CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 7:00 pm Garfield Township Hall 3848 Veterans Drive Traverse City, MI 49684 Ph: (231) 941-1620

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call of Commission Members

- 1. Review and Approval of the Agenda Conflict of Interest
- 2. Minutes
- 3. January 10, 2018
- 4. <u>Correspondence</u>
- 5. Reports
 - a. Township Board
 - b. Planning Commissioners
 - c. Planning Department
- 6. <u>Business to Come Before the Commission</u>
 - a. Buffalo Ridge Continued Discussion
 - b. PD 2018-08 Pine Grove Homes Mobile Home Sales SUP Introduction
 - c. PD 2018-09 Ridges 45 SUP Amendment Introduction
 - d. PD 2018- 10 Brickway Map Amendment- Introduction
 - e. PD 2018- 13 e-Cities Recognition
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. <u>Items for Next Agenda February 14, 2018</u>
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. TBD
- Adjournment

Joe Robertson, Secretary Garfield Township Planning Commission 3848 Veterans Drive Traverse City, MI 49684

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING January 10, 2018

<u>Call Meeting to Order:</u> Chair Racine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Joe McManus, Steve Duell, Chris DeGood, Joe Robertson, Pat Cline, Gil Uithol and John Racine

Staff Present: Planner Rob Larrea

Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest (7:01) DeGood excused himself from any discussion regarding Buffalo Ridge.

Cline moved and Robertson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Cline, Robertson, Uithol, McManus, DeGood, Duell, Racine Nays: None

2. Election of Officers

Duell moved and Uithol seconded to reappoint John Racine as Chairman.

Yeas: Duell, Uithol, McManus, Robertson, DeGood, Cline, Racine Nays: None

Uithol moved and Robertson supported to appoint Joe McManus as Vice Chairman.

Yeas: Uithol, Robertson, DeGood, Duell, McManus, Cline, Racine Nays: None

Duell moved and Cline seconded to reappoint Joe Robertson as Secretary.

Yeas: Duell, Cline, Uithol, Robertson, McManus, DeGood, Racine Nays: None

3. Minutes (7:02)

a. December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Cline moved and Robertson seconded to approve the December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended removing the second to last sentence in New Business item f; and replace the word "warned" with "recommended" in line 5 item f.

Yeas: Cline, Robertson, Uithol, DeGood, McManus, Duell, Racine

Nays: None

3. Correspondence (7:05)

*Letter from Watershed Center regarding the Fox Run project and the Schussel Conditional Zoning request

*Letter from an adjacent property owner regarding the U-Haul proposal for Cherryland Center

*A second letter regarding the U-Haul proposal.

4. Reports (7:06)

Township Board Report

Duell reported that the Board requested staff to draft a resolution approving the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and that the Serra Works conditional rezoning was adopted.

Planning Commissioners

No reports

Planners Department

No reports

5. <u>Business to Come Before the Commission</u>

a. PD 2018-03 – Scussel-Hammond CRA – Public Hearing (7:07)

Larrea said the applicants want to withdraw from the 2008 Conditional Rezoning Agreement and wish to enter into a new CRA to further restrict the use of the land. The subject property is about 20 acres in area and is located in an environmentally sensitive area. The applicants propose that the property be rezoned from C-2 General Business to A-1 Agricultural. Chair Racine opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing. Commissioners discussed the proposed conditional rezoning and the maps. The total acreage to be rezoned, impact on neighboring properties and the curb cut were also discussed. The township attorney will review all documents pertaining to the rezoning.

Duell moved and Uithol seconded THAT the Findings of Fact for Application Z-2017-05, as stated within PD Report 2018-03 and forming part of this motion, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: Duell, Uithol, Cline, DeGood, Robertson, McManus, Racine

Nays: None

Duell moved and Uithol seconded THAT application Z-2017-05 submitted by Anita and Christopher Scussel of Traverse City to conditionally rezone lands along Hammond Road from C-2 to A-1, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Garfield Township Board, based on the approved Findings of Fact and for the reasons set out in report PD-2018-03. Yeas: Duell, Uithol, Cline, DeGood, Robertson, McManus, Racine

Nays: None

b. PD 2018-04 Cherryland U-Haul – Public Hearing (7:17)

This application proposes two text amendments to the Garfield Township Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Definitions and Article 3 Planned Shopping District to allow "Retail and Self Storage and Truck and Trailer Share" as a use within the district.

Jeffrey Schostak, owner of the vacant property discussed the change in shopping habits in recent years and also talked about the challenges of this particular site. He said that U-Haul is a modern day retail use and is not a warehouse and that it would fit into the retail corridor. U-Haul will only use nine acres of the site leaving 2.5 acres to develop other retail uses. The applicants have received letters of support from other tenants in the Cherryland Center.

Bill Raines from U-Haul said he has done this use in other communities with great success. He added that U-Haul is not a 24 hour operation and generates fewer traffic trips than a regular retail use. It is a business model which provides safe and secure self storage. Raines argued that it correlates to the Township Master Plan.

Chair Racine opened the Public Hearing at 7:32pm.

Mike Lee, on behalf of his mother, expressed concerns with hours of operation, snow removal hours and noisy diesel mechanic work.

Mary Lake owns property adjacent to the property and asked about the storage model.

Chair Racine closed the Public Hearing at 7:35pm.

The applicants responded to the public's comments and said that that U-Haul would have no diesel trucks on site and that there would be very minimal repairs made on site. The hours of operation would be 7am to 7 pm and 9 am-5 pm on Sundays. Commissioners asked questions regarding the use and the storage and expressed concerns with the use in the C-P zoning district. Schostak said he has been working with other retailers on the property and the old Kmart is a difficult building to refurbish. The applicant gave commissioners examples of where this use has been successful in other locations.

Larrea expressed concerns with an amendment to the zoning ordinance which could have many implications for future uses in the area and the entire township. He reiterated that allowing this use at this location would open up the use to all C-P Shopping Districts to the use.

Commissioners felt the need to study the use in much more depth and determine how the use would affect the township before making any decision on this one project. Chair Racine called for a short recess at 8:34 p.m. to allow the applicant a moment to consider their application and whether they wanted to postpone a decision or withdraw the application.

The meeting reconvened at 8:44 and the applicant asked that the Planning Commission postpone any decision on PD 2018-04.

Duell moved and Uithol seconded to postpone a decision on PD 2018-04 as requested by the applicant in order for staff and the Planning Commission to study and research the matter with no time constraints.

Yeas: Duell, Uithol, McManus, Cline, DeGood, Robertson, Racine

Nays: None

c. PD 2018-05 – Fox Run – Continued Discussion (8:46)

The discussion was continued from the last meeting where amenities vs. density was discussed. Travis Clous, developer for Fox Run, addressed the issues outlined in PD Report 2018-05. According to the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, a traffic study is not needed. Sidewalk designs must be submitted to GTRC and the applicant agreed that they would be six feet wide. Clous has also proposed three playground areas as a trade-off for greater density. He discussed the play areas in detail and said there would be split rail fencing to separate the play areas from parking areas and they would have a sandbox and swing sets with the larger park near the wooded area having a pavilion and picnic tables. Commissioners said that the play equipment should be of a quality seen in a public park. Clous agreed to erect cyclone fencing around the play areas for safety. Commissioners discussed the proposed trail and whether or not a DEQ permit was required. Larrea suggested that an estimate be sought for a boardwalk over the entire pathway in the case that the DEQ would not permit the wood chips originally proposed.

DeGood moved and Robertson seconded to prepare Findings of Fact in favor of the applicant based on previous discussions with a condition of a DEQ site review to determine if any portion of the proposed approximate 1300 foot trail needs a boardwalk because of wetlands.

Yeas: DeGood, Robertson, McManus, Uithol, Duell, Cline, Racine

Nays: None

d. PD 2018-06 - Hickory Hills SUP Intro (9:34)

This application requests approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to begin implementation of the Master Plan for the Hickory Hills Ski Park and Recreation Area. Hickory Hills is located in Garfield Township and is owned by the City of Traverse City. John Dancer with Cornerstone

Architects addressed the commissioners and briefed them on the project. The lodge will be all one level and parking has been reduced. Metro Fire has approved the proposed project and a soil erosion permit has been issued. The exact use of the old lodge is not certain at this time.

Duell moved and Uithol seconded that application SUP 2017-04, submitted by the City of Traverse City for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to make improvements to the Hickory Hills Ski Park and Recreation Area BE ACCEPTED and scheduled for public hearing at a meeting to be held on February 14, 2018, subject to the applicant providing additional detail as required by the Planning Department.

Yeas: Duell, Uithol, McManus, DeGood, Cline, Robertson, Racine

Nays: None

7. Public Comment (9:43)

Jerry Dobek of18307 Mission Road representing International Dark Sky addressed the lighting plan for Buffalo Ridge. He will have the report in writing for the January 24th Planning Commission meeting since he will not be able to attend that meeting

8. <u>Items For Next Agenda – January 24, 2018</u> (9:55)

- a. Ridges 45 SUP Amendment
- b. MC Sports Map Amendment
- c. Brickway Map Amendment
- d. Traverse Homes SUP Amendment
- e. Buffalo Ridge Continued Discussion

9. Adjournment

Duell moved and DeGood seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.

Joe Robertson, Secretary Garfield Township Planning Commission 3848 Veterans Drive Traverse City, MI 49684

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Date:

01.02.2018

From:

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Eric Perdonik

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Project:

Buffalo Ridge Planned Unit Development

Subject Property: 3585 Marketplace Circle Permanent Parcel Number: 05-016-032-20 Request: PUD Development Plan – 34.41 acres Owner: Buffalo Ridge Center South LLC

Owner: Buffalo Ridge Center South LLC Agent: Mansfield Land Use Consultants

Other Parcels: 05-16-032-30 TC Center Partner LLC (Theater)

05-016-032-05 Buffalo Ridge Center South LLC (Lucky's)

Request:

Findings of Fact

This memorandum supplements other correspondence dated 5-23-2017 (Completeness), 6-01-2017 (Introduction and Review), 8-17-2017 (Public Hearing and Planning Commission Review), 10-10-2017 (Planning Commission Review), and 11-22-2017 (Planning Commission Review).

On December 20, 2017 Petra Kuehnis, RLA, submitted, via e-mail, the project submittal for a major amendment to the Buffalo Ridge Planned Unit Development. This submission requested that the former Hobby Lobby application for a major amendment to the Buffalo Ridge Center Development be rescinded. Further, the application requested that a major amendment be considered by the Planning Commission to approve the entire Buffalo Ridge Center Development. This application covers the entire site including the AMC Cherry Blossom Theater, Lucky's Market, and Outback Steakhouse.

BACKGROUND

Garfield Township approved the Buffalo Ridge Center Planned Unit Development on US-31 in 2014 (PUD #2014-02). The project was a redevelopment of the former and dilapidated Horizon Outlet Mall.

As approved, the project involved removal of the northern half of the outlet mall and construction of a 14-screen movie theater and associated parking area.

In June 2016, the owner/applicant submitted a proposal for the conversion of a building on the southern portion of the property for renovation and reuse as a Lucky's Market. This application was subsequently approved and the building has been renovated and the market is operational.

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Previous memoranda include background on the development and subsequent approvals for the AMC Cherry Blossom Theater and Lucky's Market. At the December 13, 2017 the Planning Commission, after considerable deliberation with the Applicant made the following motion:

"The Planning Commission accepts the overall master plan for the Buffalo Ridge Development Planned Unit Development, dated 10-31-2017, including associated exhibits, and recommends that the Applicant rescind their application for Hobby Lobby and submit a new application for the overall master plan and instruct the Planner to prepare a revised Findings of Fact and motion for Planning Commission consideration for the January 10, 2018 Planning Commission meeting subject to the revised application being submitted on or before December 22, 2017. Further, the motion for Planning Commission consideration shall include the following:

- 1. The photometric plan shall be designed by Jerry Dobek.
- 2. Section 423, G(4), Administrative Amendments; subsection (a)(i) which refers to amendments to an approved site plan will consider impervious surface to also include the impervious surface used for parking spaces.
- 3. Site signage shall be referred directly to the Planning Commission for review and consideration.
- 4. Future site plans to be submitted to Township Planning staff for review and consideration."

The Applicant did comply with the timeframe and submitted their request to rescind the Hobby Lobby application and request approval for the overall master plan for the Buffalo Ridge Center Development.

MASTER PLAN - BUFFALO RIDGE CENTER DEVELOPMENT

The 34.41 acre master plan for the Buffalo Ridge Center Development consists of seven, existing and proposed, buildings, access drives, maneuvering lanes, and 1,068 parking spaces (referenced in Exhibit A). The building footprints, sidewalks, access drives, maneureving lanes and parking spaces comprise the impervious surface which is computed at 17.28 acres, or 50.22% of the gross acreage.

Proposed Build-Out

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Building	Parking Basis	Min-Max Parking
A - AMC Cherry Blossom Theater	3,105 seats	518 – 1,035
B – Outlot Retail	5,993 SqFt	24 – 40
C – Hobby Lobby	55,000 SqFt	200 – 367
D – Future Building Retail (SW Corner)	45,000 SqFt	180 – 300
E – Luckys Market	26,100 SqFt	105 – 174
F – Future Building Retail (SE Corner)	3,200 SqFt	22 – 34
G – Outback Steakhouse	6,700 SqFt	45 – 90
Total		1,114 – 2,049
Provided Parking		1,068
Shared Parking		1,061

Note: Building numbers (A-G) referenced on attached Exhibit B.

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The master plan includes a redesign of the main internal access drive and incorporates a table top design that acts as a traffic calming technique and provides for enhance pedestrian and ADA access. Table top approaches are also proposed at several locations where the vehicular circulation network and major pedestrian crossings occur.

The developer/applicant and the Garfield Township Planning Commission have agreed to accept the photmotric layout for the development based on recommendations from Jerry Dobek, Professor, Northwestern Michigan College, Department of Astronomy.

Stormwater design and management were addressed in previous reviews but the Township Engineer will need to review this issue as the build-out proceeds. Section 423, G(4), Administrative Amendments; subsection (a)(i) allow for shifts in on-site locations of less than 15%, or a 15% or less change in impervious surface. Modifications to the impervious surface will either increase or decrease stormwater requirements. Section 425, G., Phased Planned Developments provides for a planned build-out of the property within the framework of meeting and addressing the requirements of this Section.

REVIEW PROCESS

This application is considered a Major Amendment to the <u>overall</u> Planned Unit Development and subject to the requirements of §423, G. (6).¹ The following table incorporates the Approval Criteria referenced in §426; E, (1), (2) and (3).²

Scope of Authority – Use

Approval Criteria: The proposed uses, within the context of the overall development plan, are harmonious and compatible with the planned uses of the site and the surrounding area, as provided for within the master plan;

Finding: Met. This property and adjacent properties along US-31 are classified as commercial on the Future Land Use map. The property west of the subject site is classified as High Density Residential. The repurposing of the former outlet shopping center to a commercial PUD is consistent with the FLUM.

Approval Criteria: The proposed density is in accordance with the policies and objectives set out in the master plan;

Finding: Met. This property and adjacent properties along US-31 are classified as commercial on the Future Land Use map. The property west of the subject site is classified as High Density Residential. The repurposing of the former outlet shopping center to a commercial PUD is consistent with the FLUM.

Approval Criteria: In areas where the surrounding lands have been substantially developed in accordance with a particular land use character, pattern and density, the planned unit development shall be consistent and compatible with that existing land use character, pattern and density.

¹ Article 4, Page 4-15, Garfield Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 423.G(6).

² Article 4, Page 4-42, Garfield Township Zoning Ordinance; Section 426;E.

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Finding: Met. The former use of the property was an outlet shopping center. The current and proposed amendments to the PUD call for the continuation of the property as retail and entertainment.

Scope of Authority - Dimensional Standards

Approval Criteria: The uses will be compatible with the natural environment, and with adjacent and surrounding land uses and properties, and will not have an adverse economic, social or environmental impact on adjacent and surrounding land uses and properties;

Finding: Met Future phases (buildings B, D, and F will require review by MDOT- to determine the capacity and level of service of the signalized intersection at US-31. Rear building elevations adjacent to residential zoned or occupied property will include wall pak, ground directed, and sheilding lighting. Lighting levels noted on the most recent photometric plan adjacent to the residential neighborhood were less than 0.2-foot candles which is consistent with Table 5-8 "Illumination Standards at Property Line."

Approval Criteria: The uses will be compatible with the capacity of existing public services and facilities, or of planned and feasible future public services and facilities, and such use is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare of the Township residents;

Finding: Met Future phases (buildings B, D, and F will require review by MDOT- to determine the capacity and level of service of the signalized intersection at US-31.

Approval Criteria: The uses and development are warranted by the design of additional amenities made possible with, and incorporated by, the development proposal; Finding: Met. After months of discussion the Applicant will be installing sidewalks throughout the development. In addition, table top pedestrian crossings will be constructed at major pedestrian crossings and the main traffic intersection. The location of these features are noted on the "Future Build Out Concept" dated 10-31-2017.

Approval Criteria: Insofar as practicable, the landscape shall be preserved in its natural state by minimizing tree and soil disturbance and removal; Finding: Met. The redevelopment of the property has increased the number of trees and landscaping on site. The final number will be determined through the site plan review.

Approval Criteria: Existing important natural, historical and architectural features within the development shall be preserved;

Finding: Met. Conservation easement were provided through initial PUD submission.

Approval Criteria: Proposed buildings shall be sited harmoniously to the terrain and to other buildings in the vicinity that have a visual relationship to the proposed buildings;

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Finding: Met. As mentioned previously, repurposed commercial properties are different than greenfield projects because some of the building locations, parking and other site appurtenances are already in place. Regarding this project the parking lots and main drives are already in place. As a result, the former buildings are demolished to serve as locations for new buildings.

Approval Criteria: With respect to vehicular and pedestrian circulation and parking, special attention shall be given to the location and number of access points to public streets, minimizing potential motorized/non-motorized conflict points, width of interior drives and access points, general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and the arrangement of parking areas that are safe and convenient and, insofar as is practicable, do not detract from the design of proposed structures and neighboring properties;

Finding: Not Met. The Applicant will be installing nine (9') foot sidewalks to connect building C with the IMAX Theater and Lucky's Market with the Outback Steakhouse. In addition, table top pedestrian crossings will be constructed at major pedestrian crossings and the main traffic intersection.

Approval Criteria: Landscaping is provided to ensure that proposed uses will be adequately buffered from one another and from surrounding public and private property and, where applicable, to create a pleasant pedestrian scale outdoor environment;

Finding: Met. There is an approximate 80-foot buffer between the west property line of the development and Creekside Condos. Both properties are lined with landscaping.

Approval Criteria: The development consolidates and maximizes useable open space; Finding: Met. Most of open space is located along the south property line and the southeast portion of the site. A non-motorized pathway is located along the east property line and meanders through the open space terminating at Market Place Circle Drive.

Approval Criteria: The benefits of the development are not achievable under any single zoning classification; and

Finding: Met. The Planned Unit Development was needed to allow for the theater portion of the project

Approval Criteria: The development is compatible with the intent and purpose of the adopted master plan.

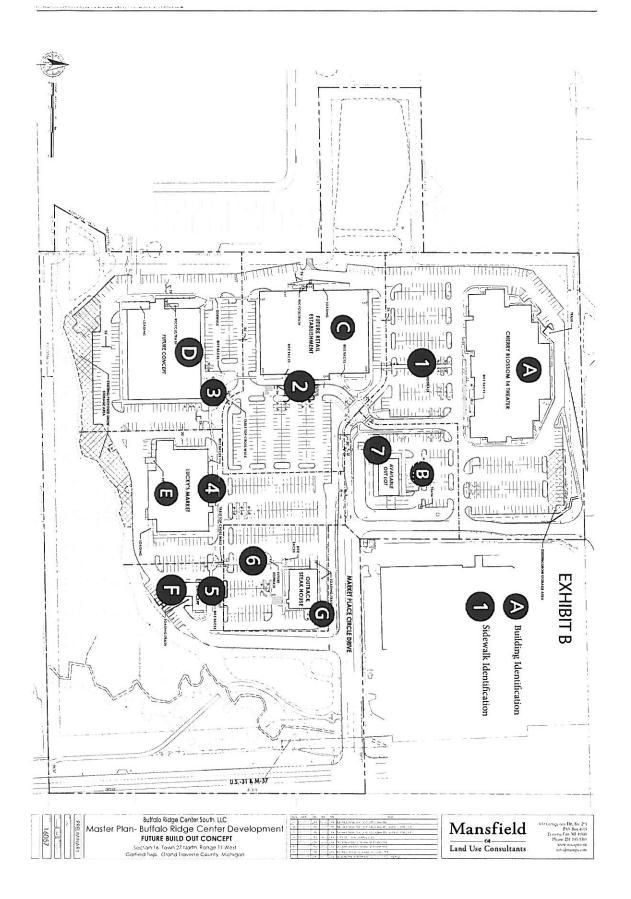
Finding: Met. This property and adjacent properties along US-31 are classified as commercial on the Future Land Use map. The property west of the subject site is classified as High Density Residential. The repurposing of the former outlet shopping center to a commercial PUD is consistent with the FLUM.

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Recommendation				
Based on the foregoing	review and finding of f	fact I would sugg	est the followir	ng motion:
Board approval of the	and supported by Findings of Fact for the Report and Decision	Master Plan for	the Buffalo Rid	ge Center
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	arter Township of Garfield Inning Department Report No. 2018-08			
Prepared:	December 11, 2017	Pages:	1 of 5	
Meeting:	January 24, 2018-Planning Commission	Attachments:		\boxtimes
Subject:	Modular/Manufactured and Mobile Home Sales in C-G District-Introduction			
Applicant:	Richard Newman-Pine Grove Homes			
Agent:	Bill Crain-Crain Engineering, LLC			
Owner:	Richard Newman			98 - Jan 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 - 198 -
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SUBJECT PROPERTY:

- 4030 Meadow Lane Drive
- 3.2 acres in area
- Relatively flat with a very gradual slope to the northeast
- C-G General Commercial District

The east property line runs along North US-31 South, the south line along Meadow Lane Drive, the west line along the Meadow Lane Mobile Home Park, and the north line along Chicory Lane (*see* aerial images below).

The subject property is an essentially vacant site with a large asphalt pad running through its center. During a brief site visit on November 16, 2017, Staff found none of the modular homes observed in the aerials on the property, except the "existing building" near the northwest corner of the property, which would be demolished as part of this proposal.

Zoomed-out aerial view of subject property (highlighted in blue):



Zoomed-in aerial view of subject property (highlighted in blue):



PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:

The applicant is seeking approval for the following uses at the subject property:

- 1. "Modular/Manufactured Homes Sales"
- 2. "Mobile Home Sales"

STAFF COMMENT:

Both "Modular/Manufactured Home Sales" and "Mobile Home Sales" are permitted via Special Use Permit (SUP) in the C-G District. After a review of the application for completeness, Staff has identified the following concerns or points of discussion for Commissioners to consider:

Sewer Service:

According to the property owner and his engineer, the existing sanitary sewer line shown on the site plan running east-west to service the proposed office unit is part of a private system servicing the adjacent mobile home park, which extends from the park to the west. Township and Gourdie-Fraser, Inc. records verify that no public sewer line exists on the property. Nonetheless, Staff would like to see some form of documentation verifying that a private sewer agreement in fact exists. This is particularly important since the property could of course change ownership. The applicant has noted on the site plan that they intend to coordinate with the DPW regarding the sewer.

Stormwater/Impervious Surface:

This site is complex from a stormwater review standpoint in part because a considerable amount of the impervious surface is moveable. The placement of the "concrete tire pads" for many of the modular units helps to alleviate this problem; however, the applicant should not be permitted to display any more than the three proposed units on the asphalt strip at the center of the property. This will ensure that stormwater review reflects the appropriate amount of impervious surface that will remain there in the future. It is unknown at this time whether all impervious surfaces have been identified and accounted for

in the provided stormwater calculations. For example, it is unclear whether the chalet unit that overhangs the edge of the asphalt strip is sitting on some type of impervious surface. The applicant will be required to coordinate with the Township Engineer for stormwater review prior to any approval. Staff has already consulted with the Engineer regarding these concerns.

Non-Motorized Connectivity and Circulation:

In accordance with Sections 424.F(1)(g) and 522.A of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as the Township's Non-Motorized Plan Map, a bike path measuring 10-feet in width is required to be constructed along the entire length of the property's North US-31 South frontage. The applicant has included the required 10-foot path; however, a note should be added to the site plan that specifies the type of material to be used to construct the path, as Section 522 specifies that the path must be made of asphalt or another appropriate permanent surface. Finally, the proposed path meanders around a relatively large existing tree at the northeast corner of the property that is to be preserved, which is acceptable in Staff's view considering the apparent age of the tree.

Landscaping:

In accordance with Section 531 of the Zoning Ordinance, a "Type D" buffer is required along the east property line along US-31. Although the applicant has provided the required quantity and types of plantings for a "Type D" buffer, the placement of the plantings is highly clustered, which makes the buffer more ornamental than functional. For example, the required evergreens are tightly clustered at the southeast and northeast corners of the property. This is presumably so that the trees do not obscure one's view of the display units. Nonetheless, the intent of the Section 531 is to create a visual buffer along the roadway, which would require dispersing the trees across the frontage to a greater extent. As proposed, Staff does not feel that the landscaping along the east property line meets that intent of the Ordinance.

Similarly, the required shrubs are tightly clustered in front of the display units, presumably to make each look like it has a landscaped front yard. This too makes the buffer more ornamental than functional. The applicant is free to plant to compliment the display units; however, the intent of the Ordinance is that the plantings be dispersed so as to create a functional barrier. The Ordinance does recognize that clustering is acceptable in many cases, but to create "viewing windows to a development site (p. 529)," rather than leaving virtually the entire frontage open.

Snow Storage:

The designated snow storage location on the site plan appears to be impractical as a plow truck would have to travel north up the asphalt strip from the parking lot several hundred feet and make a sharp left turn. Staff suggests that the applicant revise the plans to indicate a more usable snow storage area that better meets the intent of Section 551.E(6). Also, no square-footage for the snow storage area is shown on the site plan, but 551.E(6) requires that it be provided at 10 square feet for every 100 square feet of parking area.

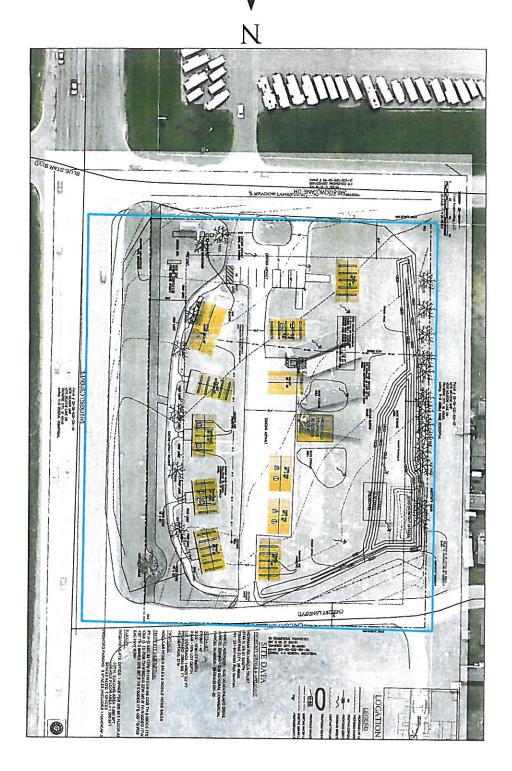
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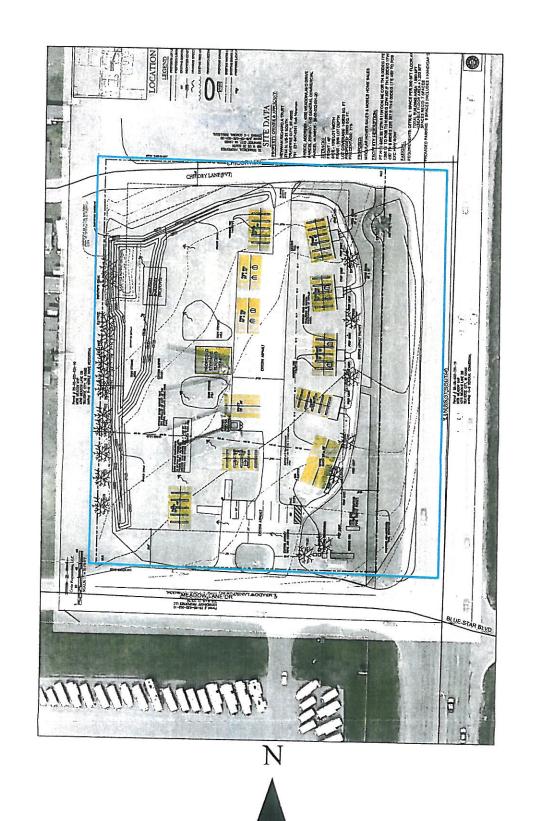
ACTION REQUESTED:

The purpose of this introductory meeting is to review the application, to allow for Planning Commission and applicant discussion, and to potentially schedule the matter for a public hearing in February. If the Planning Commission is prepared to accept the application and schedule a public hearing, the following motion is offered for consideration:

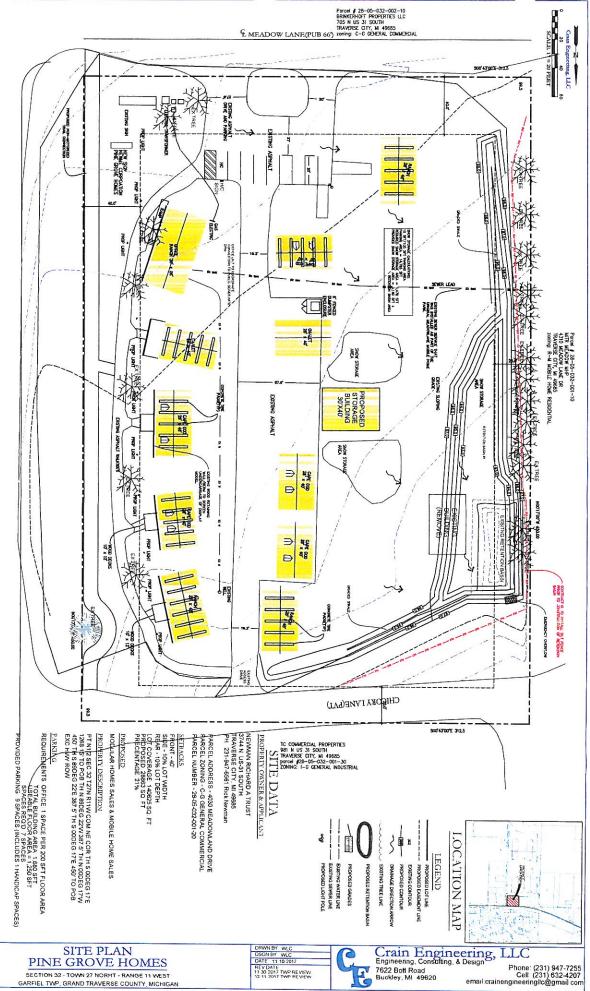
THAT application SUP-2017-03 submitted by Richard Newman of Pine Grove Homes requesting a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a modular/manufactured home sales and mobile home sales operation BE ACCEPTED and scheduled for a public hearing at a Planning Commission meeting to be held in February of 2018.

Any additional information that the Planning Commission determines to be necessary should be added to this motion. If the Planning Commission is not satisfied with the level of information provided to date, the above motion would be premature.











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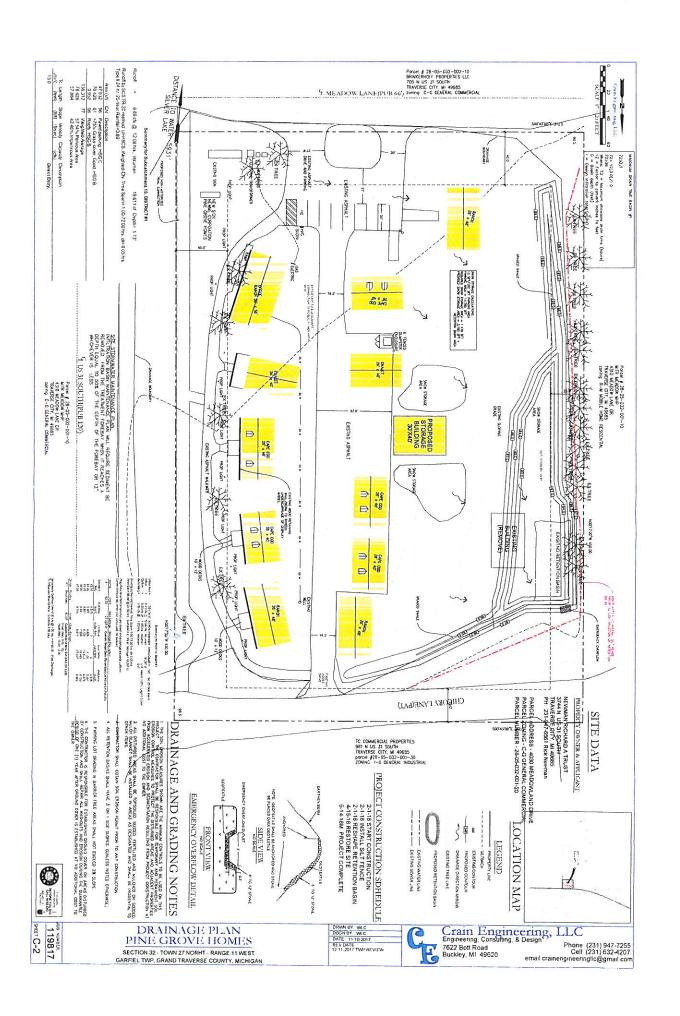
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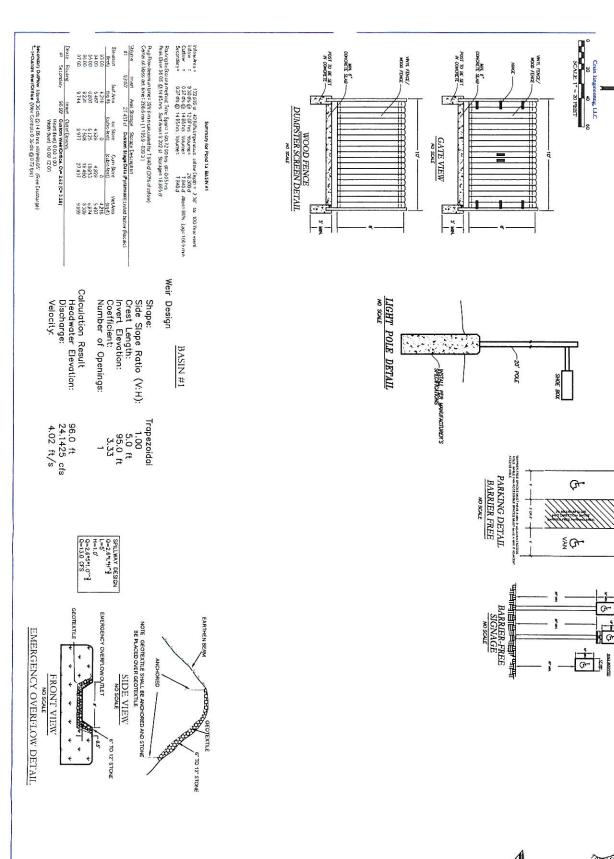
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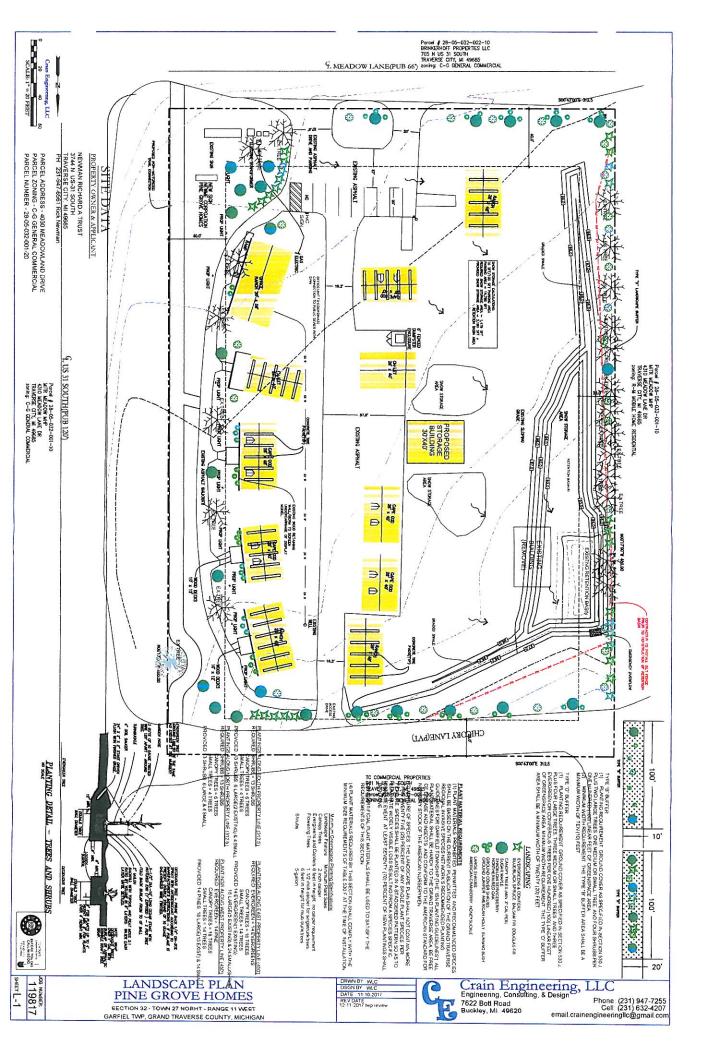






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Charter Township of Garfield Planning Department Report No. 2018-09			
Prepared:	December 14, 2017	Pages:	Page 1 of 5
Meeting:	January 24, 2018-Planning Commission	Attachments:	\boxtimes
Subject:	Major SUP Amendment-Introduction-Ridge 45 (Phase 4)		
File No.	SUP-2015-01-C	Parcel Nos.	
		05-023-026-20	
		05-023-025-20	
Applicant/Owner: Midwest MFD, LLC c/o Scott Knowlton			
Agent: Mark A. Oppenhuizen-Oppenhuizen Architects			

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:

This application requests a Major Amendment to Special Use Permit (SUP) approval granted in 2015 (see SUP-2015-01) to expand the Ridge 45 apartment project on La Franier Road. A Major Amendment is required to include additional land area in the SUP (see Section 423(G)(6)(c)).

SUBJECT PROPERTY:

This Major Amendment affects two parcels immediately south of the approved third phase of Ridge 45 on La Franier Road, approximately one-quarter of a mile north of the intersection at Hammond Road. The proposed development area consists of approximately 7.9 acres on the western side of the site. The subject properties are each currently vacant.



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STAFF COMMENT:

This Major Amendment continues the land use pattern of moving south into the recently rezoned R-3 Multi-Family property. This is consistent with the Master Plan as it encourages density in the core urbanizing area of the Township. As noted above, this application is to begin the fourth phase of an apartment complex, named Ridge 45, consisting of four apartment buildings that contain 96 market-rate units in total. The first and second phases, approved in 2015, consist of nine apartment buildings that contain 232 units. Phase 3, approved in 2017, consists of three apartment buildings that contain 72 market-rate units. Therefore, with the addition of Phase 4, there will be a total of 400 apartment units. As noted above, the proposed development area consists of a 7.9-acre area on the western side of the site, east of the mobile home expansion and west of La Franier Road.

The project site is proximate to outside supporting services such as employment opportunities, retail and shopping, health services, and alternative means of transportation such as BATA and nearby non-motorized trails.

SITE DESIGN OVERVIEW:

The application proposes a nice variety of residential units to cater to various income levels and occupant needs. In keeping with the previous phases, the buildings are attractively designed and include construction materials such as cultured stone, vinyl trim and siding, and board and batten siding. Each unit also includes a deck or patio area.

This project provides various support services and amenities to encourage outdoor interaction and increased quality of life within the project. Some of these amenities include a kid's play area, walking trails through protected tree stands, a fire pit, a club house, pool and hot tub area, a dog park, and sidewalks within the site itself and along La Franier Road.

Parking is provided at a ratio of 2.12 spaces per unit, which is acceptable considering that the Zoning Ordinance requires 2 spaces per unit. The applicant has provided 98 additional indoor garage parking spaces that are connected to the buildings as an option to the residents. This unique design adds an element of convenience and security otherwise lacking with detached garages and carport designs.

The proposed lighting plan appears to be night sky compliant and within the acceptable range for brightness and color. The site will be illuminated with a series of gooseneck-style street lamps, covered building-mounted fixtures, and *pedestrian-scale bollard lighting*. Any minor details can be addressed as we move forward.

An overall landscaping plan was received in the submittal for Phase 3 which indicates a Type "C" buffer along La Franier Road and a Type "B" buffer on the south and west property lines. <u>A landscaping plan for this particular submittal will be required prior to holding a public hearing</u>

<u>on this application.</u> No buffer is required along the west property line, but much of the existing vegetation appears to be proposed to remain. As an SUP, the Planning Commission does have some ability to require additional landscaping at any location if determined necessary to meet the intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

APPROVAL CRITERIA DISCUSSION:

To aid in the discussion, the following approval criteria are offered for consideration:

Section 423.E Approval Criteria for a Special Use Permit

In its review of an application for a Major Amendment to a Special Use Permit, the Township should consider, but is not necessarily limited to, the criteria as defined in § 423(E)(1) through § 423(E)(11). No single factor is controlling; instead, each must be weighed in relation to the other standards.

The applicant shall have the burden of justifying the Major Amendment, including identifying specific reasons warranting the amendment, and providing any supporting data and information.

A special use is permitted only if the applicant demonstrates that:

- (1) The proposed use will be consistent with the purpose and intent of the master plan and this Ordinance, including all regulations of the applicable zoning district;
- (2) The proposed use will be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be compatible, harmonious and appropriate with the existing or planned character and uses of the neighborhood, adjacent properties and the natural environment;
- (3) The proposed use will not be detrimental, hazardous or disturbing to existing or future adjacent uses or to the public welfare by reason of excessive traffic, noise, dust, gas, smoke, vibration, odor, glare, visual clutter, electrical or electromagnetic interference;
- (4) Potential adverse effects arising from the proposed use on the neighborhood and adjacent properties will be minimized through the provision of adequate parking, the placement of buildings, structures and entrances, as well as the provision and location of screening, fencing, landscaping, buffers or setbacks;
- (5) The proposed use will retain as many natural features of the property as practicable, particularly where the natural features assist in preserving the general character of the neighborhood;

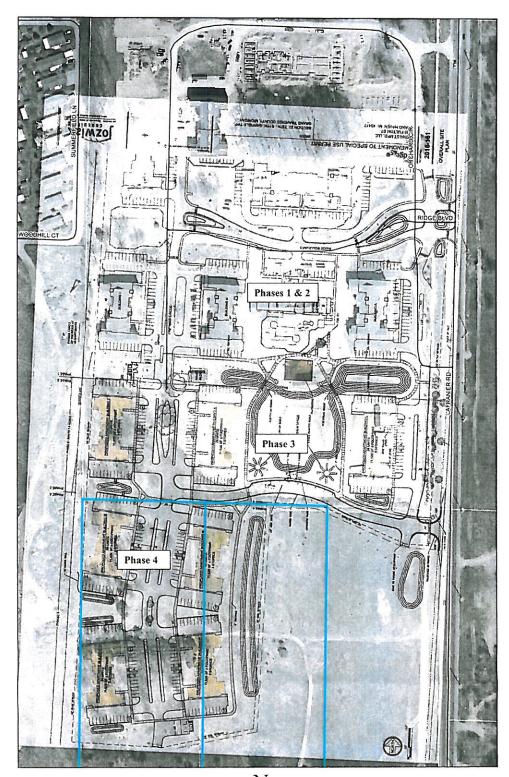
- (6) Adequate public and private infrastructure and services such as streets, water and sewage facilities, drainage structures, police and fire protection, and schools, already exist or will be provided without excessive additional requirements at public cost;
- (7) The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the proposed use shall not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare;
- (8) The public interest and welfare supporting the proposed use shall be sufficient to outweigh individual interests that are adversely affected by the establishment of the proposed use;
- (9) Adequate measures shall be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic hazards and to minimize traffic congestion on the public roads;
- (10) Adequate measures shall be taken to provide vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the site, and in relation to streets and sidewalks servicing the site in a safe and convenient manner; and;
- (11) The proposed use shall not impede the orderly development and improvement of surrounding property for uses permitted within the zoning district.

ACTION REQUESTED:

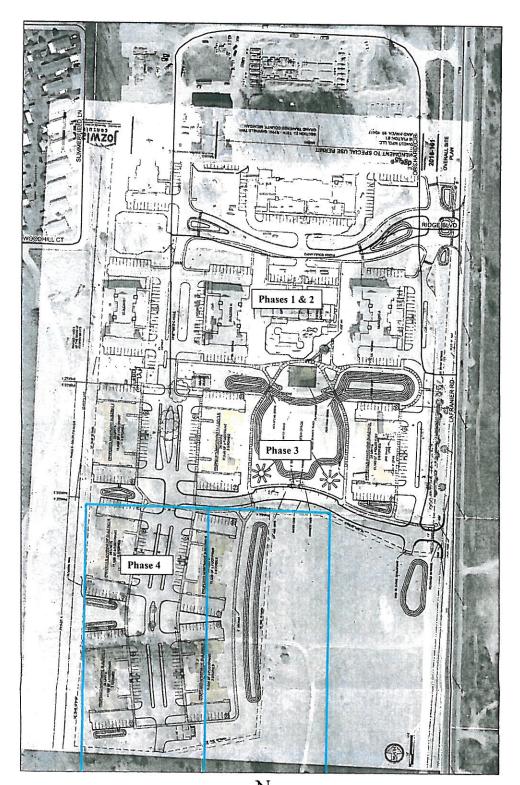
The purpose of the introductory meeting is to accept the application and to identify any broad Planning Commission concerns which should be addressed prior to holding a public hearing on the application. As such, following an opportunity for applicant presentation and commissioner discussion, the following motion is offered for consideration:

MOTION THAT application SUP-2015-01-C, submitted by Midwest MFD, LLC for a Major Amendment to a Special Use Permit for a Multi-Family Development (SUP-2015-01), BE ACCEPTED and scheduled for public hearing at a meeting to be held in February of 2018, subject to the applicant providing additional detail as required by the Planning Department.

Any additional information that the Planning Commission determines to be necessary should be added to this motion. If the Planning Commission is not satisfied with the level of information provided to date, the above motion would be premature.









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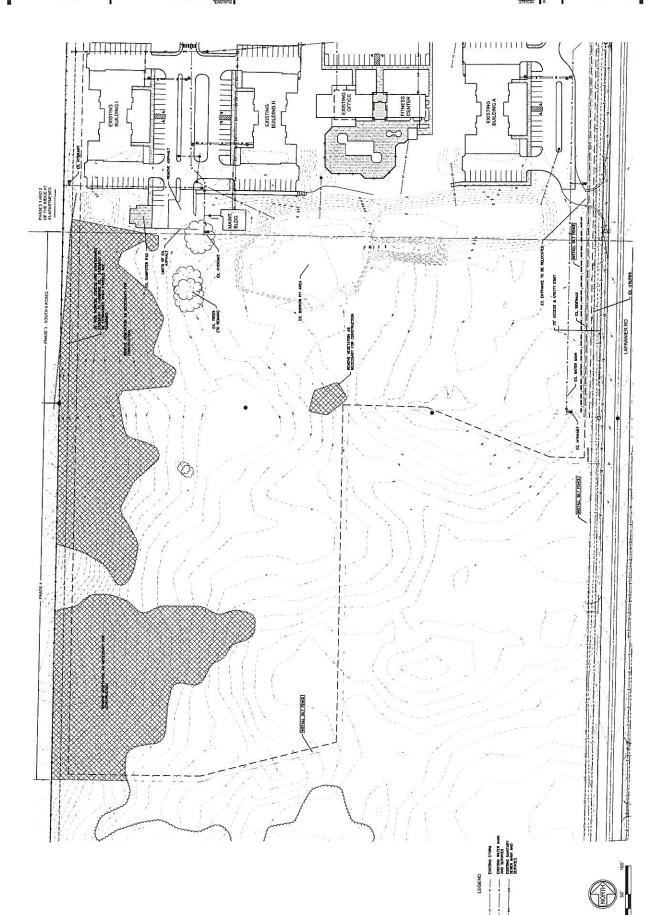
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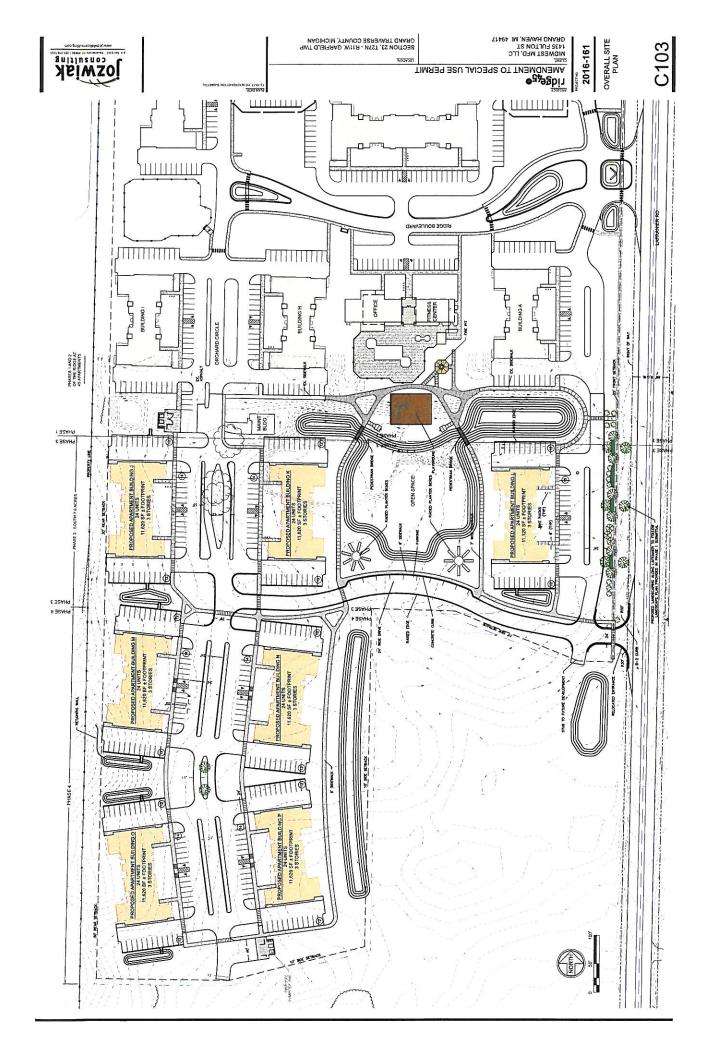
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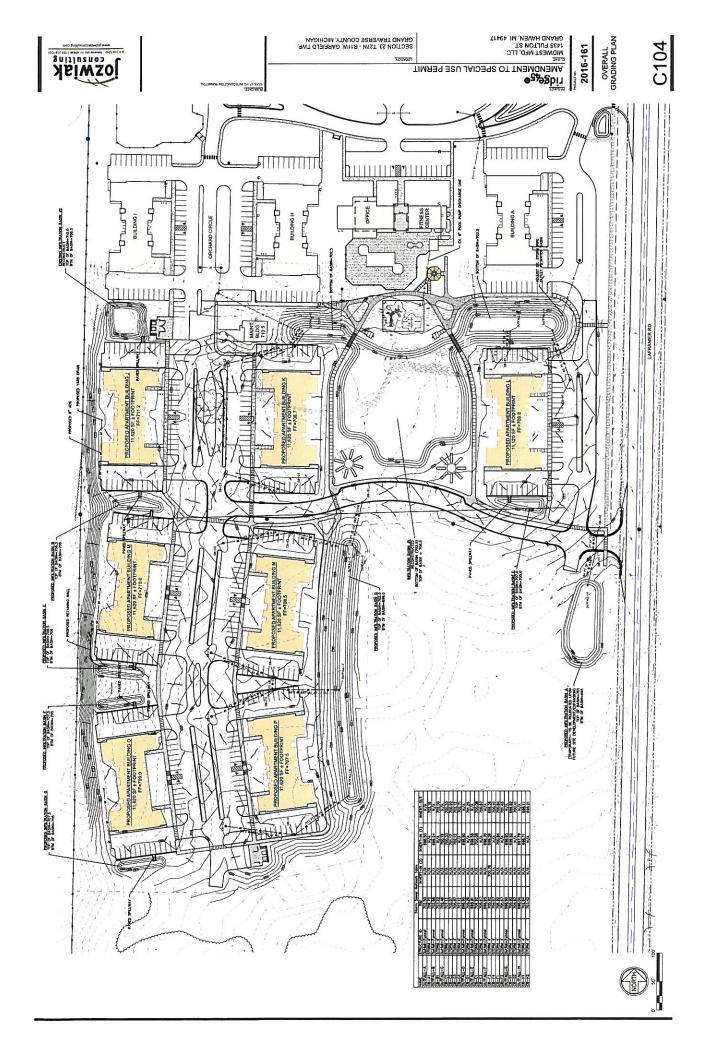
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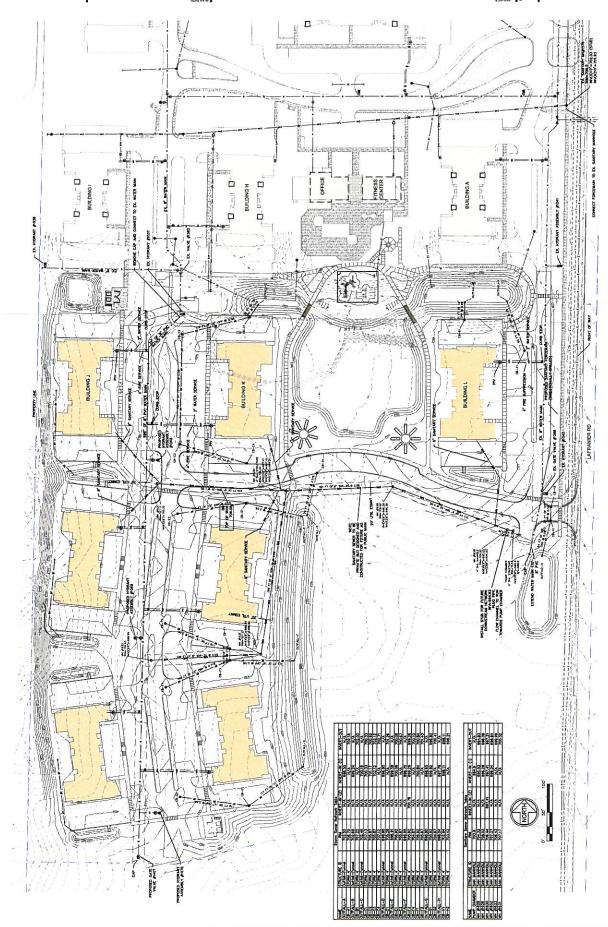


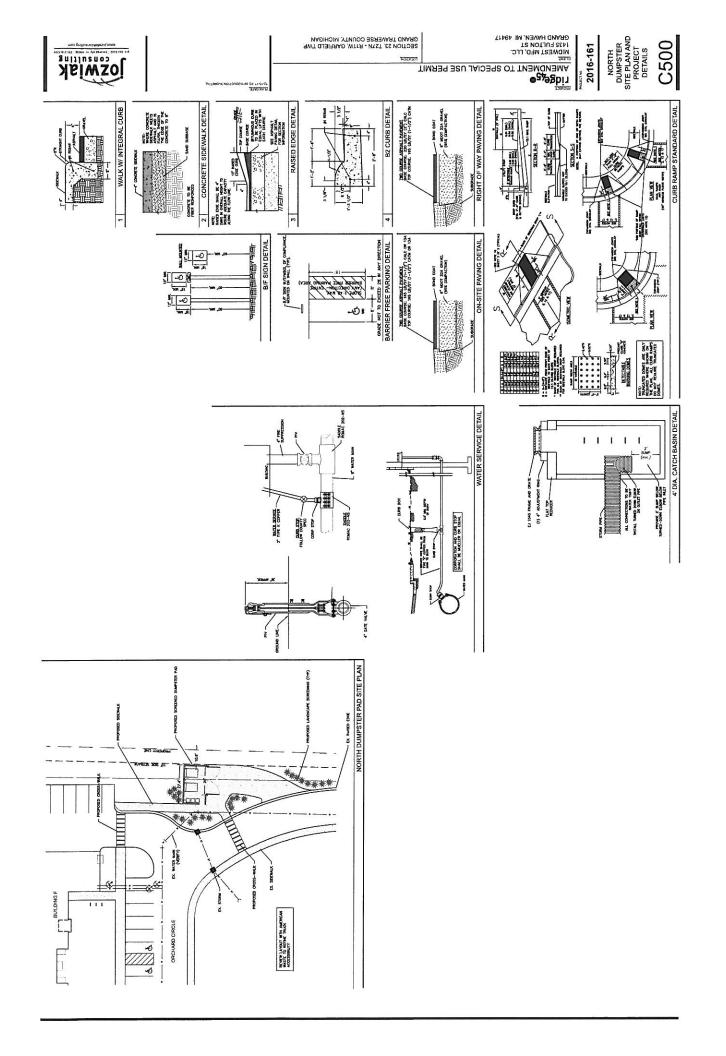
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Charter Township of Garfield Planning Department Report No. 2018-10					
Prepared:	December 11, 2017	Pages:	Page 1 of 5		
Meeting:	January 24, 2018-Planning Commission	Attachments:	\boxtimes		
Subject:	Proposed Rezoning (Map Amendment)-Brickways (Rennie St)-Introduction				
File No.	Z-2017-06	Parcel Nos.			
		05-015-042-10			
Applicant/Owner:	Grand Traverse Engineering, LLC/Brickways				
Agent:	Grand Traverse Engineering, LLC				

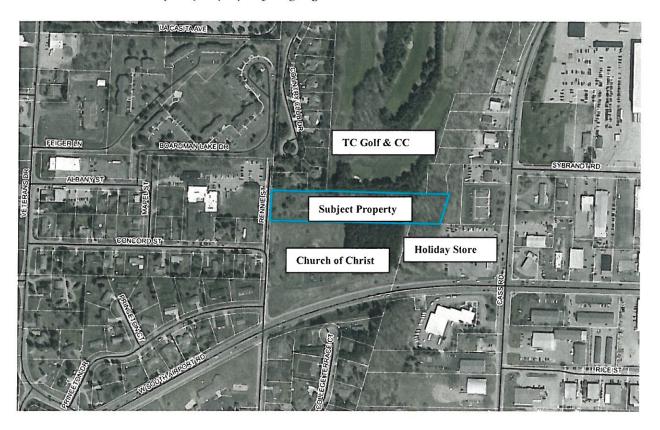
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:

The application requests to rezone approximately 3.6 acres of land from the R-1 One-family Residential District to the R-3 Multi-family Residential District, without restriction.

SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The application affects a single vacant parcel on Rennie Street (*see* image below). The subject property is partially wooded, has rolling topography, and is largely buffered by dense woods to the north and south. The property is bordered by Rennie Street to the west, the Traverse City Golf and Country Club and two dwellings to the north, vacant land to the east, and the Church of Christ and Holiday gas station to the south.

Zoomed-out aerial view of subject property (highlighted in blue):





USES OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES:

The subject property is abutted by medium- to high-density residential uses to the west (R-3); medium- to high-density residential (R-3), single-family residential (R-1), and commercial uses to the north (C-G); commercial uses to the east (C-G); and single-family residential (R-1) and commercial uses to the south (C-G).

MASTER PLAN CONSIDERATIONS:

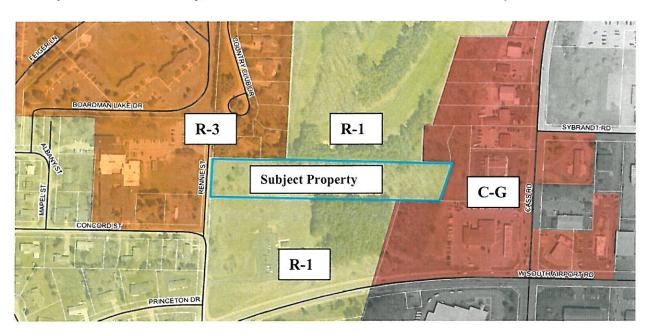
A primary factor in considering any rezoning request is the relationship between the application and the Master Plan. In this case, the Master Plan targets the site for "Moderate Density Residential," which anticipates "[a]reas having a density of 2 to 6 residential units per acre, ideally served by municipal water and sewer services" (p. 2). This Master Plan designation is compatible with the 6-9 units per acre called for in the R-3 Multi-Family District on the highest end, and the 2 units per acre called for in the R-2 Two-Family District on the lowest end. In addition, as specifically called for in the language of the Master Plan designation, the site is served by municipal sewer and water services. Therefore, this rezoning appears consistent with the Master Plan.

STAFF COMMENT:

This property appears to be a logical location for multi-family development in considering the surrounding uses, zoning, and the subject property's Master Plan designation. However, due to the property's relatively small size, the Planning Commission should discuss if the adjacent (church) property should be included in the request.

CURRENT AND SURROUNDING ZONING:

The property is currently zoned R-1 One-Family Residential as identified in light green below and adjoins R-3 Multi-Family, C-G General Commercial, and R-1 One-Family Districts:



MASTER PLAN:

The Master Plan (yellow) identifies this area as Moderate Residential (2 to 6 units per acre):



APPROVAL CRITERIA DISCUSSION:

To aid in the discussion, the following approval criteria are offered for consideration:

Section 421.E Approval Criteria of Zoning Map Amendment

In its review of an application for rezoning, the Township should consider, but is not necessarily limited to, the criteria as defined in § 421.E.1 Master Plan Consistency through § 421.E.8 Other Factors. No single factor is controlling; instead, each must be weighed in relation to the other standards.

The applicant shall have the burden of justifying the amendment, including identifying specific reasons warranting the amendment, and providing any supporting data and information to address the following:

- 1. Master Plan Consistency
- 2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands
- 3. Suitability as Presently Zoned
- 4. Changed Conditions
- 5. Health, Safety, and Welfare
- 6. Public Policy
- 7. Size of Tract
- 8. Other Factors

ACTION REQUESTED:

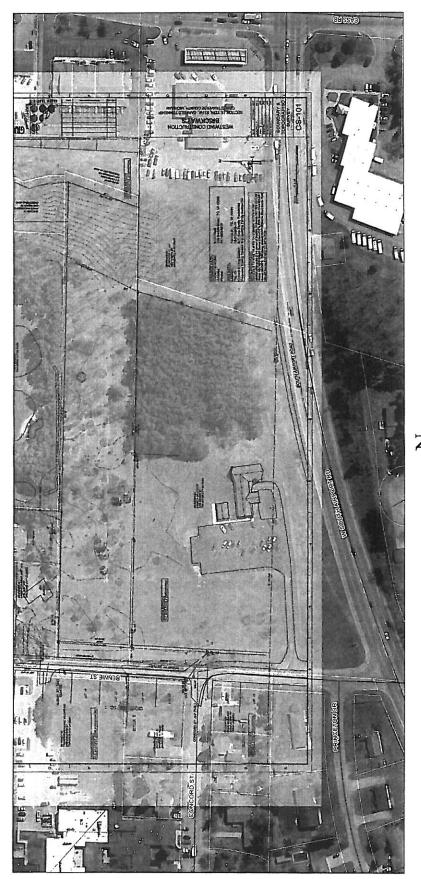
This meeting is for the purpose of introducing the request and scheduling the application for a public hearing in February of 2018.

If the Planning Commission is satisfied with the information within this report and as presented by the applicant at the January 24, 2018, Planning Commission meeting, the following recommendation is offered for your consideration:

THAT application Z-2017-06, submitted by Brickways to rezone parcel 05-015-042-10 to the R-3 Multi-Family Residential District, BE ACCEPTED; and further

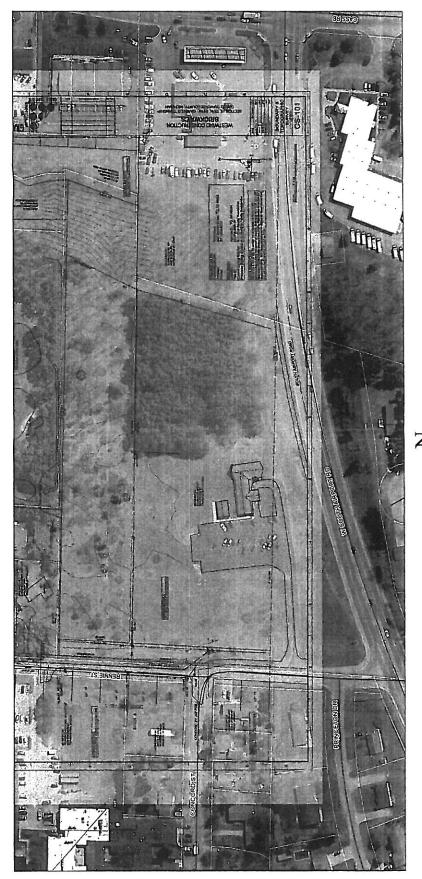
THAT application Z-2017-06 BE SCHEDULED for a public hearing at a meeting of the Garfield Township Planning Commission to be held in February of 2018.

Any additional information that the Planning Commission determines to be necessary should be added to either motion. If the Planning Commission is not satisfied with the level of information provided to date, the above motion would be premature and should not be adopted.





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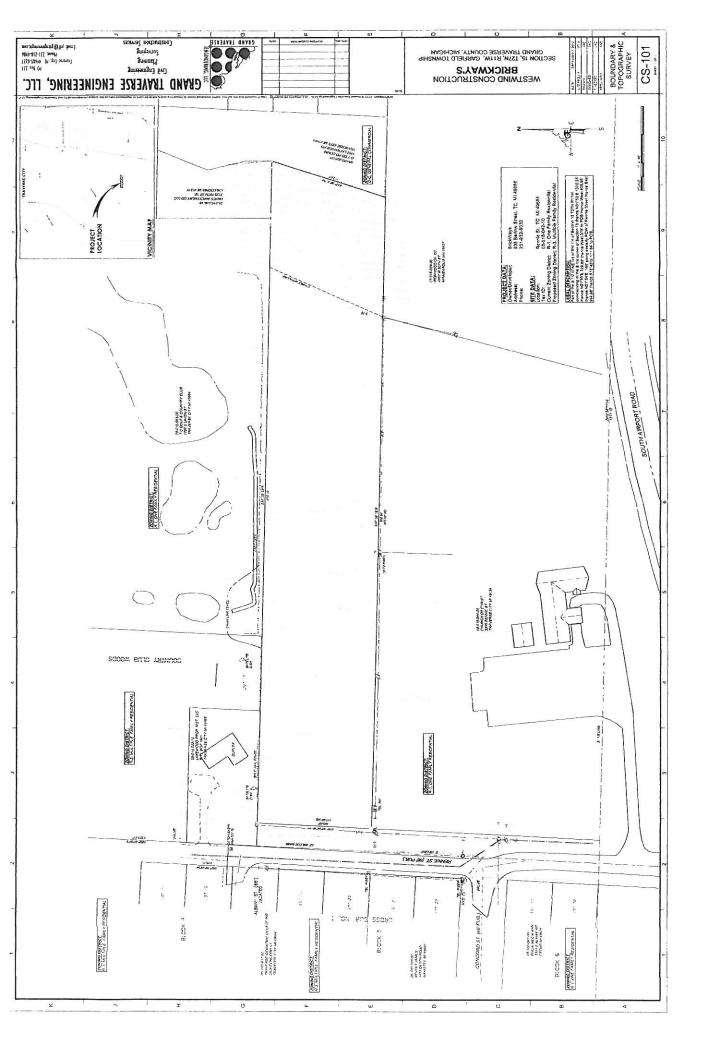




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Charter Township of Garfield Planning Department Report No. 2018-14						
Prepared:	January18, 2018	Pages:	Page 1 of 1			
Meeting:	January 23, 2018- Planning Commission	Attachments:	\boxtimes			
Subject:	U of M - ECities Recognition					

BACKGROUND

Each year, the University of Michigan-Dearborn completes a survey of local governmental units across the State of Michigan. The purpose of the survey is to track economic development efforts and allow municipal governments to evaluate their performance relative to other communities. Communities that achieve high overall rankings, comprising the top 10% of Michigan communities for business, are awarded status as a Star Community.

COMMENTS

Garfield Township has been participating in the eCities survey and program continuously since 2012.

As indicated in the attached letter the Township was once again recognized as a 4-Star Community. A Performance Report, evaluating our communities past five years of data has been provided and best describes the evaluation as follows:

"eCities examines publically available data relating to community growth and investment metrics that impact the business community. Using the past five years' data (2012-2016), this document reports your community's percentage change on eleven data points and compares the first seven points to State of Michigan values and the last four points to the 277 eCities 2017 participating communities. The first seven data points are property values within the community as reported by the Michigan Department of Treasury."

It should be noted that many of the factors evaluated for business attraction and retention are policy driven decisions of the Township. Such factors should continue to be at the forefront of our thoughts as we move forward with overall Township policy decisions, including zoning ordinance standards and regulations. The decisions we make as a Township, including the impacts those decisions have on our business community, will serve us well both now and into the future as economic conditions in this area and the State continue to evolve.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2017 eCities Star Report, as attached to PD Report No. 2018-14, BE RECEIVED.





TIMOTHY DAVIS Director of iLabs

Fairlane Center South 19000 Hubbard Drive Dearborn, MI 48126-2638 (313) 593-4060 Fax (313) 271-9835 tadavis@umich.edu umdearborn.edu/cob

Dear Community Leader,

Thank you for your participation in UM-Dearborn's 2017 eCities program, as we mark a decade of celebrating local governments and their commitment to supporting their business community. Similar to years past, the eCities project collects and analyzes data across Michigan communities as it relates to entrepreneurship, economic development, and job growth. In our 10th year, however, we broadened participation by reducing each local government's need to enter data into the web interface. Not only were we able to streamline the data collection process, but we were able to evaluate community success by region and population, as well as illustrate percentage changes in the data. This information is available on the performance report and showcases your community's progress on a number of key values. Moreover, the data points are benchmarked against the State of Michigan, as well as the other 276 participating communities, allowing you to easily interpret your results.

In addition, we invited each community to answer four best practice questions regarding business development, accomplishments, and foreseeable challenges. These responses enabled us to highlight success stories throughout Michigan. Communities who participated in this portion of the project will receive a report card containing reviewer feedback about your entries. We will be putting up summary details and a short video on the eCities website very soon. That website address is umdilabs.com/ecities

We sincerely appreciate your contribution to the 2017 eCities project. We will send you an email in the summer as the 2018 project commences. We hope that you will join us next year in sharing your local successes and strategies so we can support development across Michigan. If you have any questions before then, feel free to send me an email. Thank you for your involvement in this project.

Timothy Davis
Director of iLabs

University of Michigan-Dearborn

eCities 2017





CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD





Charter Township of Garfield



PERFORMANCE REPORT

	DATA POINT	FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY TREND	
A1	Real Commercial Property	1.54	0.84%
A2	Real Industrial Property	-0.53	0.07%
А3	Total Real Property	3.03	3.59%
A4	Personal Commercial Property	-2.25	-1.47%
A 5	Personal Industrial Property	-6.33	-8.77%
A6	Total Personal Property	-2.34	-1.02%
A7	Total Overall Property	2.53	3.23%
B1	Non-Depreciated Governmental Assets	1.29	-0.74%
B2	Depreciated Governmental Assets	4.10	2.33%
В3	Total Governmental Assets	2.90	2.01%
C1	Non-Homestead Tax Rate	0.16	1.02%

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