PROPOSED

#### Minutes of a Regular Meeting Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees, September 8, 2021 E.A. Jackson Morris Hall, The Robert A. Lillie Service Center 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-Thompson
Edwards-Brown
Deputy Clerk Lyn Sebestyen, Director Billy Weirich, Director
Tracy Watkins, Director Jessica West, Coordinator Jonathan
Mazza, Specialist Jill Mitchell, Manager Michael Rivet, George
Ralph, Christina Lirones, Denise Ralph, Felicia Scott, Jaye Starr,
Jen Hein, Lind Babcock, Matthew Best, Pat Lennington, Ralph
Powell, Tom Colis, Elizabeth Baumstark, Philip Geyer, Amanda
Gebhardt, Kent Felgner.

## **1. Call Meeting to Order**

Supervisor Grewal called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Supervisor Grewal.

## 3. Roll Call

Members Present:	Grewal (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
	Anzaldi (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
	Scribner (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
	Jaffer (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
	Krone (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
	Urda-Thompson (meeting remotely at Pittsfield Township)
Members Absent:	Edwards-Brown

## 3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Grewal removed agenda item 10.1.

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to approve the agenda as amended.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Grewal asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001.

#### 4. Public Comment I

Philip Geyer is not in favor of the streetlights for Washtenaw Heights. He acknowledged the tragic deaths of two Township residents on Packard. He appreciates what the Board does. He believes adding these streetlights is not the right solution.

Elizabeth Baumstark does not believe adding streetlighting will improve pedestrian safety and requested the Township look into traffic calming devices, putting in sidewalks, adding crosswalks, or stop signs.

Lind Babcock stated she is in favor of the streetlights.

Kent Felgner, 2429 and 2451 Dayton Drive, believes there are redundant streetlights being proposed and advocated for solar-powered streetlights that can provide community wi-fi.

Christina Lirones, 151 E. Textile Road, requested No Thru Truck signs for non-truck route roads including Campbell, Payeur, Morgan, and the gravel portion of Stone School roads. She thanked Trustee Urda-Thompson for walking through the concerned roads. She requested the drafted e-mail regarding be sent to the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Jaye Starr requested that the proposed streetlights turn off fifteen minutes after the last bus service for the day. She believes the apartments in the area should also be part of the Special Assessment District (SAD). She is in favor of solar-powered streetlights.

Jen Hein, 4622 Central Boulevard, is in favor of the proposed streetlights and she encouraged additional measures such as traffic calming devices and a School Resource Officer.

Amanda Gebhardt, 2786 Hawks Avenue, is in favor of the proposed streetlights.

#### 4.1 Board Response to Public Comment I

Trustee Urda-Thompson reported that she received a cost estimate of \$2,716.36 for seven No Thru Truck signs that would honor Ms. Lirones' request.

Supervisor Grewal asked that the cost estimate be forwarded to all Board members. She also wanted to thank all those who spoke at public comment and stated the Board will be addressing those concerns at this meeting.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### 5.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2021

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Krone, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2021.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 5.2 Approve the Minutes of the Working Session held on August 11, 2021

Moved by Trustee Jaffer, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to approve the minutes of the Working Session held on August 11, 2021.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. Public Hearings/Presentations/Proclamations

## 6.1 Proclamation of Appreciation to Lyn Sebestyen for Her Service to Pittsfield Charter Township

Supervisor Grewal presented the Proclamation of Appreciation to Lyn Sebestyen.

Clerk Anzaldi stated it has been an honor and privilege to work with Deputy Clerk Sebestyen. She wishes her well and knows that Deputy Clerk Sebestyen will be missed by her, the Township, and the Clerks' community.

Trustee Krone echoed Clerk Anzaldi's sentiments. He has known Deputy Clerk Sebestyen since she started working for Pittsfield Township in 2012 and will miss her deeply.

Trustee Jaffer echoed Clerk Anzaldi and Trustee Krone's sentiments. He recounted Deputy Clerk Sebestyen assisting his mother in voting absentee when she was very sick. He has no doubt Deputy Clerk Sebestyen provided this level of outstanding service to everyone in the community, and thanked her for her dedication.

Treasurer Scribner stated that everyone will miss Deputy Clerk Sebestyen and she wished her a very successful future in whatever she pursues.

Deputy Clerk Sebestyen thanked everyone for their sentiments.

Supervisor Grewal believes Deputy Clerk Sebestyen will be missed not just by the Township, but by all of Washtenaw County, and expressed her well wishes.

# 6.2 Public Hearing: Arbor Ridge Crossing Phase 1 Street Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD)

Supervisor Grewal opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Supervisor Grewal closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

## 6.3 Public Hearing: Meadows of Arbor Ridge Phase 1 Street Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD)

Supervisor Grewal opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Grewal closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

## 6.4 Public Hearing: Washtenaw Heights Neighborhood Area Street Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD)

Supervisor Grewal opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Pat Lennington submitted a letter to the Board. She is not in favor of the size and scope of the project, and requested the Board demand DTE offer more environmental conscious solutions.

George Ralph is in favor of the solar-powered streetlights. He also wanted to wish Deputy Clerk Sebestyen all the best, and the community will miss her.

Clerk Anzaldi stated there were four comments not included in the Board meeting packet received by her office from Philip Geyer, Pat Lennington, Lauren Young, and Tony

Walbridge. All four were received by Board members ahead of this meeting (see Attachment 1).

Lind Babcock is in favor of the streetlights. She believes the project has already been scaled down.

Philip Geyer believes there are better solutions to address traffic and pedestrian safety and strongly advocated for an alternative solution that slows down the traffic for the neighborhood. He supports solar-powered streetlights.

Jen Hein wants a multi-faceted approach, not just streetlights. She spoke in favor of solarpowered lighting.

Trustee Urda-Thompson advocated for solar power integration in the Township. She would like someone on the ground to check for redundant lighting. She also believes DTE does not offer solar-powered streetlights, and the Board should look at a different vendor that can provide them.

Trustee Krone agrees in pursuing the solar-powered streetlighting option.

Supervisor Grewal thanked everyone for speaking. She closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

#### 6.5 Wheeler Center Solar Farm Project Update; Michael Rivet, DTE

Manager Michael Rivet presented to the Board (see Attachment 2).

Supervisor Grewal stated that the PUD approval related to this project was pulled because of some changes as Manager Rivet noted during the presentation.

Manager Rivet stated that a fixed price and committed energy amount means there will be years where the customer is overpaying for unused energy or runs out of energy. Paying by energy use means a fluctuating price to meet energy demands of the user.

Clerk Anzaldi favors paying for how much energy the Township uses, but is wary of committing to that model without seeing any cost estimate.

Supervisor Grewal requested a written cost estimate or rate so the Board can better determine if the project is financially viable to meet the goal of 100% renewable energy use in the Township, in addition to a written agreement.

Manager Rivet agreed to working towards a written agreement with the Township.

Treasurer Scribner thought it might serve the Board to hold a working session regarding.

Supervisor Grewal inquired about solar-powered streetlighting.

Manager Rivet does not believe DTE offers solar-powered streetlighting, but will confirm and notify the Supervisor's office.

#### 7. Communications

#### 7.1 Communications

Moved by Trustee Krone, supported by Treasurer Scribner, to receive and file communications.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 8. Consent Agenda

- 8.1 Approve payment of Accounts Payable checks #39409 through #39686 in the amount of \$1,325,438.01
- 8.2 Approve payment of Payroll Payables checks #1412 through #1426 in the amount of \$30,758.72
- 8.3 Approve payment of Tax Checking Fund checks #22961 through #22994 in the amount of \$14,702,739.70
- 8.4 Approve payment to Consultants for Community Development General Services in the amount of \$11,297.10
- 8.5 Approve payment to Consultants for Parks and Recreation General Services in the amount of \$5,566.38
- 8.6 Approve payment to Consultants for UMS General Services in the amount of \$21,476.19
- 8.7 Approve the application for additional credited service through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) for Orna Angus, with the entire cost of the purchase of time to be funded by Ms. Angus
- 8.8 Receive the July 2021 Building Activity Report
- 8.9 Receive the August 2021 Republic Services Rubbish Collection Report
- 8.10 Receive the September 8, 2021 Personnel Report

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to approve consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.10.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 9. Items from the Treasurer

#### None

#### **10. Items from the Clerk**

#### None

#### **<u>11. Items from the Supervisor</u>**

11.1 Adopt a Resolution to Commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the Terror Attacks on September 11th, 2001, Resolution #21-47

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to Adopt a Resolution to Commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the Terror Attacks on September 11th, 2001, Resolution #21-47.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.2 Adopt a Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Millage Rates, Resolution #21-44

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to Adopt a Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Millage Rates, Resolution #21-44.

Supervisor Grewal stated that the millage rates have not changed.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.3 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse (2021 CWSRF BONDS), Resolution #21-48

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse (2021 CWSRF BONDS), Resolution #21-48.

Director Billy Weirich stated that the Township has received approvals for the CWSRF. American Recovery Act would relieve some of the financial pressure, but there are contingencies built in if the American Recovery Act does not pass.

Treasurer Scribner asked who is working with the Township for financial advising and bond counseling, which Director Weirich clarified.

Clerk Anzaldi asked what the financial impact on Townships residents would be and Director Weirich stated that he is working on the numbers to minimize the financial impact on residents as much as possible.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.4 Adopt a Resolution for Re-Appointments to Township Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Resolution #21-45

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to Adopt a Resolution for Re-Appointments to Township Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Resolution #21-45.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.5 Adopt a Resolution Supporting Conversion of Paved Shoulders to 10' Shared Used Pathway for the 2022/2023 Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project, Resolution #21-46

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Krone, to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Conversion of Paved Shoulders to 10' Shared Used Pathway for the 2022/2023 Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project, Resolution #21-46.

Treasurer Scribner asked how the project is being funded.

Supervisor Grewal clarified that construction is budgeted for through State funds the Township received for the entire Michigan Avenue Corridor project. Maintenance will be covered by the Township.

Trustee Krone asked for the attached cross section mentioned in Resolution #21-46.

Supervisor Grewal provided the requested attachment (see Attachment 3).

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.6 Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into an Easement Agreement with Bestech4, LLC for establishing easements over the water main, subject to Township Attorney approval

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Krone, to Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into an Easement Agreement with Bestech4, LLC for establishing easements over the water main, subject to Township Attorney approval.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 11.7 Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for a cost not to exceed \$30,800 per year, subject to township attorney approval

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to Authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into a three-year Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for a cost not to exceed \$30,800 per year, subject to township attorney approval.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 11.8 Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in the Washtenaw Heights neighborhood area, and setting a Public Hearing date, Resolution #21-41

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Treasurer Scribner, to Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in the Washtenaw Heights neighborhood area, and setting a Public Hearing date, Resolution #21-41.

Clerk Anzaldi advocated for solar-powered streetlights.

Treasurer Scribner is in favor of the streetlights. She wants the number of lights and spacing to be checked again.

Supervisor Grewal stated that DTE checks for redundancies.

Trustee Urda-Thompson advocated for finding a different vendor that offers solarpowered lights.

Trustee Jaffer spoke in favor of solar-powered streetlights.

Trustee Krone asked for clarification of adopting Resolution #21-41.

Director Jessica West clarified that this resolution is to declare intent for establishing the SAD. DTE stated they do not offer solar-powered streetlights because of cost, reliability issues, unmet safety standards, and maintenance. City municipalities that have solar-power streetlights have their own DPW departments to maintain those lights. The Township has since removed two lights that are redundant.

Trustee Krone asked how controlled the light direction is.

Director West stated that the lights cast downward, there is no upward light, and a small portion of back light. The streetlights would be 17,400 lumens, 4,000 Kelvin.

Supervisor Grewal expressed gratitude for public feedback. She encourages residents to reach out to her office regarding other proposed solutions so that the Township can best serve their needs. She is going to pursue conversations on powering the LED streetlights through solar-power if the solar-powered streetlights are not feasible.

## **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:None

**ABSENT:**Edwards-Brown**ABSTAIN:**None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.9 Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in Arbor Ridge Crossing Phase 1, and setting the tax roll, Resolution #21-42

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in Arbor Ridge Crossing Phase 1, and setting the tax roll, Resolution #21-42.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### 11.10 Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in Meadows of Arbor Ridge Phase 1, and setting the tax roll, Resolution #21-43

Moved by Treasurer Scribner, supported by Clerk Anzaldi, to Adopt a Resolution declaring the township's intent to establish a street lighting Special Assessment District in Meadows of Arbor Ridge Phase 1, and setting the tax roll, Resolution #21-43.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

AYES:Grewal, Anzaldi, Scribner, Jaffer, Krone, Urda-ThompsonNAYES:NoneABSENT:Edwards-BrownABSTAIN:None

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **12. Unfinished Business**

#### None

13. New Business

#### None

14. Liaison Reports

#### None

#### 15. Public Comment II

Molly with DTE spoke with Deborah King, the Township's streetlight liaison. Currently, there are no streetlights vetted by the Engineering Society of North America (ESNA) that are solar-powered. The few solar-powered lights that people are seeing are not approved by the ESNA, and are more for demonstration for the potential for solar-powered lighting. All DTE streetlights are International Dark Sky Association compliant.

Christina Lirones, 151 E. Textile Road, stated that Deputy Clerk Sebestyen will be very much missed. She is one of the most public facing employees of this administration. She has been nothing but extremely helpful and thoughtful. Ms. Sebestyen brought such a degree of professionalism and wealth of background knowledge. She wishes Deputy Clerk Sebestyen well in her future endeavors, and thanked her as a former elected official and a Township resident.

#### 15.1 Board Response to Public Comment II

None

#### 16. Adjournment

Moved by Clerk Anzaldi, supported by Trustee Jaffer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED** 

Rita K. Lee, Recording Clerk Pittsfield Charter Township

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk Pittsfield Charter Township

Mandy Grewal, Supervisor Pittsfield Charter Township

#### Michelle Anzaldi

Michelle Anzaldi
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 12:09 PM
dcyoungIm@gmail.com; Mandy Grewal; Patricia Scribner; Gerald Krone; Andrea Urda-Thompson; Linda Edwards-Brown; Yameen Jaffer
Jonathan Mazza
FW: Lighting in Washtenaw Heights

Good Afternoon,

I am forwarding this to the Board so that they my consider your comments before the meeting tonight. -Michelle



#### Michelle L. Anzaldi

Pittsfield Charter Township Clerk 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 P: (734) 822-3121 | F: (734) 944-8024

From: Lauren Young <dcyounglm@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:47 AM To: Clerks Email <Clerk@pittsfield-mi.gov> Subject: Lighting in Washtenaw Heights

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#### Dear Clerk,

I am writing to oppose additional and improved street lighting within the Washtenaw Heights residential area. I am also writing to oppose the creation of a special assessment district to pay for the aforementioned street lighting.

Sincerely, Lauren Young 2568 Dayton Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 September 8, 2021

Michelle L. Anzaldi, Clerk Pittsfield Charter Township

Dear Ms. Anzaldi:

We have owned and occupied our home at 2491 Oakdale Drive (Parcel I.D. Number L-12-01-301-002) since 1977. We enjoy the "rural" nature of our neighborhood with its unpaved roads and numerous mature hardwood trees. We appreciate our friendly neighbors and the diversity of our Washtenaw Heights community.

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed "additional and improved street lighting" project for our neighborhood:

- The proposed number of lights to be placed along Central is 11; for an "interior" neighborhood street, that seems excessive. That would illuminate a 2-lane street in a manner roughly equivalent to a major 5-lane transit corridor (e.g., Carpenter Road between Packard and Washtenaw.)
- While we appreciate that the proposed project would provide LED light fixtures, DTE has apparently not provided an option for solar powered fixtures. Many homeowners expressed this concern during the 2014 consideration of a similar project for our neighborhood; given the worsening environmental conditions that our planet is experiencing, it is remarkably irresponsible that DTE is still not prepared to provide our community with a solar powered lighting option.
- No information has been provided re: the potential for light pollution (i.e., excess illumination upward bound) from the lighting fixtures. No information has been provided as to whether the light system would operate "only as needed" (when natural light levels are low).
- While we are aware of the concern for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and pets, we are also aware of the fact that the presence of thirty-two, 28' tall, bright lights will significantly change the character—the ambience of our neighborhood. Safety is important but peaceful appreciation of dark skies and night creatures is important too.

We hope that these points will be considered during tonight's hearing. Information from this hearing should be distributed to the homeowners before any decision is taken regarding the Washtenaw Heights lighting proposal.

Sincerely yours,

John and Patricia Lennington

#### **Michelle Anzaldi**

From:	Michelle Anzaldi
Sent:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021 3:11 PM
To:	Mandy Grewal; Patricia Scribner, Gerald Krone; Linda Edwards-Brown; Yameen Jaffer; Andrea Urda-
	Thompson; pgeyer@wccnet.edu
Subject:	FW: Special Assessment

Dear Mr. and Ms. Geyer,

I am forwarding your comments to the Board for their consideration at tonight's meeting. -Michelle

Michelle L. Anzaldi Township Clerk

6201 W. Michigan Ave Ann Arbor, MI 48108

(734) 822-3120

-----Original Message-----From: Phil Geyer <pgeyer@wccnet.edu> Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 2:48 PM To: Clerks Email <Clerk@pittsfield-mi.gov> Subject: Special Assessment

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Dear Ms Anzaldi,

We object to the lighting plan and the opposed special assessment. We would appreciate it if you could email us details about the lighting plan, including information about the specific lights to be installed, beyond the fact that they are 136W LEDs.

Thank you,

Phil and Marilyn Geyer

2512 Dayton Dr

Ann Arbor MI 48108

#### Michelle Anzaldi

From:	Michelle Anzaldi
Sent:	Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:10 AM
To:	walbridge602@sbcglobal.net; Mandy Grewal; Patricia Scribner; Gerald Krone; Linda Edwards-Brown; Andrea Urda-Thompson; Yameen Jaffer
Cc:	Jonathan Mazza
Subject:	FW: Washtenaw Heights lighting project

Mr. Walbridge,

I am forwarding this email to the board for their review prior to the BOT meeting. -Michelle



#### Michelle L. Anzaldi

Pittsfield Charter Township Clerk 6201 W. Michigan Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 P: (734) 822-3121 | F: (734) 944-8024

From: Tony Walbridge <walbridge602@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 1:22 PM To: Clerks Email <Clerk@pittsfield-mi.gov> Subject: Fw: Washtenaw Heights lighting project

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FYI, For some reason my email sent below came back to me as undeliverable. I checked the email address and it appears to be correct to me. So, I am resending the message....

----- Forwarded Message -----From: Tony Walbridge <<u>walbridge602@sbcglobal.net</u>> To: clerk@pittsfield-mi.org Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 08:01:39 PM EDT Subject: Washtenaw Heights lighting project

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as one of the residents who voted against the Washington Heights street lighting project.

Part of the reason I voted against the project is because of my enjoyment of the rural feel of our neighborhood and my enjoyment of the darkness and the accompanying night skies that are visible without light pollution. Prior to living here, we lived in NE AA near to Clague MS. The neighborhood we lived had no fences, but it had many, many streetlamps that detracted from its edge of civilization feel. The light pollution there made the neighborhood less enjoyable for me personally.

I am particularly wary of the LED lighting that is proposed since I find the LED lighting to be even more egregious because of the sharp glare associated with it. I already have several neighbors who seem to think nothing of glaring their neighbors at night because of the flood lights they employ in their backyards and their nearly horizontal aiming. The addition of a streetlight at one of the corners on Central Ave. near to my house threatens to introduce a permanent night-time glaring light into my living room, as if the steady stream of traffic through our street is not enough. At least the neighbor's lights

are not automatic. If it is insisted that the lights will go in, I would ask the lights be pointed mostly downward and not be employed to light up a large surrounding area. Also, it is mentioned that lights are 136 watts. This tells very little about how bright these lights will be. It would be much more accurate to indicate how many lumens that will mean, and to give some idea of what an equivalent amount of lumens for some other common light might be. Is that the same as an airplane's flood light, or a street lamp at Kroger or what? Please be ready to show at the meeting what the light dispersion pattern will look like and some type of photo representation of how that will look, as well as a better explanation of how many lumens a 136 W LED lamp will be.

Sincerely,

Tony Walbridge

(living near Grant and Central)



## Wheeler Center Solar Project

Overview of project with Pittsfield Township

September 8, 2021

DTE has been working with Pittsfield and Ann Arbor since 2019 to develop a solution to drive greater renewable energy access and recently received approval to continue exploring the project

#### Project Highlights to Date

- $\bullet$  Conducted feasibility study to develop site layout and potential sizing in 2019
- Discussed conceptual program design in 2020
- Held a public solar forum for Pittsfield Township
- · Collaborated with Pittsfield and Ann Arbor on PUD amendment
- Initiated Interconnection Study in late 2019 and completed early 2021
- Through settlement of DTE's Renewable Energy Plan (REP) and Section 61 filing, DTE signed an MOU with the City of Ann Arbor and received Commission approval to further explore the potential solar project
  - Develop as an anchor tenant project
  - Issue RFP for construction within 120 days of the Order
  - Requires a special contract to be filed for MPSC approval (i.e., tariff and program mechanics)

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