



## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

An adjourned session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comms. Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Ping, Prater, Schwartz, and Sizemore.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator Bob Guenzel; Deputy County Administrators, Verna McDaniel and David Behen; Corporation Counsel Curt Hedger; Jennifer Watson, James McFarlane, Support Services; Peter Ballios, Finance; Jenny Bivens, ETCS; Mark Lindke, Veteran Services; Tony VanDerworp, Patricia Denig, Planning and Environment; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Mary Jo Callan, Community Development; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Ben Toole, ITS; Scott Patton, Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

#### Roll Call

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved that the minutes of the January 7, 2009, meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Motion carried.

#### Citizen Participation

Tamara Reel stated that the Arts Alliance was delighted to be a part of making the art presented happen. She stated that the arts makes us understand what makes this area unique. Reel stated that arts are also an important business in the community.

#### Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

#### Communications

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Motion carried.

**R-0021** RECEIVED: January 7, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Alan Israel, Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township, re: Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed.

**R-0022** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Rosalie A. King, Chair, Iron County Board of Commissioners, re: Enlisting support to serve as person-at-large on the Michigan Association of Counties Board of Directors, dated January 6, 2009. Received and filed.

**R-0023** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to Chairman, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Steve H. Murdock, Director, U.S. Census Bureau, re: List of shelters for people experiencing homelessness, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed, copied to County Administration.

**R-0024** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from Brian E. Walsh, Property Analyst, Real Estate Division, re: Interest in purchasing excess property, dated December 30, 2008. Received and filed, copied to each Commissioner, County Administration, and Corporation Counsel.

**R-0025** RECEIVED: January 12, 2009. A letter to Chairperson, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, from John Evans, Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, State of Michigan Department of Human Services, re: Amended 2007-08 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures, dated January 2, 2009. Received and filed.

#### **Liaison Reports**

None

#### **Report of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners**

Comm. Sizemore stated that he has set a date of March 21 for a Commissioner retreat with Administration. He reported that he would like Commissioners to work with P&R on a county wide recreation plan.

#### **Special Order of Business:**

**Presentation of "Ecology of Place" artwork to the Board of Commissioners by the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair**  
Presentation took place at January 21, 2008 Ways and Means meeting.

#### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

None

#### **Reports of Special Committees**

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Prater moved that the following reports be received: Board of Road Commissioners, dated December 16, 2008 and December 2, 2008; Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, dated November 13, 2008; Planning Advisory Board, dated November 24, 2008; Public Works Board, dated November 19, 2008 and November 10, 2008; Statutory Drainage Board, dated December 19, 2008 and November 21, 2008 be adopted. Motion carried. (Complete reports are on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

#### **Other Reports**

None

#### **Report of the Treasurer**

None

#### **Appointments:**

**09-0010** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution appointing Commissioners to various Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Agencies be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

**09-0011** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution appointing one member representing consumer (DHS) to the Washtenaw County Community Action Board for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2009 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

#### **Report of the County Administrator:**

##### **Update on Shared Services**

David Behen presented the Update on Shared Services (memo on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Judge stated that she thanks David Behen for work being done with Pittsfield Township. She asked if creation of these partnerships would lead to creation of staff. Behen stated that he would like to present policies and procedures to the County.

Comm. Prater asked about combining dispatch centers. Guenzel stated that five of the seven are hesitant but two will start the project. He added that he feels buy in will happen once it is up and running. Comm. Prater stated that he feels it is a wise move to bring a policy back to the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Ouimet stated that it is challenging at times to work with other governmental units. He added that he feels that the County has done a good job of doing a good job to partner and help out other governmental units.

Comm. Schwartz asked about the extent that the County opens itself up to risk and if the County gets and indemnification agreement.

Comm. Irwin stated that there are many governmental units in the County doing the same thing. He stated that he wanted to keep in mind that there are going to be touchy issues and a one size fits all policy will not work.

Comm. Ping asked how taking on more from sharing can be combined with cutting staff. Behen stated that prioritizing will take place internally and externally. He reported that he hopes this draft policy addresses some of this question.

Comm. Prater stated that there is a valid question on liability. He stated that he feels Corporation Counsel can provide some insight on this issue. Comm. Prater stated that a template can be developed that can be flexible.

Comm. Judge asked if there is anyone from the staff that will actively go to other dispatch units to work on collaboration. Behen reported that a combination of staff and Commissioner input would take place.

Comm. Sizemore stated that he feels that this is an excellent idea. He stated that he would like to look at what cities/townships can offer the County and asked that comparison of counties around the state is conducted.

**Resolutions:**

**Approval of Claims**

**09-0012** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution authorizing payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of December 31, 2008 be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

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	<b>TOTALS</b>	0	\$ 430,133.02	\$ -	\$ 428,806.35

**New Business**

**09-0013** Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Irwin moved that the resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw Planning Advisory Board on the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments and direct the County Clerk to send comments to Pittsfield Township and the contiguous local units of government be adopted. Roll call vote: YEAS: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Comms. Bergman, Peterson, and Smith). Motion carried.

**Items for Current/Future Discussion**

Comm. Judge stated that she wanted to bring up resolutions surrounding Pittsfield Township resolution 06-0123. She stated that she wanted this resolution reviewed. Comm. Sizemore stated that all committees will also be looked at. He stated that he would also like these policies added to the review process.

Comm. Schwartz asked if Comm. Sizemore could provide more details on the retreat. Comm. Sizemore stated that he will be getting with each Commissioner to discuss topics.

**Citizen Participation**

None

**Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation**

None

**Adjournment**

Comm. Prater seconded by Comm. Schwartz moved to adjourn until Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Rolland Sizemore Jr., Chair

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Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register  
By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: 02/04/09

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES FOR VARIOUS TERMS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2009

WHEREAS, various appointments to boards, committees, commissions and external agencies are scheduled to be made in January of each year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms the appointments of the Chair of the Board Commissioners of members to the following Boards, Committees, Commissions and agencies for various term expiration dates:

<b>Board/Committee/Commission</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>	<b>Positions</b>
800 Mhz (Liaison)	12/31/2009	1) Leah Gunn
Accommodations Ordinance Commission	12/31/2009	1) Mark Ouimet 2) Conan Smith
Community Action Board	12/31/2009	1) Kristin Judge 2) Rolland Sizemore
Criminal Justice Collaborative Council (CJCC)	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board
Drainage Board	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board 2) Barbara Bergman
Drug Forfeiture Committee	12/31/2009	1) Jessica Ping
Economic Development Corporation	12/31/2013	1)
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission	12/31/2009	1) Mark Ouimet 2) VACANT
Emergency Telephone District Board	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board 2) Jeff Irwin 3) Kristin Judge
Head Start Policy Council	12/31/2009	1) Kristin Judge 2) Leah Gunn
Local Development Finance Authority – Augusta Township	12/31/2009	1) Wesley Prater
Local Development Finance Authority – Saline	12/31/2009	1) Jessica Ping
Local Development Finance Authority – Ypsilanti Township	12/31/2009	1) Wesley Prater
Local Emergency Planning Committee	12/31/2009	1) VACANT
Michigan Township Association (Liaison)	12/31/2009	1) Mark Ouimet
Money Purchase Pension Plan	12/31/2009	1) Mark Ouimet 2) Leah Gunn
Planning Advisory Board	12/31/2009	1) Conan Smith
Police Services Steering Committee	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board 2) Jeff Irwin 3)

		4)
Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention Task Force	12/31/2009	1) Barbara Bergman
Public Safety & Justice Oversight Committee	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore, Chair of the Board
Public Works Board (Liaison)	12/31/2009	1) Kenneth Schwartz
Retirement Commission (Ex-Officio)	12/31/2009	1) Leah Gunn 2) Mark Ouimet
River Raisin Watershed Council	12/31/2009	1) Jessica Ping 2) Kenneth Schwartz
Road Commission (Liaison)	12/31/2009	1) Wesley Prater 2) Mark Ouimet
Sheriff's Youth, Community Projects and Special Projects Fund	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore
Solid Waste Management Consortium	12/31/2009	1) Kenneth Schwartz
Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)	12/31/2009	1) Conan Smith 2) Jeff Irwin 3) Kenneth Schwartz
Washtenaw Area Transportation Policy Study Committee	12/31/2009	1) Wesley Prater
Willow Run Airport Zoning Board	12/31/2009	1) Rolland Sizemore
Workforce Development Board (Liaison)	12/31/2009	1) Mark Ouimet

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman			X	Ouimet	X			Schwartz	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson			X	Sizemore	X		
Irwin	X			Ping	X			Smith			X
Judge	X			Prater	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE: TOTALS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN )

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)<sup>SS.</sup>

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2009.

**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk



**Res. No. 09-0010**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING CONSUMER (DHS) TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2009

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1995 the Board of Commissioners reestablished the Community Action Board (resolution 95-0282); and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Board is comprised of a 1/3 private sector representation, 1/3 consumer sector representation and 1/3 public sector representation; and

WHEREAS, one vacancy exists for consumer (DHS) representation for the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following member to the Washtenaw County Community Action Board for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2009.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
1) Cynthia Travis	Consumer (DHS)	12/31/09

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman			X	Ouimet	X			Schwartz	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson			X	Sizemore	X		
Irwin	X			Ping	X			Smith			X
Judge	X			Prater	X						

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**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk



<b>Res. No. 09-0011</b>
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS COMMENCING WITH THE  
 LAST PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CLAIM AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE DATE  
 OF JANUARY 9, 2009

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2009

WHEREAS, as filed with the County Clerk is a true copy of the record of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 9, 2009, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has been assured by the County Clerk that no claim received is withheld or rejected by the list, shows the name of the claimant, the amount of the claim and the date presented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of January 9, 2009, inclusive, as listed in the statement of claims as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman			X	Ouimet	X			Schwartz	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson			X	Sizemore	X		
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Res. No. 09-0012**



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

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MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2009

TO: Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk/Register  
FROM: Robert E. Guenzel, County Administrator  
RE: Certification of Claims List Inclusive from December 20, 2008 through January 9, 2009

I HEREBY CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge the list of attached claims as presented to the County Clerk/Register of Washtenaw, constitutes all claims received for payment subsequent to the List of Claims presented through the date of January 9, 2009 and that none have been withheld or omitted.

FURTHER; that all claims bear the date received.

FURTHER; that the list contains the name of each claimant, and the amount of the claims, and that proper authorization and documentation has been reviewed, checked and retained.

FURTHER; that the total demand upon each of the various general operating funds requiring approval by the Board of Commissioners prior to disbursements has been accurately determined and is stipulated in gross total by fund as an integral part of the List of Claims herein presented.

Staff Recommendation By:

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Nicole Hann  
Management Assistant



**BEGINNING OF CLAIMS:**  
**END OF CLAIMS:**  
**FOR BOARD APPROVAL:**

December 20, 2008  
 January 9, 2009  
 January 21, 2009

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TO: Rolland Sizemore, Jr.  
Chair of Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Director  
Office of Strategic Planning

DATE: January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments

### **BACKGROUND**

Pittsfield Township (Township) submitted amendments to its Comprehensive Plan on November 18, 2008, for comment by Washtenaw County, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Municipal Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008. The Act requires the County to provide comments, which are advisory only, to the Township. The comments must include, but need not be limited to, both of the following as applicable:

- A statement as to whether the proposed master plan is consistent with the plans of contiguous communities and applicable regional plans, and;
- A statement as to whether the proposed update is consistent with the County Plan.

### **DISCUSSION**

Office of Strategic Planning staff evaluated the proposed amendments according to the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*. The Office of Strategic Planning distributed the amendments to the Washtenaw County Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, Washtenaw County Road Commission, Office of the Drain Commissioner and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) for comment. Any comments received from these departments and agencies are included in the attached staff report.

The Revisions were reviewed and approved by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at their December 22, 2008 meeting. After acceptance of the report by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the report will be submitted to the Township and the contiguous communities.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Cover Letter
- Staff Report

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM THE WASHTENAW COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ON THE PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND DIRECT THE COUNTY CLERK TO SEND COMMENTS TO PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP AND THE CONTIGUOUS LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 2009

WHEREAS, Public Act 33 of 2008 (“the Act”) requires that the County submit comments on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to Pittsfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that the comments include, but not be limited to, a statement whether the proposed revisions are considered to be inconsistent with the plan of any contiguous city, village, township or region, and a statement whether the proposed plan is considered to be inconsistent with the county plan; and

WHEREAS the County Board of Commissioners created the Planning Advisory Board to review plans and recommend adoption by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS Pittsfield Township submitted Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS the revisions were reviewed for consistency with the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*; and

WHEREAS the Update was reviewed and approved by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at their December 22, 2008 meeting;

WHEREAS the amendments are forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners as a County staff report for review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the staff report from the Washtenaw County Office of Strategic Planning on the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan Amendments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send the comments to Pittsfield Township and the contiguous local units of government.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Bergman			X	Ouimet	X			Schwartz	X		
Gunn	X			Peterson			X	Sizemore	X		
Irwin	X			Ping	X			Smith			X
Judge	X			Prater	X						

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COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)SS.

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, as it appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2009.

**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk



**Res. No. 09-0013**



**Washtenaw County  
Office of Strategic Planning**

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January 22, 2009-DRAFT UNTIL ADOPTED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attn: Matthew Payne, Secretary  
Pittsfield Township Planning Commission  
6201 West Michigan Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

RE: Pittsfield Township Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan –  
Dated October 16, 2008

Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan. In accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, the amendment was reviewed by Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners. The Washtenaw County Department of Parks and Recreation, Road Commission, Department of Public Health, Office of the Drain Commissioner and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) were also given the opportunity to comment on the amendments.

The Township is seeking review and comment on amendments relative to 4 geographic areas to the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan:

1. Reclassification of Lillie Park Central from "*Light Industrial*" to "*Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space*"
2. Reclassification of Hickory Woods Park from "*Public Recreation*" and "*Moderate Density Residential*" to "*Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space*"
3. Reclassification of Kirtland Hills Park from "*Moderate Density Residential*" to "*Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space*"
4. Reclassification of Morgan Road Master Booster Station and Adjoining Site from "*Agricultural Preservation*" to "*Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space*"

**Staff reviewed the proposed update in the context of A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County (County Plan), plans of contiguous local units of government and the current Pittsfield Charter Township Comprehensive Plan (Township Plan). Staff found the proposed amendments consistent with the County Plan and the plans for the contiguous communities.**

Although not applicable to the consistency with the County Plan, we strongly encourage particular attention to the non-motorized transportation connections to

the park sites in accordance with Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan policies. This is supported by the comments from WATS.

The attached staff report provides additional detail and background regarding county comments. Additionally, agency comments are provided containing additional detailed recommendations and should be reviewed and considered. On behalf of the Planning Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners, I would like to thank you for your contribution to promoting a shared vision for Washtenaw County.

If our office may be of assistance to the Township as you work to implement the policies included in your plan, please call me at (734) 222-6809.

Sincerely,

Patricia Denig  
Director of Community Planning  
Office of Strategic Planning  
Washtenaw County

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Attachment  
Staff Report





### Staff Report

**RE:** Comprehensive Plan Amendments Pittsfield Township – Dated October 16, 2008

**Date:** December 16, 2008

### Background

The Washtenaw County Office of Community Planning (OCP) received the draft Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Pittsfield Township on November 18, 2008. In accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, the County is to provide comments to the Township, which must include two statements of consistency:

- A statement as to whether, after considering any comments received by contiguous local units of government, the proposed update is consistent with the plan of contiguous communities, and;
- A statement as to whether the proposed update is consistent with the County Plan.

The proposed update was reviewed for consistency with the County Plan. The Washtenaw County Department of Development Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, Road Commission, Department of Public Health, Office of the Drain Commissioner and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) were also given the opportunity to comment on the document.

### Summary of Update/Review in context of County Plan

The Township is seeking review and comment on amendments relative to 4 geographic areas to the Pittsfield Township Comprehensive Plan (summarized on attached map). Many of these amendments are the result of parkland acquisitions by the Township and the appropriate designation of the properties accordingly. The designation of these properties is supported by the Township Plan:

*“It is important to provide this designation in order to specifically identify land used for public facilities, parks, recreation, and open space . . . future land acquisitions and development for similar uses should be converted to this future land use designation and protected as such.”*

*-from Public Facilities and Public/Private Recreation/Open Space p. 27 Township Plan*

As the designation of these properties to accurately reflect their current use on the Township’s Existing Land Use Map is basic in nature, the focus of comments that follow will be on the Future Land Use Designation.

**1. Reclassification of Lillie Park Central on the Future Land Use Map from "Light Industrial" to "Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space"**

The parcel is adjacent to other recreational facilities creating a larger public recreation facility. The site is on Platt Road, which is planned to include a 10 ft. wide asphalt path providing non-motorized access. The County Plan Future Landscapes Map (Map 3-6 Recommended Potential Future Landscapes) identifies the area as Suburban in which the proposed future land use designation is consistent.

**2. Reclassification of Hickory Woods Park on the Future Land Use Map from "Public Recreation" and "Moderate Density Residential" to "Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space"**

In a previous amendment, this parcel was planned into several categories (broken into three sections). The proposed amendment would designate the entire property "Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space." The County Plan Future Landscapes Map (Map 3-6 Recommended Potential Future Landscapes) identifies the area as Suburban for which the proposed future land use designation is consistent. While the major routes that surround this property are planned for non-motorized routes, ensuring a safe, non-motorized connection through the adjacent subdivision(s) will be important.

This property is adjacent to Ypsilanti Township which has designated the property adjacent to this parcel as Single-Family Residential, consistent with the proposed land use designation for Hickory Woods Park.

**3. Reclassification of Kirtland Hills Park on the Future Land Use Map from "Moderate Density Residential" to "Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space"**

The County Plan Future Landscapes Map (Map 3-6 Recommended Potential Future Landscapes) identifies the area as Suburban for which the proposed future land use designation is consistent. While the major routes that surround this property are planned for non-motorized routes, ensuring a safe, non-motorized connection through the adjacent subdivision(s) will be important.

**4. Reclassification of Morgan Road Master Booster Station and Adjoining Site on the Future Land Use Map from "Agricultural Preservation" to "Public Facilities and Public and Private Recreation/Open Space"**

The County Plan Future Landscapes Map (Map 3-6 Recommended Potential Future Landscapes) identifies the area as Open Space for which the proposed future land use designation is consistent. While the operation of the booster station and utility vehicle storage are not recreational, the public ownership of the facilities, as well as the potential use of the adjoining parcel for parkland, is consistent with the County Plan.

### **Contiguous Community Land Uses**

Not applicable except as noted above.

### **Contiguous Community Comments**

None received

### **Applicable County Department Comments**

Washtenaw County Public Health: None Submitted

Washtenaw County Drain Commission (WCDC): None Submitted

### **Other Area Agency Comments**

Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS): See attached



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## WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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### Planning Reviews

**Community:** Pittsfield Township

**Date Received:** November 26, 2008

**Complete Master Plan Update:**

**Complete Zoning Plan Update:**

**Master Plan Amendment:** X

**Zoning Plan Amendment:**

**Other:** Growth Management Plan Update

**Sections reviewed:** \_\_\_\_ Goals \_\_\_\_ Policies \_\_\_\_ Land Use Recommendations

\_\_\_\_ Transportation Recommendations

\_\_\_\_ Other

This limited master plan amendment is typical of that provided in the past by the Township for comment. Although seemingly minor in scope, the lack of overall Plan review and amendment in its entirety lends itself to piecemeal amendments without due consideration to what the impacts will be on the transportation components of the Master Plan. WATS would like to see some consideration given to the transportation network (including road, transit and non-motorized) serving these amendments when presented. The maps provided did not highlight the proposed amendments and without access to tax id's it was more time consuming to review.

**Land Use Implications:**

The provision of parkland is a great addition to the community but all locations must have adequate access by all modes of travel.

**Transportation Component Implications:**

The township should consider the provision of non-motorized access directly to Kirtland Hills and Hickory Woods park given their location to the surrounding subdivisions.

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