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Fw: Geddes Ridge Neighborhood at Night

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From Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>  
Date Mon 12/15/2025 4:22 PM  
To Sarah Izzo <sizzo@superior-twp.org>; Kristina Rankin <krankin@superior-twp.org>



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**Clerk, Charter Township of Superior**  
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From: Irma Golden <igolden51@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:07 PM  
To: Emily Dabish Yahkind <edy@superior-twp.org>; Lisa Lewis <llewis@superior-twp.org>; Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>; Dana Greene <dgreene@superior-twp.org>; Sarah Devereaux <sdevereaux@superior-twp.org>; Brenda McKinney <brendamckinney@superior-twp.org>; Ken Schwartz <kenschwartz@superior-twp.org>  
Subject: Geddes Ridge Neighborhood at Night

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**Fw: Geddes/Ridge Street lights**

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**From** Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>  
**Date** Mon 12/15/2025 9:50 AM  
**To** Sarah Izzo <sizzo@superior-twp.org>; Kristina Rankin <krankin@superior-twp.org>

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**Clerk, Charter Township of Superior**  
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**From:** Matt B <md.2003.92@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:13 AM  
**To:** Ken Schwartz <kenschwartz@superior-twp.org>; Brenda McKinney <brendamckinney@superior-twp.org>; Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>; Sarah Devereaux <sdevereaux@superior-twp.org>; Dana Greene <dgreene@superior-twp.org>; Lisa Lewis <llewis@superior-twp.org>; Emily Dabish Yahkind <edy@superior-twp.org>  
**Subject:** Geddes/Ridge Street lights

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To who it May concern,

I'm writing you about the upcoming project to add six street lights to a local neighborhood near Geddes and Ridge Rd.

I was informed of this via a notice taped to my door and after going over it I realized that one of these street lights is going to be directly across the street from my home.

After looking into the map that was taped to my door a bit further, the proposed street lights all happen to be on the opposite side of the neighborhood where I live.

When my wife and I chose this house after looking at 54 different homes during the pandemic, we selected this one because of its location being distant enough from the big city that it's not a hassle to go to the city, but it's comfortable enough that we still feel like we live in the countryside like we did back in the upper peninsula. I can stand in my yard and look up at the sky and see the stars which you can't do in most of the area. Installing these lights will just add to that light pollution and let us not be able to appreciate the world around us as well.

Throughout the past couple summers, my wife and I as well as several of our neighbors jog and ride bikes and work out outside in our neighborhood. Lighting has never been an issue before because the lights on most of the houses light up the streets enough so you can see what's going on.

I may only be one small voice in the community, but I would hope my voice would be heard and strongly oppose the lighting project set for the Geddes and Ridge area.

Regards,

Matt Bernier



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**Fw: 12-15-2025 Public Hearing on Proposed Geddes Ridge SAD**

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**From** Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>

**Date** Mon 12/15/2025 8:11 AM

**To** Sarah Izzo <sizzo@superior-twp.org>; Kristina Rankin <krankin@superior-twp.org>

See below:

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**From:** david Rohrkemper <drohrkem@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2025 9:37:58 PM

**To:** Angela Robinson <arobinson@superior-twp.org>

**Subject:** Fw: 12-15-2025 Public Hearing on Proposed Geddes Ridge SAD

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**From:** david Rohrkemper <drohrkem@yahoo.com>

**To:** edy@superior-twp.org <edy@superior-twp.org>

**Cc:** llewis@superior-twp.org <llewis@superior-twp.org>

**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2025 at 09:25:40 PM EST

**Subject:** 12-15-2025 Public Hearing on Proposed Geddes Ridge SAD

Dear Superior Township Board:

Please accept this email as a written objection, by David Rohrkemper and Lynn Forbes to a Special Tax Assessment District for new street lights in Geddes Ridge.

We object to any current plan for new street lights and any associated Tax Assessment.

Respectfully,

David Rohrkemper and Lynn Forbes  
9035 Arlington Drive Geddes Ridge  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Rebecca Craigmile and Charles Heyn  
1842 Ashley Drive  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Angela Robinson  
Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Superior  
3040 N Prospect Rd  
Superior Township, MI 48198

12/15/2025

Dear Ms. Robinson,

As residents of Geddes Ridge at 1842 Ashley Drive since 2016, please see our objections to the proposed Geddes Ridge Lighting Special Assessment district.

To our knowledge, the township or its Board has not presented the reason for this lighting. However, in review of previous meetings providing possible resident concerns, it is our understanding that lighting was suggested as (1) a deterrent to crime within the subdivision and (2) offering additional lighting for those who may walk through the subdivision during dawn/dusk.

In reviewing the shared resident concerns, we strongly ask the Board to consider how this proposed lighting will address those two concerns. With the proposed placement of six lights, walkability within the subdivision will likely not improve. In fact, while driving through our subdivision, most homes have lighting on their own garages/front porches,/end of their driveways. It was also observed that one street within the subdivision has two homes (across the street from each other) with two very bright spotlights that illuminate the entire street across. Lighting, both current and historical, at the inception of the subdivision has placed it on homeowners to decide their own lighting needs to protect their property. They then have their own responsibility for paying for that light source and the power to it.

If this does somehow proceed, a few questions to consider:

1. In the next 10 years, what happens if the lighting needs to be replaced? (act of God, intentional damage, etc.)?
2. Who will monitor and maintain this lighting's needs?
3. At the end of 10 years, will there be another special assessment request to replace the lights?

4. Within these 10 years, are more proposed lights being considered for the subdivision?
5. How were these lights determined in terms of placement?
6. Do any/all capital improvements to our subdivision require special assessment? For example, our roads are showing wear and tear and will likely need repaving/replacement (2012 was the last time it was done).

It is suggested that all property owners be surveyed regarding their agreement to this assessment. However, we do not see a need for this additional cost to homeowners for something that doesn't appear to be a resolution to what residents asked for in the first place. The lighting to be placed at the entrances/exits of the subdivision and at a couple of random corners of end streets will not achieve walkability throughout the neighborhood, nor will it likely deter crime at individual properties.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Craigmile/es

Charles Heyn/es