

GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

August 17, 2015

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Call to the Public (Public comment will be limited to two minutes per person)*:

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: Aug. 3, 2015

3. Consider approval of a fireworks display application from Kim Cybart for September 6, 2015 on Lake Chemung.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

4. Request for approval of an amendment to the Road Improvement Fund #261 to approve expenditures not to exceed \$139,416 for road work in Tri-Lakes.

5. Consider approval of a bid from Highway Maintenance for 2015 Paving Improvements including Tri-Lakes Slurry Coat (\$109,250) and Township Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction and Maintenance (\$77,850).

6. Request to enter into a closed session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268 § 8 (e).

Correspondence

Member Discussion

Adjournment

*Citizen's Comments- In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, opportunity to comment on individual agenda items may be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.

CHECK REGISTERS FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 17, 2015

TOWNSHIP GENERAL EXPENSES: Thru August 17, 2015	\$95,910.03
August 14, 2015 Bi Weekly Payroll	\$82,446.16
OPERATING EXPENSES: Thru August 17, 2015	\$82,311.64
TOTAL:	<u>\$260,667.83</u>

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor No</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
31993	ADAMS	Adams Well Drilling, Inc.	08/17/2015	453.00
31994	AMER IMA	Applied Imaging	08/17/2015	8.42
31995	B S & A	B S & A Software, Inc.	08/17/2015	4,563.00
31996	Clearwat	Clearwater Systems	08/17/2015	58.50
31997	COMCAST	Comcast	08/17/2015	324.45
31998	CONSUMER	Consumers Energy	08/17/2015	19.50
31999	CONTINEN	Continental Linen Service	08/17/2015	102.90
32000	COOPERST	Cooper's Turf Management LLC	08/17/2015	976.00
32001	DTE LAKE	DTE Energy	08/17/2015	80.36
32002	Duncan	Duncan Disposal Systems	08/17/2015	79,267.65
32003	Dyk	Dykema Gossett, PLLC	08/17/2015	488.20
32004	GORDONFO	Gordon's Food Services	08/17/2015	192.30
32005	LivCTrea	Livingston County Treasurer	08/17/2015	194.87
32006	MI MUNIC	Michigan Municipal League	08/17/2015	24.00
32007	MI Soc P	MI Association of Planning	08/17/2015	75.00
32008	MI TW AS	Michigan Township Assoc	08/17/2015	100.00
32009	OEX	Office Express Inc.	08/17/2015	42.79
32010	Perfect	Perfect Maintenance Cleaning	08/17/2015	565.00
32011	ROCKET	Rocket Enterprise Inc	08/17/2015	1,495.00
32012	Tetra Te	Tetra Tech Inc	08/17/2015	845.00
32013	TRI COUN	Tri County Supply, Inc.	08/17/2015	45.00
32014	USBANK	U. S. Bank Equipment Finance	08/17/2015	1,358.15
32015	WEX	WEX Bank	08/17/2015	59.88
32016	ETNA SUP	Etna Supply Company	08/17/2015	3,875.00
32017	ICCMA	ICMA	08/17/2015	696.06

Report Total: 95,910.03

Accounts Payable
Computer Check Register

Genoa Township

2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

(810) 227-5225

User: angie

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Bank Account: 101CH

Check	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Date	Invoice No	Amount
13392	EFT-FED	EFT- Federal Payroll Tax	08/14/2015		8,532.30 4,826.16 4,826.16 1,128.69 1,128.69
			Check 13392 Total:		20,442.00
13393	EFT-PENS	EFT- Payroll Pens Ln Pyts	08/14/2015		2,751.41
			Check 13393 Total:		2,751.41
13394	EFT-PRIN	EFT-Principal Retirement 457	08/14/2015		1,095.00
			Check 13394 Total:		1,095.00
13395	EFT-ROTH	EFT-Principal Roth	08/14/2015		615.00
			Check 13395 Total:		615.00
13396	EFT-TASC	EFT-Flex Spending	08/14/2015		1,069.97
			Check 13396 Total:		1,069.97
			Report Total:		25,973.38

CK# 12130 \$1088.32

8/14/2015 Direct Deposit Payroll
 \$27,061.70
 ← \$55,384.46
 \$82,446.16
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Genoa Charter Township
User: angie

Payroll
Computer Check Register

Printed: 08/06/15 10:58
Batch: 614-08-2015

<u>Check No</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Employee Information</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12130	08/14/2015	Czuprenski Brian Czuprenski	1,088.32
Total Number of Employees: 1			Total for Payroll Check Run: 1,088.32

Account Number	Debit	Credit	Account Description
101-000-002-000	0.00	55,384.46	Cash-checking Account Only
101-000-259-000	55,384.46	0.00	Payroll Direct Deposit
	55,384.46	55,384.46	
Report Totals:	55,384.46	55,384.46	

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#595 PINE CREEK W/S FUND

Payment of Bills

August 4 - 17, 2015

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
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no checks issued

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#592 OAK POINTE WATER/SEWER FUND

Payment of Bills

August 4 - 17, 2015

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill Pmt -Ched	08/06/2015	3392	CONSUMERS ENERGY	Gas 6-27/15 to 7/28/2015	-56.20
Bill Pmt -Ched	08/06/2015	3393	DTE ENERGY	Electric bills 5-30-15 to 6-30-15	-349.38
Check	08/10/2015	3394	DTE ENERGY	Oak Pointe Electricity Billings	-4,795.40
Bill Pmt -Ched	08/10/2015	3395	DTE ENERGY	Electric bills 6-30-15 to 7-30-15	-506.51
Check	08/10/2015	3396	Duncan Disposal Systems	4740 Oakpointe	-20.64
Check	08/17/2015	3397	NORTHWEST PIPE AND SUPPLY, INC	Oak Pointe Invoices 06/29/2015-07/16/20	-459.11
Check	08/17/2015	3398	M & K Jetting and Televising	Invoice 15524-15535-15534	-3,575.00
Check	08/17/2015	3399	ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORAT	Invoice #SLS 10035158	-710.68
Check	08/17/2015	3400	McNaughton-McKay Electric	Inv 14077715-00	-964.56
Check	08/17/2015	3401	MICHIGAN CAT	Inv SD5463036	-925.00
Check	08/17/2015	3402	USA Bluebook	Inv. #702959 07/21/2015	-107.14
Check	08/17/2015	3403	GENOA TWP DPW FUND	Maintenance/Billing Fees August 2015	-39,496.66
Check	08/17/2015	3404	KENNEDY INDUSTRIES	Invoice # 563509 08/04/2015	-392.30
Check	08/17/2015	3405	Tetra Tech, Inc.	Invoice #50944255-08/03/2015	-3,968.55
Check	08/17/2015	3406	GRUNDY ACE OF HOWELL	Inv. #79260 08/04/2015	-15.93
Total					-56,343.06

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#503 DPW UTILITY FUND

Payment of Bills

August 4 - 17, 2015

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	08/06/2015	3312	Jacob Mitchell	S-3 Certification- 50% reimbursement of exam fee	-89.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2015	3313	MWEA	Humphriss, Tesha Affiliate Comp. Membership	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2015	3314	TalentWise Inc	Employee Back Ground Check	-87.00
Check	08/10/2015	3315	Genoa Township Petty Cash	Petty cash	-32.00
Check	08/10/2015	3316	Port City Communications, Inc.	08/01/2015-08/31/2015	-275.63
Check	08/10/2015	3317	WEX Bank	fuel purchases-07/01/2015-07/31/2015	-3,631.21
Check	08/17/2015	3318	Auto Zone	Truck #2-Invoice # 2170182103	-12.99
Check	08/17/2015	3319	MWEA	Invoice # E15192 07/27/2015	-125.00
Check	08/17/2015	3320	Pollardwater.com - East	Invoice # 0020596	-159.73
Check	08/17/2015	3321	Red Wing Shoe Store	Invoice # 517052751-07/21/2015	-200.00
Check	08/17/2015	3322	TETRA TECH, INC.	Invoice # 50945837-08/05/2015	-880.00
Check	08/17/2015	3323	Victory Lane Quick Oil Change	Invoice # 42332-07/24/2015	-40.48
Check	08/17/2015	3324	USABlueBook	Invoice # 700093-07/17/2015	-284.24
Check	08/17/2015	3325	D&G Equipment, Inc.	Invoice # 340317 07/22/2015 #339634-07/21/2015	-176.76
Check	08/17/2015	3326	Tractor Supply Co.	6035301203240252 Invoice # 200321113	-299.99
Total					-6,359.03

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#593 LAKE EDGEWOOD W/S FUND

Payment of Bills

August 4 - 17, 2015

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Check	08/10/2015	2794	DTE Energy	LE Electricity Billings	-3,438.14
Check	08/17/2015	2795	Consumers Energy	2740 Breckenridge Dr	-15.38
Check	08/17/2015	2796	Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc	Professional Services 07/25/2015	-5,219.68
Check	08/17/2015	2797	Brighton Analytical L.L.C.	Invoice #89855-89781	-154.00
Check	08/17/2015	2798	GENOA TWP DPW FUND	Maintenance/ Billing Fees August 2015	-10,453.92
Check	08/17/2015	2799	USA BLUE BOOK	Inv. #711489 07/30/2015	-169.94
Check	08/17/2015	2800	Tetra Tech Inc.	Inv. #50944256	-158.49
Total					-19,609.55

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GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

August 3, 2015

MINUTES

Supervisor McCririe called the regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said. The following members were present constituting a quorum for business: Gary McCririe, Paulette Skolarus, Robin Hunt, Jean Ledford, Linda Rowell, Jim Mortensen and Todd Smith. Also present were: Township Manager Michael Archinal; Township Assistant Manager Kelly VanMarter; Township Attorney Frank Mancuso; and approximately 40 persons in the audience.

A Call to the Public was made with the following response: Kurt Skarjune (president of the Lake Edgewood Condominium Association) addressed the board concerning recent crimes within the township. Petitions were provided asking the township to research the possibility of establishing a fixed law enforcement presence in the township.

Terry Croft – The office was closed today because of the storm and loss of power. The board should look into a generator for the future for a safe haven or shelter in case of disaster.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Moved by Ledford and supported by Mortensen to approve all items listed under the consent as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Payment of Bills.

2. Request to Approve Minutes: July 20, 2015

3. Request for approval of annual rate adjustments for Lake Edgewood Water and Pine Creek Sewer and Water customers as recommended by Greg Tatara, Utility Director.

4. Consider approval of a contract services proposal from the Livingston County Economic Development Council.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Moved by Hunt and supported by Rowell to approve for action all items listed under the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Clarification of previous action related to the Livingston Christian School special use application at Brighton Church of Nazarene.

A call to the public was made with the following response: Pastor Ben Walls addressed the board and read a statement on behalf of the Church of the Nazarene concerning unintentional mistakes that were made with regard to their request for a school within their facility. Julie Singer – Please follow federal, state and local laws and allow us to extend our church’s mission by approving this school as your ordinance requires.

Moved by Rowell and supported by Smith to deny the Special Land Use request by the Church of the Nazarene as provided by Section 19.02.04 (f) (5) for use by the Livingston Christian School. This action is based upon the finding that the proposed use is inconsistent with the standards of Section 19.03.01, 19.03.02, 19.03.03, 19.03.04, and 19.03.05 of the Township Zoning Ordinance and specifically finds that:

- 1.) The expanded use of the church to include a K-12 school will exacerbate the existing and historical negative impacts of the church on the adjacent neighborhood. The need for active traffic management and restricted egress from the facility provides that the site cannot accommodate the use properly and it increases the potential for negative off-site traffic impacts.
- 2.) The proposed use is not consistent with the following goals of the Master Plan:
 - a. “Achieve well-planned, safe, balanced, and pleasant residential neighborhoods.”
 - b. “Promote harmonious and organized development consistent with adjacent land uses.”
- 3.) The project is contrary to the statement of purpose for the Single Family Residential Zoning in regard to items 3.01.02(e.) and (g.) and (i
- 4.) .) as follows:
 - a. 3.01.02(e.) – “Discourage any use of land which may overburden public infrastructure and services and the areas natural resources.”
 - b. 3.01.02(g.) – “Discourage land use which would generate excessive traffic on residential streets.”
 - c. 3.01.02(i.) – “Prohibit any land use that would substantially interfere with the development, utilization or continuation of single family dwellings in the District.”
- 5.) The proposed use significantly alters the existing or intended character of the general vicinity.
- 6.) The need for traffic management personnel and the potential off-site impacts created by forced right-turn only exiting will be detrimental to the natural environment, public health, safety or welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic. The proposed “D” condition on exit from Church grounds during pick-up and drop-off provides a detriment to the existing walking path, other neighborhoods/buildings for turn-around, in addition to an impact on neighborhood travel including traffic from Worden Lake, Pine Creek, and travelers from the west towards Brighton. In addition, current conditions of this area also include the primary hub for the Brighton Area Schools, with Hornung (elementary), Maltby (intermediate), Scranton (7/8th grade) and Brighton High School. While not all students attending Scranton will flow through Brighton Road, Scranton was not taken into consideration. It is reasonable

to suggest parents with students at both schools drop off at the High School and then proceed to Scranton which starts school at 7:50 a.m.

- 7.) The potential negative impacts to be created by the use will not be sufficiently mitigated by the conditions of the proposal.
- 8.) The Nazarene Church has a history of non-compliance with past site plan and ordinance requirements resulting in a negative impact on surrounding neighborhoods, notably found in Planning Commission minutes from August 28, 2000, May 12, 2003, July 22, 2013 and April 2015 through current. Historical and consistent behavior suggests further non-compliance from petitioners. Specific issues include the following:
 - a. The applicant has not yet fully implemented the project approved by the Township in 2013. Of particular note are the installation of additional landscaping and parking lot islands;
 - b. The applicant has continued to allow a driver’s testing operation, despite being informed that it is an illegal nonconforming use of the property; and
 - c. The applicant has demonstrated disregard for existing approvals by making significant changes to their building design contrary to the approved 2013 plans and without necessary permits or approvals to do so.

The motion carried with McCririe asking Ledford to restate her position on the motion. Ledford stated that she was opposed to the school. The motion passed as follows: Ayes – McCririe, Rowell, Smith and Ledford. Nays – Skolarus, Hunt and Mortensen.

6. Consideration of an environmental impact assessment and site plan for a proposed 3,954 square foot Culver’s Restaurant, located on a vacant lot south of Grand River Avenue and west of Latson Rd., Howell, Michigan, parcel #4711-05-400-066. The request is petitioned by Metro Design & Build, Inc.

A. Disposition of Environmental Impact Assessment received on 07-24-15
Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the impact assessment conditioned upon deliveries occurring at off hours and using small trucks. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Disposition of Final PUD Site Plan dated 07-24-15
Moved by Smith and supported by Rowell to approve the site plan as submitted with all conditions of the planning commission having been completed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Request to approve the order of the Hearing Officer for removal of the dangerous building located 1112 Chemung Drive.

The homeowner was not present for this petition. Archinal advised the board that a building permit was not secured by a licensed contractor before July 4, 2015. Moved by Skolarus and supported by Rowell to allow the owner 60 days to demolish the building or the township will pursue removal of the dangerous building. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Ayes – Ledford, Smith, Hunt, Rowell, Mortensen, Skolarus and McCririe. Nays – None.

Member Discussion

- Ledford asked that a letter of support for the concept of the North-South Commuter Rail Service be sent by the township to the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.
- Archinal was approached concerning a Brighton Schools logo on the water tower near the Cracker Barrel. Original requests from 20 years ago were denied at the request of adjacent homeowner. The board took no action.
- Easements have been secured from the Midway Party Store to Wildwood for construction of a bike/walk path with construction commencing this summer.
- Smith reminded the board of the Melon Fest scheduled for August 14, 15 and 16 which will include close to 300 vendors.

The regular meeting of the Genoa Charter Township Board was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Paulette A. Skolarus, Clerk
Genoa Charter Township

Gary McCririe, Supervisor
Genoa Charter Township

August 11, 2015

Dear Genoa Charter Township Board,

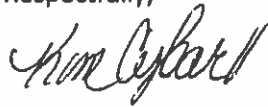
I request your approval for a permit to hold a fireworks display on Lake Chemung. The display would occur during Labor Day weekend on September 6, 2015 (with rain date of 9/12/2015).

Phoenix Fireworks Company will perform the show as they have done previously on Lake Chemung for many years.

For perimeter safety, the Livingston County Sheriff will be hired to patrol the shoot area prior to and during the display.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at (810)223-8891.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Cybart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Cybart



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives

Marinsburg, WV 25405

August 10, 2015

Phoenix Fireworks LLC
P.O. Box 254
Brighton, MI 48114

901090:CRR/SCC
5400
File Number: 4-MI-00957

Premises Address: 880 Deadwood, Brighton, MI 48114

Dear Sir:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your timely application to renew your Federal explosives license/permit 4MI00957.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is not able to process your application prior to the expiration date of your license/permit. However, Federal law allows you to continue operations under your current license/permit until such time as ATF completes processing your application. See 5 U.S.C. § 558. This letter, or as explained below, a follow-up letter, will serve as your license/permit until we complete action on your renewal. It is referred to as a Letter of Authorization (LOA).

Since we have not completed processing your application, you may supply a copy of this letter to other licensees/permittees, e.g., your distributors, for the next 90 days (or until we complete action on your renewal, if that occurs in less than 90 days) as evidence of your licensed/permitted status. If we have not completed processing your application for renewal within 90 days of the date of this letter, we will send you another letter, which will also be valid for 90 days (or until we complete action on your renewal, if that occurs in less than 90 days). This is of course contingent upon your remaining entitled to continue operations under your current license/permit.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding this letter to Sandy Curtis at 304-616-4406.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Reeves
Chief, Federal Explosives Licensing Center

ATF web address: www.atf.gov

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

ISSUE DATE 8/10/2015

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR LATER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.

PRODUCER
 PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM INSURANCE BROKERAGE
 371 BEL MARIN KEYS BLVD., SUITE 220
 NOVATO CA, 94949-5662

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURER A: LLOYD'S OF LONDON

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURED
 Phoenix Fireworks, LLC
 P.O. Box 254
 Brighton, MI 48118

COVERAGES
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE NAMED INSURED ABOVE FOR THE PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES.

CO LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS MADE GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER POLICY	PY/15-0086	06/03/2015	06/03/2016	EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 1,000,000
					MEDICAL EXP (Any one person)	\$
					FIRE LEGAL LIABILITY	\$ 50,000
					GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000,000
					PRODUCTS-COMPIOPS AGG	\$
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY - ANY AUTO - ANY OWNED AUTOS - SCHEDULED AUTOS - HIRED AUTOS - NON-OWNED AUTOS					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$
					BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$
					BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$
					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$
EXCESS LIABILITY FOLLOWING FORM					EACH ACCIDENT	\$
					AGGREGATE	\$
WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY					WC STATUTORY LIMITS	OTHER \$
					E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$
					E.L. DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	\$
					E.L. DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	\$
OTHER						

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT/SPECIAL PROVISIONS
 Kim M. Cybart, as sponsor and property owner; Township of Genoa and Livingston County, MI are additional insured as respects the aerial fireworks display on 8/29/2015 (RD: 9/6/2015) located at 5221 Wildwood Drive, Howell, MI.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER
 Kim M. Cybart
 5221 Wildwood Drive
 Howell, MI 48843

CANCELLATION
 SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH NOTICE SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE


2015

Application for Fireworks Other Than Consumer or Low Impact
 Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
 Bureau of Fire Services
 P.O. Box 30700
 Lansing MI 48909
 (517) 241-8847

Authority: 2011 PA 258 Compliance: Voluntary Penalty: Permit will not be issued	The Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability or political beliefs. If you need assistance with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you may make your needs known to this agency.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural or wildlife fireworks	<input type="checkbox"/> Articles Pyrotechnic	<input type="checkbox"/> Display Fireworks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Special effects manufactured for outdoor pest control or agricultural purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Display	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Display	
NAME OF APPLICANT Kim M. Cybert	ADDRESS 5231 WILLOWOOD, Howell	AGE (18 or over)	
IF A CORPORATION, NAME OF PRESIDENT	ADDRESS		
IF A NON-RESIDENT APPLICANT, NAME OF MICHIGAN ATTORNEY OR RESIDENT AGENT	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
NAME OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR Joseph S. Cybert	ADDRESS 6294 LUCERNE BRIGGTON	AGE (18 or over) 52	
NO. YEARS EXPERIENCE 15+	NO. DISPLAYS 4+	WHERE Michigan, and Indiana	
NAME OF ASSISTANT Steven J. Cybert	ADDRESS 6294 LUCERNE BRIGGTON	AGE 29	
NAME OF OTHER ASSISTANT Dane Liske	ADDRESS 6199 RIVERS EDGE HOWELL	AGE	
EXACT LOCATION OF PROPOSED DISPLAY 5231 WILLOWOOD DR. HOWELL, 400 FT NE FROM WATERS EDGE			
DATE OF PROPOSED DISPLAY 8-29-2015 9/6/2015		TIME OF PROPOSED DISPLAY 10 PM.	
MANNER AND PLACE OF STORAGE. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LOCAL FIRE AUTHORITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 1123, 1124 & 1128 AND OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL REGULATIONS. PROVIDE PROOF OF PROPER LICENSING OR PERMITTING BY STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STORAGE AT 890 DEADWOOD BRIGGTON MAGAZINES 1 AND 2 FEDERAL ATF FIRE LICENSE # 4-MI-93-24.3E-00957			
AMOUNT OF BOND OR INSURANCE (To be set by local government) \$1,000,000	NAME OF BONDING CORPORATION OR INSURANCE COMPANY LLOYDS OF LONDON		
ADDRESS OF BONDING CORPORATION OR INSURANCE COMPANY PRTB 371 BEL MARIN KEYS BLVD. SUITE 220, NOVI, MI 48949-5682			
NUMBER OF FIREWORKS	KIND OF FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED		
APPROX. 60	2 1/2" AERIAL SHELLS		
" 90	3" " "		
" 75	4" " "		
" 10	5" " "		
" 35	MULTI-SHOT CAKES 5/8 DIA TO 4" DIA.		
WITH RAIN DATE - of 9-10-2015 9/12/2015			
Display date 9/6/2015 - Rain date 9/12/2015 Kim Cybert			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Kim Cybert	DATE 8/11/15		

AUG. 8 - 2015

PREPARED BY	
DATE	

To Whom It May Concern:

NFPA requires 350' dia from center of vertical 5" mortars. We will meet that requirement by being 350' from waters edge. This will be shot by remote from shore. No display operator will be aboard the barges.

For perimeter safety, the sheriff or DNR should patrol shoot area prior to and during the display (which I understand has already been arranged).

Any and all fireworks will be delivered to the shoot site on the morning of the display. No fireworks will be stored at the shoot site. Any explosives not detonated at the display will be picked up and returned to the magazines the same evening.


Sincerely,
Joe Cybart
Phoenix Fireworks




PLATE FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH
 FISHERIES MICHIGAN CONSERVATION DEPT.
 LAKE INVENTORY MAP
LAKE CHEMUNG
 AREA 310 ACRES
 SURVEY AND SOUNDING 2-27, 28-3/2, 3, 4/42
 COUNTY T. 2 N., R. 5 E., SEC. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11



#261

GENOA TOWNSHIP - ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND #261
 BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT
 APPROVED 03/16/2015
 AMENDED 07/06/2015
 AMENDED 08/17/2015

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FOR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2012	ACTUAL FOR YEAR ENDING 3/31/2013	ACTUAL FOR YEAR ENDING 3/31/2014	ESTIMATE OF ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3/31/2015	BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3/31/2016	8/17/2015 7/20/2015 1ST AMENDMENT BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3/31/2016
REVENUES							
000-664-000	INTEREST INCOME	0	900	520	800	1,000	1,000
000-699-000	OPERATING TRANSFER IN (G/F)	200,000	200,000	389,416	250,000	250,000	426,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	200,000	200,900	389,936	250,800	251,000	427,000
EXPENDITURES							
441-968-000	I/96 LATSON INTERCHANGE	277,239	537,703				
906-968-001	COON LAKE OVELAY			283,763			
470-802-000	NORTH SHORE ROAD IMPROVEMENT						14,000 North Shore
471-803-000	GRAND OAKS ROAD IMPROVEMENT						200,000 Grand Oaks
472-804-000	GOLF CLUB						50,500 Golf Club
473-805-000	MCCLEMENTS						18,000 McClements
467-801-000	TIMBERVIEW						48,000 Timberview
441-804-000	DUST CONTROL						75,000
476-808-000	MT. BRIGHTON						5,000 Mt. Brighton
476-808-000	RED OAKS						10,000 Red Oaks
477-809-000	TRI-LAKES SAD/Received 03/28/2013						X 139,416
906-956-000	MISC/AUDIT	535	657	718	1,985	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	277,774	538,360	284,481	1,985	2,000	561,916
	NET REVENUES/EXPENDITURES	(77,774)	(337,460)	105,455	248,815	249,000	(134,916)
	BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,249,055	1,171,281	833,821	939,276	1,187,776	1,188,091
	ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,171,281	833,821	939,276	1,188,091	1,436,776	1,053,175

xx 5/3 BANK CHARGING \$24.00 A MONTH FOR STATEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Township Board

FROM: Michael Archinal

DATE: 8/11/15

RE: 2015 Paving Improvements

For your consideration this evening is a proposal from Highway Maintenance for a slurry coat treatment on Tri-Lakes roads and a reconstruction/maintenance improvement for the Township Hall Parking Lot.

The Tri-Lakes Road Improvement Debt Service Fund had a remaining balance of \$139,416. Because the debt for this project has been retired, our options are to refund the balance to the properties within the Special Assessment District or to spend down the balance on a road improvement within the district. Because the district is over 20 years old, a refund would not benefit those persons originally assessed. As discussed with the Board previously, we sought out an appropriate road improvement that would benefit the district and extend the life of the pavement.

At your July 20, 2015 meeting, you approved a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark for a Tri-Lakes Slurry Coat and Spot Base Repair with an estimated cost of \$105,000. The bid from Highway Maintenance is for \$109,250; slightly above the estimate but below the remaining debt services balance.

The Township Hall Parking Lot improvement proposal was also approved by the Board on July 20, 2015 with an engineering estimate of \$81,000. The bid from Highway Maintenance is for \$77,850. This project will involve reconstructing the back parking, including the installation of edge drains. The remaining parking areas will be crack sealed. A letter from Hubbell, Roth & Clark is included for your information.

Please consider the following action:

Moved by _____, supported by _____, to approve the bid from Highway Construction for Division A Tri-Lakes in the amount of \$109,250 and Division B Township Hall Parking Lot in the amount of \$77,850.

BID LIST

Project: 2015 Paving Improvements

Owner: Genoa Charter Township

Bids Due: 3:00 PM

8/11/2015

ENGINEER: HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK, INC.



BIDDER	AMOUNT Division A - Tri-Lakes	AMOUNT Division B - Town Hall	POSITION
Highway Maintenance	109,250	77,850	1
D & H Asphalt			
Belden USA			
Strawser Construction			



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August 12, 2015

Genoa Charter Township
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

Attn: Mr. Michael Archinal, Township Manager

Re: Bid Results
2015 Paving Improvement Projects
Tri-Lakes and Township Hall

HRC Job No. 20150455

Dear Mr. Archinal:

On Tuesday, August 12, 2015, the Township received and opened bids for the 2015 Paving Improvement Projects. Of the four (4) contractors invited to bid on the project, only one (1) submitted a bid. The low bid was submitted by Highway Maintenance & Construction Company of Romulus, Michigan. The bid amount for *Division A – Tri-Lakes* was \$109,250.00, and for *Division B- Township Hall Parking Lot* it was \$77,850.00. Attached is one (1) copy of the low bidder's submitted Proposal form for your records.

Highway Maintenance has successfully completed other projects for this office in accordance with the contract documents. They have also successfully completed similar work for the Livingston County Road Commissioner's office. Therefore, based on this information we would recommend that the Township award the contract for the 2015 Paving Improvement Projects to Highway Maintenance & Construction Company in the total amount of \$187,100.00, for both Divisions A & B.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK, INC.

Jonathan Booth, P.E.

JB/jb

Attachment

pc: HRC; N. Faught, M. Darga, file

PROPOSAL
FOR
2015 PAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Genoa Charter Township
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

Bids Due: Tuesday, August 11, 2015
On or Before 3:00 PM, Local Time
HRC Job No. 20150455

To Prospective Bidders:

Name of Bidder: HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION
Address: P.O. BOX 74411, ROMULUS, MI 48174-0411
Date: 8/10/15 Telephone: 734) 941-9885 Fax: 734) 941-8962

The above, as Bidder, hereby declares this bid is made in good faith without fraud or collusion with any persons bidding, and that the Drawings, Specifications, and all other information referenced in the Instructions to Bidders have been examined. Further, the Bidder is familiar with the location of the work described herein and is fully informed as to the nature of the work and the conditions relating to the performance of the Contract.

The Bidder acknowledges that no representations or warranties of any nature whatsoever have been received, or are relied upon from the Township, its agents or employees, as to any conditions to be encountered in accomplishing the work and that the bid is based solely upon the Bidder's own independent judgment.

The above, as Bidder, hereby certifies that the Drawings, Specifications, and other data provided by the Owner for bidding purposes have been examined. Further, the undersigned certifies that the proposed construction methods have been reviewed and found acceptable for the conditions which can be anticipated from the information provided for bidding.

The Bidder hereby affirms that the site of work has been inspected and further declares that no charges in addition to the Individual Unit Prices shall be made on account of any job circumstances or field conditions which were present and/or ascertainable prior to the bidding. In addition, The Contractor, as such and as Bidder, shall make the determination as to existing soil conditions and shall also complete the work under whatever conditions created by the Contractor/Bidder's sequence of construction, construction methods, or other conditions the Contractor/Bidder may create, at no additional cost to the Owner.

The above, as Bidder, confirms knowledge of the location of the proposed 2015 Paving Improvement Projects and appurtenant construction in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and the conditions under which it must be constructed; and also declares to have carefully examined the Drawings, Specifications, and Contract Documents which the Bidder understands and accepts as sufficient for the purpose of constructing said 2015 Paving Improvement Projects, and appurtenant work, and agrees to contract with Township of Genoa to furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, facilities and supervision necessary to do all the work specified and prescribed for the Township of Genoa, in strict accordance with the Owner's

General Conditions, and with the full intent of the Drawings and Specifications, prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Consulting Engineers, and will accept in full payment therefore the sum of:

DIVISION A – TRI-LAKES SLURRY SEAL.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
1. Overbanding		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>15,950⁻</u>
2. Slurry Seal, Type II		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>82,300⁻</u>
3. Maintaining Traffic		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>5,500⁻</u>
4. Mobilization		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>5,500⁻</u>
Total Amount of Bid – Division A			\$ <u>109,250⁻</u>

DIVISION B – TOWN HALL PARKING LOT REHABILITATION

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
1. Pavement Removal	950 syd	@ <u>14⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>13,300⁻</u>
2. Sub-grade Undercutting, 1x3	50 cyd	@ <u>42⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>2,100⁻</u>
3. Edge Drain, 6"	300 lft	@ <u>18⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>5,400⁻</u>
4. Geogrid, BX1100	950 syd	@ <u>4⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>3,800⁻</u>
5. Aggregate Base, 21AA Crushed Concrete	400 ton	@ <u>19⁵⁰</u>	= \$ <u>7,800⁻</u>
6. HMA, 13A MOD	300 ton	@ <u>92⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>27,600⁻</u>
7. Pavement Repair	150 syd	@ <u>32⁰⁰</u>	= \$ <u>4,800⁻</u>
8. Overbanding		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>6,500⁻</u>
9. Pavement Marking, Regular Dry		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>800⁻</u>
10. Maintaining Traffic		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>3,250⁻</u>
11. Mobilization		@ Lump Sum	= \$ <u>2,500⁻</u>
Total Amount of Bid – Division B			\$ <u>77,850⁻</u>
Total Amount of Bid – Division A & B			\$ <u>187,100⁻</u>

The Owner reserves the right to award the bid depending upon the availability of funds.

The Owner, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to award to the Bidder who, in the sole determination of the Owner, will best serve the interest of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids, to waive any and all informalities involving price, time, or changes in the work, and to negotiate contract terms with the successful Bidder, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional bids. However, it is the intention of the Owner to award to the low total bid to one bidder. Also, the Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any Bidder if the Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified, of doubtful financial ability, or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

TAXES

The Bidder affirms that all applicable Federal, State and Local taxes of whatever character and description are included in all prices stated in this Form of Proposal.

ADDENDA

The Bidder acknowledges the following Addenda, covering revisions to the drawings or specifications and the cost, if any, of such revision has been included in the quoted proposal:

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____
Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

FEES

The Bidder shall refer to the General Conditions for allowable Fees for additional work performed, upon Owner's written authorization, by Bidder's own forces and/or for additional work, upon Owner's written authorization, by Bidder's subcontractors.

TIME OF COMPLETION

If awarded the Contract for the 2015 Paving Improvement Projects, we agree to have all work, including final clean up, completed by October 15, 2015.

The Bidder hereby agrees to furnish the required Bonds, Insurance Certificates, and Policies within ten (10) days after acceptance of this Proposal.

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LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Time is of the essence for completion of this project in order to have the Project ready for the Township of Genoa. The Bidder guarantees that the work will be completed within the time limit stated herein before or within the time as extended as provided elsewhere in the Specifications. Inasmuch as the damage and loss to the Owner which will result from the failure of the Bidder to complete the work within the stipulated time, will be most difficult or impossible to accurately determine, it is mutually agreed that the damages to the Owner for such delay and failure on the part of the Bidder shall be liquidated in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), for each and every calendar day by which the Bidder shall fail to complete the work or any part thereof within the provisions hereof, and such liquidated damages shall not be considered as a penalty.


The Owner will deduct and retain out of any money due or to become due hereunder the amount of the liquidated damages, and in case those amounts are less than the amount of actual liquidated damages, the Bidder shall pay the difference upon demand of the Owner.

We understand that liquidated damages may be assessed should we fail to meet the stipulated completion dates. Specifically, liquidated damages will be assessed daily beginning October 15, 2015 until such a time that Completion is achieved.

BIDS TO REMAIN FIRM

The price stated in this Proposal shall be guaranteed for a period of not less than 90 days from the bid due date and if authorized to proceed within that period, the bidder agrees to complete the work covered by the Proposal at said price.

If the undersigned enters into the contract in accordance with their proposal, or if their proposal is not accepted, then the accompanying bid guarantee shall be returned to the undersigned.

Company Name: HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION
Signature: 
Printed Name: JEFFREY S. DEMEK Title: PRESIDENT
Address: P.O. Box 74411, ROMULUS, MI 48174-0411
County: WAYNE State: MICHIGAN
Telephone No.: 734) 941-8895 Fax No.: 734) 941-8962
Email Address: JEFFDEMEK@COMCAST.NET

LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER

This Bid is submittal in the name of:

(Print) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION

The undersigned hereby designates below the business address to which all notices, directions or other communications may be served or mailed:

Street P.O. Box 74411

City ROMULUS

State MICHIGAN Zip Code 48174-0411

The undersigned hereby declares the legal status checked below:

- INDIVIDUAL
- INDIVIDUAL DOING BUSINESS UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME
- CO-PARTNERSHIP
The Assumed Name of the Co-Partnership is registered in the County of _____, Michigan
- CORPORATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
_____. The Corporation is
- LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN MICHIGAN
- NOT NOW LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN MICHIGAN

The name, titles, and home addresses of all persons who are officers or partners in the organization are as follows:

A corporation duly organized and doing business under the laws of the State of MICHIGAN

NAME AND TITLE	ADDRESS
<u>JEFFREY S. DEMEK</u>	_____
_____	_____

Signed and Sealed this 9TH day of AUGUST, 2015

By (Signature) 

JEFFREY S. DEMEK
Printed Name of Signer

PRESIDENT
Title

END OF SECTION

To Board 8/17/15

Hamburg Support letter North-South Rail Support Letter, 7-1-201... | Download v

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Mr. Matt Carpenter
Chief Executive Officer
Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority
2700 South Industrial Hwy.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

Hamburg Township supports the concept of the North-South Commuter Rail Service from Howell to Ann Arbor. The consideration of future commuter rail service has influenced our zoning districts, density and design standards and Master Plan in and along the proposed commuter rail route. This is especially true in our Village Center Zoning District around the historic Village of Hamburg. It was nineteenth century rail service that provided the catalyst for the initial development of the Historic Village of Hamburg.

We realize that the initiation of commuter rail service to Hamburg Township may not begin for several years. However, we feel it is important for principal partners in the development of the North-South Commuter Rail Service to realize the Hamburg Township is committed to providing the community planning, zoning and infrastructure framework necessary to facilitate an efficient rail access station in Hamburg Township.

Although we operate within the statutes of a General Law Township, Hamburg Township has Police, Fire, sewer, limited water service, the trans-state Border to Border Trail, more than 350 acres of Township parkland, almost 5000 acres of state recreation area, a vibrant senior/community center and the natural jewel that is the Huron River chain of lakes.

Please know that Hamburg Township is willing to actively participate in all future discussions regarding the North-South Commuter Rail.

Sincerely,

The Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

Patrick J. Hohl, Township Supervisor

James Neilson, Township Clerk

Please Join Us
For a Roundtable Discussion and Listening Session
with

Congressman Mike Bishop (MI-08)

and

*Livingston County Township and
City Officials*

**Monday September 14th
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

at the Howell Chamber of Commerce
123 E. Washington Street, Howell

**Congressman Bishop looks forward to hearing
from you, regarding issues facing Livingston
County's Local Elected Officials**

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 8th to
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July 17, 2015

Attn: Michael C. Archinal
Genoa Township
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

RE: Approach to funding of Grand Oaks Drive improvements

Dear Mr. Archinal,

Cleary University has received letters outlining a plan for improvements to Grand Oaks Drive and a Grand Oak Road Special Assessment Draft Roll. The University understands and is supportive of this project, but only with an equitable distribution of cost. There are 35 parcels listed. It appears there are 25 owners.

The draft roll lists 4 parcels owned by Cleary University but only one has direct access to Grand Oaks Drive, parcel 4711-05-302-011. Assuming a Pro Rata Share must be incorporated in the Special Assessment Draft Roll it seems each property owner, not each parcel, be assessed a single Pro Rata Share. Three Cleary parcels have what is considered frontage on Grand Oaks Drive. The total acreage of those three parcels is 6.28 acres. There are 8 single parcel owners listed with acreage exceeding the 6.28 acres of Cleary University property but it is proposed that Cleary pay \$33,000 Pro Rata Share and each of the property owners with a single parcel are proposed to be assessed \$11,000.

One of the parcels listed as owned by Cleary University has no frontage on Grand Oaks Drive, its main access point is E. Grand River and the majority of all vehicular traffic uses the E. Grand River access point. All non-Cleary University properties have only one point of access, off Grand Oaks Drive and yet the draft roll proposes that a property with no direct frontage on Grand Oaks be assessed via the same method as all those with frontage on Grand Oaks.

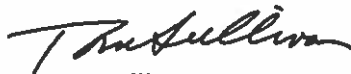
Also, the draft roll proposes assessing total acreage, including the 29.6 acres of 4711-05-302-11 but the primary access to that parcel is E. Grand River. The University estimates that no more than 10% of total vehicle access to this parcel is via Grand Oaks Drive and that fact should be taken in to consideration with regard to this assessment.

Mr. Michael Archinal
Page 2
July 17, 2015

The current approach to assessment places 13.5% of the property owner cost on Cleary University, one of 25 property owners. Considering just the property with frontage on Grand Oaks Drive, the total acreage of those three parcels is less than 3%, but the Special Assessment Draft Roll proposed Cleary University, for the three parcels on Grand Oaks, pay approximately 6% of the total property owner total contribution to the project.

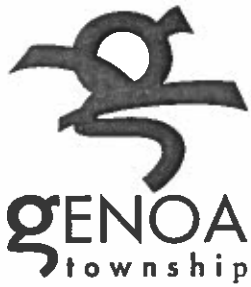
Is there a reasonable, alternative approach to funding this project?

Sincerely,



Thomas Sullivan
President & CEO

PC: J. Walker, CFO



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August 4, 2015

Thomas Sullivan
President and CEO
Cleary University
3750 Cleary Drive
Howell, MI 48843

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2015 and our conversation of July 30. Distributing costs through special assessments is never easy nor is it well defined by statute. Public Act 188 of 1954 requires that assessments "... shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the special assessment district." In determining the formula I endeavored to spread the costs in as fair a manner as possible. The smallest parcel at .96 acres pays \$12,326. Clear University with a total of 35.89 acres pays \$93,550.

An informational meeting was held earlier this summer and attendees were generally in favor of the project scope and the method for spreading costs. Petitions were distributed with the draft roll attached. To date, we have received 15 signed petitions. Because these petitions were signed based on the numbers provided, I am unable to modify the roll.

With a millage rate of .8142, the entire district generates only \$10,200 per year in Genoa Township taxes. The Genoa Township General Fund is contributing \$200,000 to this project. This significant commitment was not without its controversy and is an acknowledgement of Grand Oaks' deplorable condition and the fact that, with the new interchange, traffic will continue to increase. The Livingston County Road Commission is also contributing over \$100,000 to this project even though the improvement does not touch their property. While the burden on the properties within the district is significant, the level of public support is unprecedented. Even with some disagreement over the method of calculation the project is a bargain representing, in my opinion, a substantial benefit to Cleary University. With the interchange (to which the Township contributed \$1,500,000), Cleary University's long-term plans and a reconstructed pavement it is likely that your Grand Oaks entrance will see an increase in usage. I would like to have your support for this project.

Should you have any questions or if you require additional information, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Michael C. Archinal
Manager

CC: Kelly VanMarter, Assistant Township Manager

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Livingston County Drain Commissioner

2300 E. Grand River Ave., Ste. 105

Howell, MI 48843-7581

Phone: 517-546-0040 FAX: 517-545-9658

Website: www.livgov.com/drain Email: drain@livgov.com

August 12, 2015

Mr. Gary McCririe
Genoa Township Supervisor
Genoa Township Hall
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

Dear Mr. McCririe:

Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Assessment and Apportionment Hearing with respect to the assessment for inspection, maintenance and repair with respect to public health, welfare and convenience benefits.

It is tentatively estimated that the assessments for this hearing will be:

X15001 BRIGHTON ESTATES	\$1,250.00	
X15009 HANSON	\$375.00	
X15015 NORTH SHORE	\$2,500.00	
X15016 NOVEL ESTATES	\$1,175.00	
X15017 OAK POINTE HILLS	\$1,750.00	
X15020 PINE CREEK RIDGE NO. 6	\$355.36	
XM1504 ROLLING MEADOWS	\$625.00	1st of 2 years

In addition to the above drains that are having apportionment hearings this year, we are assessing the following drains in your community without a hearing. These drains have had apportionment hearings in the last three to five years and the assessment roll has not changed. The following are the township's at-large assessments for these drains:

XM1408 GENOA NO. 10	\$437.50	2nd of 2 years
X15057 GRAND BEACH	\$1250.00	
X15059 MARION & GENOA	\$4,461.92	
XM1101 SUNRISE PARK NOTE	\$14,625.00	5th of 10 years
XM1508 WALNUT HILLS	\$1,250.00	1st of 2 years

Therefore, based on the above listed totals we estimate the total drain assessment for the township as **\$30,054.78**. This is not a bill and actual amounts assessed will be included on the assessment rolls delivered to your municipality.

Sincerely,

Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Enclosure



Brian Jonckheere

Livingston County Drain Commissioner

2300 E. Grand River Ave., Ste. 105

Howell, MI 48843-7581

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August 12, 2015

Ms. Paulette Skolarus
Genoa Township Clerk
Genoa Township Hall
2911 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116

Dear Ms. Skolarus:

Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Assessment and Apportionment Hearing with respect to the assessment for inspection, maintenance and repair with respect to public health, welfare and convenience benefits.

It is tentatively estimated that the assessments for this hearing will be:

X15001 BRIGHTON ESTATES	\$1,250.00	
X15009 HANSON	\$375.00	
X15015 NORTH SHORE	\$2,500.00	
X15016 NOVEL ESTATES	\$1,175.00	
X15017 OAK POINTE HILLS	\$1,750.00	
X15020 PINE CREEK RIDGE NO. 6	\$355.36	
XM1504 ROLLING MEADOWS	\$625.00	1st of 2 years

In addition to the above drains that are having apportionment hearings this year, we are assessing the following drains in your community without a hearing. These drains have had apportionment hearings in the last three to five years and the assessment roll has not changed. The following are the township's at-large assessments for these drains:

XM1408 GENOA NO. 10	\$437.50	2nd of 2 years
X15057 GRAND BEACH	\$1250.00	
X15059 MARION & GENOA	\$4,461.92	
XM1101 SUNRISE PARK NOTE	\$14,625.00	5th of 10 years
XM1508 WALNUT HILLS	\$1,250.00	1st of 2 years

Therefore, based on the above listed totals we estimate the total drain assessment for the township as \$30,054.78. This is not a bill and actual amounts assessed will be included on the assessment rolls delivered to your municipality.

Sincerely,

Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Enclosure

**BRIGHTON ESTATES DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
BRIGHTON ESTATES DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15001**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Brighton Estates Drain located in the Township of Brighton, Livingston County will be held. The Brighton Estates Drain serves properties in the Brighton Estates Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Brighton Estates Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Brighton Estates Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Brighton Estates Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of Section 26, T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as being all real property within the Plat of "Brighton Estates" Subdivision as recorded in Liber 23, Pages 35-39 of Livingston County Records.

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Brighton Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Brighton Estates Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Tom Murphy, Supervisor of Brighton Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Brighton Estates Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**HANSON DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
HANSON DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15009**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Hanson Drain located in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County will be held. The Hanson Drain serves properties in the Hanson Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Hanson Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Hanson Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Hanson Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of the SW 1/4 of Section 30 of T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as Beginning at the SE Corner of Lot 113 of "Webster Park" Subdivision as recorded in Liber 1, Page 38 of Livingston County records; Thence N59°29'01" W, 90.18 feet; Thence N03°33'55" W, 44.46 feet; Thence N00°00'00" E, 107.64 feet; Thence N20°08'43" E, 65.47 feet; Thence N07°39'59" E, 45.72 feet; Thence N32°30'29" E, 75.29 feet; Thence N74°10'39" E, 80.69 feet; Thence N67°47'43" E, 14.96 feet; Thence N59°44'38" E, 12.06 feet; Thence N27°58'46" E, 31.45 feet; Thence N34°41'43" E, 27.45 feet; Thence S60°31'49" E, 216.81 feet; Thence S03°42'41" E, 148.4 feet; Thence S72°05'36" W, 39.65 feet; Thence S72°05'38" W, 120.63 feet; Thence S87°16'18" W, 56.64 feet; Thence S59°02'10" W, 56.51 feet; Thence S13°58'51" W, 110.28 feet; Thence N25°12'49" W, 23.63 feet; Thence S18°28'26" W, 31.58 feet; Thence S87°08'21" W, 15.05 feet; thence to the POB

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the

commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

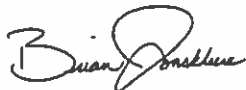
Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Hanson Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCririe, Supervisor of Genoa Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Hanson Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**NORTH SHORE DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
NORTH SHORE DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15015**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the North Shore Drain located in the Township of Genoa Livingston County will be held. The North Shore Drain serves properties in the North Shore Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the North Shore Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the North Shore Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The North Shore Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

North Shore Drain Drainage District is described as follows: A part of Sections 21 and 22 of T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said Section 22 of Genoa Township, Thence N87° 44' 42" E, 2636.19 ft.; Thence S2° 30' 56" E, 1279.15 ft.; Thence S87° 39' 27" W, 1305.72 ft.; Thence S62° 12' 42" W, 331.73 ft.; Thence S45° 2' 22" W, 81.94 ft.; Thence S48° 19' 54" W, 44.43 ft.; Thence S36° 27' 48" W, 23.44 ft.; Thence S28° 15' 46" W, 55.25 ft.; Thence S31° 49' 6" W, 19.15 ft.; Thence S16° 26' 40" W, 16.54 ft.; Thence S8° 54' 31" W, 19.81 ft.; Thence S8° 16' 9" W, 28.20 ft.; Thence S16° 25' 17" W, 21.14 ft.; Thence S22° 6' 46" W, 35.29 ft.; Thence S23° 22' 25" W, 50.82 ft.; Thence S18° 15' 32" W, 34.36 ft.; Thence S13° 20' 57" W, 9.91 ft.; Thence S20° 6' 37" W, 10.49 ft.; Thence S36° 52' 47" W, 40.82 ft.; Thence S42° 36' 55" W, 80.88 ft.; Thence S51° 4' 59" W, 46.60 ft.; Thence S46° 44' 13" W, 24.06 ft.; Thence S41° 6' 0" W, 88.31 ft.; Thence S42° 5' 16" W, 44.83 ft.; Thence S40° 15' 7" W, 53.89 ft.; Thence S41° 23' 4" W, 46.13 ft.; Thence S39° 20' 8" W, 24.52 ft.; Thence S36° 31' 34" W, 25.89 ft.; Thence S34° 25' 1" W, 49.65 ft.; Thence S32° 42' 11" W, 56.16 ft.; Thence S34° 48' 29" W, 43.85 ft.; Thence S36° 51' 45" W, 60 ft.; Thence S43° 43' 18" W, 40.17 ft.; Thence S47° 3' 47" W, 47.28 ft.; Thence S41° 23' 29" W, 28.01 ft.; Thence S36° 10' 35" W, 25.02 ft.; Thence S32° 24' 36" W, 35.71 ft.; Thence S28° 21' 53" W, 14.73 ft.; Thence S24° 22' 30" W, 27.34 ft.; Thence S18° 35' 11" W, 22.66 ft.; Thence S67° 34' 50" E, 92.83 ft.; Thence S21° 42' 10" W, 182.37 ft.; Thence S86° 57' 38" W, 221.77 ft.; Thence S86° 20' 38" W, 1323.64 ft.; Thence S2° 27' 39" E, 1369.19 ft.; Thence S85° 16' 48" W, 668.32 ft.; Thence S85° 16' 48" W, 639.08 ft.; Thence N2° 50' 16" W, 2732.30 ft.; Thence N85° 59' 51" E, 331.83 ft.; Thence S3° 4' 8" E, 1338.76 ft.; Thence N86° 22' 4" E, 384.27 ft.; Thence N4° 5' 45" W, 2026.56 ft.; Thence N85° 54' 16" E, 754.54 ft.; Thence N2° 10' 2" W, 659.91 ft.; Thence N85° 53' 54" E, 1231.71 ft.; Thence to the point of the beginning.

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall

indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the North Shore Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCririe, Supervisor of Genoa Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the North Shore Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**NOVEL ESTATES DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
NOVEL ESTATES DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15016**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Novel Estates Drain located in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County will be held. The Novel Estates Drain serves properties in the Novel Estates Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Novel Estates Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Novel Estates Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Novel Estates Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of the SW Fr1 1/4 of Section 19, T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as being all real property within the plat of "Novel Estates" Subdivision as recorded in Liber 32, pages 12 - 15 of Livingston County records.

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Novel Estates Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCririe, Supervisor of Genoa Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Novel Estates Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**OAK POINTE HILLS DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
OAK POINTE HILLS DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15017**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Oak Pointe Hills Drain located in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County will be held. The Oak Pointe Hills Drain serves properties in the Oak Pointe Hills Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Oak Pointe Hills Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Oak Pointe Hills Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Oak Pointe Hills Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of Section 27, T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as being all real property within the plat of "Oak Pointe Hills" Subdivision as recorded in Liber 35, Pages 37-41 of Livingston County Records

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Oak Pointe Hills Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCririe, Supervisor of Genoa Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Oak Pointe Hills Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**PINE CREEK RIDGE NO. 6 DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
PINE CREEK RIDGE NO. 6 DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. X15020**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain located in the Townships of Genoa and Hamburg, Livingston County will be held. The Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain serves properties in the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of Section 36 of T2N-R5E, Genoa Township and a part of Section 1 of T1N-R5E, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as Beginning at a point distant S87-25-3W 1840.17 feet from the Southeast Corner of said Section 36 of Genoa Township, thence; S44-0-0E 408 feet; thence N71-30-0E 220 feet; thence N40-0-55E 330.785 feet; thence N87-27-22E 106.861 feet; thence S0-1-15E 25.278 feet; thence S63-48-56W 34.906 feet; thence S52-4-13W 40.57 feet; thence S42-12-1W 35.729 feet; thence S35-56-18W 23.854 feet; thence S26-44-44W 44.442 feet; thence S18-43-35W 211.806 feet; thence S27-46-7W 66.538 feet; thence S33-44-22W 19.805 feet; thence S38-39-35W 25.612 feet; thence S43-52-43W 25.969 feet; thence S49-45-49W 51.088 feet; thence S58-54-39W 51.38 feet; thence S66-58-28W 32.597 feet; thence S73-33-13W 58.389 feet; thence S79-8-0W 28.511 feet; thence S83-21-43W 29.196 feet; thence S87-22-2W 960 feet; thence a curve to the left with a radius of 174.9 feet, a central angle of 89-29-11, a chord of S42-37-26; thence S0-40-37E 52.66 feet; thence S68-47-33W 226.32 feet; thence a curve to the right with a radius of 245 feet, a central angle of 55-16-19, a chord of N83-34-16W; thence N35-21-47W 369.19 feet; thence S60-23-13W 81.22 feet; thence a curve to the left with a radius of 305 feet, a central angle of 113-32-58, a chord of S3-36-43W; thence S42-37-1W 75.029 feet; thence a curve to the right with a radius of 180 feet, a central angle of 62-13-38, a chord of S73-43-50W; thence a curve to the right with a radius of 183.87 feet, a central angle of 46-25-38, a chord of N51-56-31W; thence N39-42-16W 267.781 feet; thence a curve to the right with a radius of 315 feet, a central angle of 36-33-59, a chord of N21-25-16W; thence N0-41-36W 97.01 feet; thence a curve to the right with a radius of 531.735 feet, a central angle of 91-15-32, a chord of N45-14-46W; thence S87-55-14W 368.826 feet; thence N14-37-34E 453.723 feet; thence N80-37-32E 76 feet; thence N34-19-50E 180.67 feet; thence N42-37-10E 74.629 feet; thence N57-56-3E 136.466 feet; thence N25-52-26W 144.11 feet; thence N55-7-34E 349.05 feet; thence N74-48-43E 130.73 feet; thence N64-7-33E 166.079 feet; thence S50-52-26E 390 feet; thence S81-22-26E 152 feet; thence N77-37-38E 639.072 feet; thence S18-37-34W 96.073 feet; thence S28-22-25E 100 feet; thence S72-22-26E 260.84 feet; thence S52-22-26E 301.161 feet; thence S36-22-26E 230.01 feet; thence S50-39-37E 453.476 feet; thence N83-42-52E 29.913 feet to the POB.

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest

by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa and Hamburg Townships, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCririe, Supervisor of Genoa Township, and Patrick J. Hohl, Supervisor of Hamburg Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Pine Creek Ridge No. 6 Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

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Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

**ROLLING MEADOWS DRAIN APPORTIONMENT
AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
ROLLING MEADOWS DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT
DRAIN NO. XM1504**

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, August 28, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair on the Rolling Meadows Drain located in the Township of Genoa, Livingston County will be held. The Rolling Meadows Drain serves properties in the Rolling Meadows Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair. All parcels of land being in the Rolling Meadows Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Rolling Meadows Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of inspection, maintenance and repair of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Rolling Meadows Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

A part of the SE ¼ of Section 26, T2N-R5E, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan and is more particularly described as being all real property within the plat of "Rolling Meadows" Subdivision as recorded in Liber 23, Pages 49-50 of Livingston County Records.

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Genoa Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of estimated costs of inspection, maintenance and repair will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Rolling Meadows Drain Drainage District and you, Margaret M. Dunleavy, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Gary McCrie, Supervisor of Genoa Township, which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the inspection, maintenance and repair expenses on the Rolling Meadows Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

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Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.



Brian Jonckheere
Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

The remaining pages of the packet contain correspondence that was received by the Township Clerk regarding the denial of the special land use request petitioned by the Brighton Church of the Nazarene for the Livingston Christian School.

Polly

From: Sherrill Evans <mosevans@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:31 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Polly
Subject: Parent Letter

Dear Genoa Township Board Member,

I am requesting that you vote to approve the special use permit for Livingston Christian Schools to be able to move to Brighton Church of the Nazarene. My name is Sherrill Evans. I am a long time resident of the Howell area, born and raised here. I have watched the county grow since the mid- 1960's. My husband and I have one child, Owen, who attends LCS. We both work and rely on the carpool system to get Owen to and from school. If a carpool was not available, we would use the LETS bus for transportation. I have been employed at LESA since 1992 and became a Specialized Bus Driver in 1996. Traffic is an environmental hazard that I deal with throughout the school year. As our county continues to grow, the number of areas that are extremely busy will continue to increase. By law we offer door to door service. Because of this we face many additional access and safety challenges including subdivisions, private roads and school properties. Based on my experience as a bus driver, I believe our children can be safely dropped off and picked up at Brighton Church of the Nazarene.

Thank you for your time to consider our request of approval of the special use permit.

Sincerely,
Sherrill Evans

Polly

From: Jennifer Tucker <tucker.jennifer45@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:07 PM
To: Polly
Subject: The Livingston Daily suggest the board grant Livingston Christian a use permit

Hi Polly,

I read this editorial in the Livingston Daily and wanted to make sure the members of the board were aware of the paper's position. Below is the email I sent those who are opposed to granting the use permit for Livingston Christian Schools. Perhaps the content of the article will be helpful to you in convincing the other board members to change their minds. Below is the email I sent, and you can find a link to the editorial in it.

Thanks,
Jenny

I wanted to point out an editorial that appeared in the Livingston Daily regarding Genoa Township's reluctance to issue a special use permit to Livingston Christian Schools. I feel the article makes some very good arguments for why it is not in the township's interest to maintain its current position. If you have not read the article yet, please take a minute to do so. Its content represents the sentiments of many voters in Genoa Township.

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/story/opinion/2015/08/11/genoa-township-wise-reconsider-school-decision/31420019/>

Respectfully,

Jennifer Tucker

Polly

From: Marge Chiesa-Call <mchiesa-call@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Thank you re:Livingston Christian Schools

Dear Polly Skolarus,

Thank you for your support of the special use permit allowing Livingston Christian Schools to relocate to the Brighton Church of the Nazarene.

Your thoughtful consideration of this matter is appreciated, as an accurate evaluation of the documented evidence. Thank you also for choosing to believe that any mistakes made were unintentional, rather than disregard for appropriate procedure.

There also seemed to be some misunderstanding regarding the advertising on the school website. The timing of the January announcement for re-enrollment and new enrollment information followed the consistent process that has been implemented for many years. Long term planning requires that information be released with advanced notice allowing adequate time for taking action, in this case registration for the coming year. Thank you for your endorsement of the request for the special use permit which would provide the opportunity for Livingston Christian Schools to relocate to Brighton.

Sincerely,

Marge Chiesa-Call

Boost Teacher, LCS

Polly

From: Carole Stiles <cstiles@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Special Meeting

Dear Polly,

That response alone is greatly appreciated. I understand the difficult position you are in. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Have a blessed day!

:-) Carole

Sent from Carole's iPhone :-)

> On Aug 11, 2015, at 10:16 AM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

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> Carole, I have not responded because I have received in excess of 175 letters. Now that a lawsuit has been filed we will need to speak with attorneys before any action can be taken by the board. Please accept my apology for not responding to your previous correspondence. Polly

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Carole Stiles [<mailto:cstiles@livingstonchristianschools.org>]

> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:03 AM

> **To:** Linda Rowell; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Todd Smith; Gary McCririe

> **Subject:** Special Meeting

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> Dear Genoa Township Board members,

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> I never received an actual response to my first email so I am writing again in hopes that you will kindly respond to this one.

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> I am pleading with you to call a special meeting to reconsider last week's decision regarding the Naz's special permit. Now that you have all the correct info regarding the traffic studies please understand that the school will have hardly any impact on Brighton Rd.

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> Please extend grace to The Naz as they have never knowingly or purposely failed to comply with any township ordinances as they understood them. Today they have fully complied and have gone above and beyond to make things right with the township and their surrounding community.

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> Now that we realize that the church, under federal law (RLUIPA), doesn't actually need a special permit we are just asking for you to do the right thing for the church, the school, and especially for the thousands of Genoa township taxpayers.

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> Please, you could come out looking like heroes in this. You could save two schools, save the jobs of over 30 teachers, and save Genoa taxpayers from an unnecessary tax increase.

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> Please soften your hearts and reconsider.
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> Thank you for taking the time to read this. Know that I pray for each of you, that God would give you wisdom to do what is best, whatever that may be.
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> "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
> James 1:5
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> Sincerely,
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> Carole Stiles
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Polly

From: Kathy Moorehouse <kathy@lightoftheworldacademy.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 9:37 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Special meeting

Hi, Polly:

Thanks so much for the reply. Just to clarify, we aren't asking for a special meeting to reconsider the special use permit. We're asking for a special meeting to consider the pending litigation.

Since no vote has been taken on that litigation, do you still need one of the other four board members to call the special meeting? Or could two of you do it?

Thanks,

Kathy

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 7:50 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:
Kathy, We would need one of the board members who voted against the church to initiate that meeting it can't be done by those three of us who approved it. We have today received a lawsuit against the township with regard to this request. So now our hands are tied. Polly
Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Kathy Moorehouse <kathy@lightoftheworldacademy.org>
Date: 08/10/2015 5:45 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org>, Robin Hunt <Robin@genoa.org>, Jim Mortensen <Jim@genoa.org>
Subject: Special meeting

Hello, Ms. Skolarus, Ms. Hunt and Mr. Mortenson:

I've communicated with you before, but my name is Kathy Moorehouse, and I'm the Director of Light of the World Academy, the charter school that is being impacted by the denial of Livingston Christian Schools' special use permit.

First, I want to thank you for the support you've given Livingston Christian Schools, and by extension, Light of the World Academy. Please know that your support is appreciated by every single one of our parents and students - many of whom live in Genoa Township. They will not forget this.

I know that you've been receiving e-mails urging the board to hold a special meeting to consider the federal lawsuit, and I'd like to join in urging you to schedule a special meeting. I know that any two members can schedule a special meeting, so I'm hoping you'll do that.

My reasons are:

1. We're losing precious time as the start of school approaches. Livingston Christian needs to move into its new building so they we can move into their old building. Every day that passes is a day we lose toward getting our buildings ready for the fall. As it is, it's going to be an around-the-clock effort by our teachers and staff, so the sooner this is decided, the better it will be for both schools.

2. If you don't schedule a special meeting, I'm assuming the lawsuit will be discussed in closed session during next Monday's special meeting anyway. In the minds of the board members who have been opposing Livingston Christian, nothing will change in their minds between now and Monday. It would benefit everyone to have this decided now instead of having to wait until next Monday. You can decide tomorrow that you want to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday.

3. I don't know what advice your attorney will give you, but from everything we've heard, it will be extremely difficult and costly for Genoa Township if you decide to fight this in court. I hope your decision will be to instruct your attorney to settle this in a way that benefits both the township and the schools, and that will allow everyone to move past this.

4. If we have to, we'll wait 10 days to two weeks for the judge to issue an injunction on this, but that will just prolong the circus that this has become. We don't want that, Livingston Christian doesn't want that, and I know the Genoa Township board doesn't want that.

Please know that nobody wanted this circus. We're just a little old school that wants to get on with things and get our students into class! Whatever you can do to help our situation, we would be so grateful.

I know that you're the board members who have been our supporters. We appreciate that so much.

Thank you.

Kathy Moorehouse

Polly

From: Jennifer Tucker <tucker.jennifer45@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 5:57 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Message I sent the nays on the board asking for a special meeting

Hello Polly,

Below is the message that I sent to the board members who voted against granting Livingston Christian a special use permit. Thank you again for your support for our schools. I hope all the letters parents like me are writing are having an impact. Keeping these schools open is so important for our community!

Best regards,
Jennifer Tucker

In light of the pending lawsuit that Livingston Christian Schools has filed against Genoa Township, I urge you to reconsider your earlier vote to deny Livingston Christian a use permit for Brighton Nazarene Church.

If you do not agree to call a special meeting and revote on issuing this permit, the township will be forced to spend money to defend itself in this suit. Is spending tax payers' money on litigation to fight a vote that went against the recommendations of Genoa's Planning Commission really in the township's best interest? I do not live in Genoa Township, but I find this refusal to revote very foolish and am guessing your constituents do as well.

Of course, you might win in court. But if you win, does your township really better for this victory? A court decision in your favor will mean you will have successfully displaced two schools in your community that are committed to raising morally conscious citizens. Is that in Genoa's best interest? I don't think so, and I bet you don't think so either.

Please do the right thing and call a special meeting to revote. Teachers need time to prepare their rooms for the coming school year, and parents are frantic with worry over how their kids will go to school this year. End this uncertainty. The longer you delay, the more your lawyers win and the less your citizens do.

Polly

From: JIMMY JAY <jimij11@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:42 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian / LOTWA

Dear Board,

I don't think you realize how many kids, parents, grandparent's, teachers, sitters, office staff, etc. are affected by your decision? Please reconsidered and let our kids start school as planned. Thank you

Jim Jendrusik
734=878-4137

Polly

From: kenneth <fitzpatrickkj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Polly
Subject: SUPPPORT DENIAL OF PERMIT FOR CHRATIOAN SCHOOL

WE ARE TAXPAYERS, ACTIVE VOTERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CONDOS ACROSS FROM THE DENIED SCHOOL.

YOUR DECISION WAS CORRECT. DO NOT REVERSE IT. TRAFFIC IS ALREADY OVERLOADED ESPECIALLY WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL THERE. TURNS ARE DANGEROUS AT SEVERAL HOURS OF THE DAY FROM LAKE FOREST TO BRIGHTON RD.

THE SURFACE OF THE ROAD IS IN NEED OF REPAIR AND ADDING CARS, TRUCKS FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES AND BUSSES FOR EVENTS WOULD FURTHER DAMAGE IT. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE MOVE AND THE PRESENT STUDENTS HAVE AN ADEQUATE FACILITY ELSEWHERE.
KEN AND JANICE FITZPATRICK

Polly

From: Julia Stocker Schneider <jstockerschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special meeting to resolve approval issue for Livingston Christian School

Dear Genoa Township Supervisors;

I urge you to schedule a special meeting to resolve the issue of approval for Livingston Christian Schools to operate out of Nazareth Church.

Hundreds of children and their families in our community (my own included) are in a state of limbo until this issue is resolved. Given the short time until the school year starts, and the large impact this is having on the community, I urge you to consider resolution of the issue immediately. Please do not let it get tied up in the courts, and allow us all to move forward immediately on this issue.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter, and for doing what is best for our children and our community. Best Regards, Julia & Randy Schneider

Polly

From: italiannursebabe <italiannursebabe@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Todd Smith; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Jean Ledford; Robin Hunt; Polly; Gary McCrie
Subject: Livingston Christian

My husband and I are not interested in this law suit! We will not be included if you choose to proceed in legal action to sue and use our tax dollars foolishly.

Gina and Jeff Gangnier

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

Polly

From: Karen Madden <karen.madden@gm.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:08 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Nazarene move

Good morning all,

I live in Genoa Township, just down the road off of Crooked Lake Road on Fishbeck Road.

My child attends Light of the World Academy and is affected by the township's decision to not let Livingston Christian move into the Nazarene facilities. I respectfully ask that you call a special meeting as soon as possible to consider the litigation that has been filed, instead of waiting until next Monday's meeting. There is a good chance the township will lose in court, and it makes sense to change your decision now and not waste taxpayers money. I love Genoa Township, and not only does the decision affect my family, but the township is getting negative attention and I am certain the people of the township do not want an unnecessary lawsuit.

Regards,

Karen Madden
248-410-6670

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Polly

From: Linda Rowell
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Polly; Robin Hunt; Kelly VanMarter; Todd Smith; Mike Archinal
Subject: FW: Who do you work for ?

Passing this one along too.

Linda

From: Julie Hine [juliehine@icloud.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 6:39 AM
To: Polly; Linda Rowell
Subject: Who do you work for ?

The hundreds of tax paying commuters who navigate Brighton Road daily urge you to resist bully tactics from those who cannot plan it reason. The neighbors of that church have been lied to and abused for years. Stand firm and stop this madness. If you cave in to this pressure, every resident should be able to put in an addition with no permits. A barbershop or bar in every garage ! Smile and know that every time you uphold procedure you do the right thing.

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Sue Ellen Ikens <sueellenikens@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Mike Archinal; Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Academy

Genoa Township Trustees and Manager:

We applaud your effort to hold all institutions to the same standards to which you routinely hold private businesses in Genoa Township. Doing business in our community means following zoning, building, and any other statutory requirements to which the general public is held accountable.

I attended a Township meeting in which a change of use was being requested for part of the Naz. I attended, as I was concerned about the potential of overflow traffic affecting the residential quality of my neighborhood on State Street. We remember, well, when the high school suspended bussing and a near constant stream of traffic cut around the Main Street back-ups by using the neighboring streets that run parallel to Main.

More recently, residents of Pine Creek expressed frustration with traffic that circumvents Main Street by cutting through their neighborhood. Adding 1, 2, or possibly 3 new schools in the area immediately surrounding the high school is certain to add to their chorus of complaints. (Remember that Lindbom Classical Academy is planning a school, as is Northridge Church.) Allowing one institution to flout the rules may result in Township liabilities as more schools expect the same exceptions to be made for them. Again, we applaud your integrity.

All decisions regarding zoning and building should be made with an insistence on fairness and with deference to the legitimate concerns of the homeowners in and commuters through the area.

It is incumbent upon elected representatives to protect both the safety and livability of the residential neighborhoods under its leadership. I watched a distracted driver strike a child riding his bike on State Street in 2004. The boy was okay. But this memory is as clear to me as if it happened yesterday. Our narrow streets, without sidewalks or lighting, are particularly ill suited for handling the over-flow traffic that is routinely pushed onto them on busy football nights, weekday mornings, and the occasional train back up. Adding hundreds of cars to Main Street during the exact times that the thoroughfare is already busy would be reckless and could hold the Township responsible for the subsequent traffic nuisance created in the residential neighborhoods that were never designed for high traffic volumes.

Please stand firm in your well reasoned and painstakingly considered decision. Those of us that have followed this debate know that you took your time and deliberated in good faith. We are pleased and proud that our elected officials have integrity and are able to abide by their oaths in the most difficult of times.

Sue Ellen Ikens
Glenn Ikens

Polly

From: pamela gabris <pamelagabris13@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 7:15 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Kathy Moorehouse
Subject: Save Our School
Attachments: Dear.docx

Genoa Township Board,

It has been demonstrated the kids that attend Light of the world academy excel when they go to high school. The students are well prepared for life experiences such as debating, speaking in public, and in raising money for people in need. This school is effective in producing well rounded individuals. The teachers are superior they constantly further their knowledge on how to teach all children from kids with disabilities to gifted children. Light of the world academy progenies mimic what they see and become pillars of our community like Kathy Moorehouse. Light of the world academy provides opportunities that I believe every parent dreams their child will experience during their education, for instance nurture not only there mind, but build character, and promote humanity for all people. Please support our school, so we can educate children to be outstanding United States citizens. Why is the school board making decision to deny a permit to a school without having all the facts? This is our children's future on the line and teachers that could potentially be unemployed. This is the only Montessori charter school within a fifty mile radius. We need to continue make Michigan an outstanding state not dismantle schools and increase unemployment, but promote alternatives for parent to choose where they want their children to be educated.

Sincerely,

Pamela Ann Gabris

Polly

From: Kathy Lilly <lillygkmj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 5:39 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Jean Ledford; Robin Hunt; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Please, reconsider!

I am a member of Shalom Lutheran Church and a long time volunteer at Light of the World Academy. I am requesting

that the decision made by Genoa Township Board be overturned. LOTWA is an amazing place and this decision

significantly hurts our school, over 300 children, their families, staff members, teachers, and countless others.

Please, reconsider the special use permit for Livingston Christian.

Sincerely, Kathy Lilly

Polly

From: peggy garner <garner234@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:08 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Closing of Schools

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

I do not live in your community, but I have family members who do. I was shock to hear of the situation. Those community people voted to put you in your seat on the board, with the confidence of making good decision for the people. Your excuse of traffic is bogus. I read the traffic study by Fleis & Vandenbrink - dated June 23, 2015. In the best interest of all involved, especially since more then your community now knows what you the board did. I urge you to hold a special meeting with the public to discuss this issue. I do not think this is going to go away with as many teachers, students, parents, grandparents, close family and friends on board with this issue.

THE PEOPLE DO HAVE A VOICE !

Thank you for your time
Peggy Garner

Polly

From: Brittney <brance2007@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Genoa township schools

To whom this may concern,

It has come to my attention from a parent and your district over 100 miles away from me that you are closing a school based on your own personal feelings. As a parent myself I know how important it is to find a great school that fits each child's needs. As an employee of a small school myself I also know the importance of volume in enrollment. As a parent if this happened to me I would be sure to pull all my children out of your district and make sure they go to a school that listens to their parents and does what is in the best interest of their children. I strongly urge you to consider changing your mind. Please put the needs and wants of the children first and set aside your feelings and wants.

Thank you for your time,
Brittney France

Polly

From: Perry Points <pbpoints@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School and World Academy

On behalf of the education organisations mentioned above, I offer the following comments.

I respectfully submit to this Board that this is a weighty decision. The long term effect of this falls on the community, and these two schools.

First, I am armed only with the information that I have gathered with limited conversation with several people. As I understand, the issue of possible traffic difficulties have been evaluated by several traffic engineers. None have found cause for concern.

The church where LCS is desiring to conduct their classes have done everything that the neighbors, the Planning Commission, and the Township Board have requested that they do.

Being the Grandfather of two LCS students, I can attest that they are receiving a high level of proper education. They are destined to be fine, up standing citizens and contributors to the community.

Lastly, there are significant issues which will impact World Academy school and the staff and students there of.

While I recognize that the Township Board must act according to the law, at times like this, considerations need and should be made for the benefit of the community at large, ie Special Use Permits.

I hereby appeal to this Board for a special meeting to be held such that specific reasons for non approval can be resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry M. Points
1245 Peavy Road
Howell, MI 48843

517-546-6771

Polly

From: William E Italia <williamitalia@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:01 PM
Subject: Recent Board vote

Greetings-

My name is Bill Italia, I am a resident of Genoa Township for the past 17 years, and I am reaching out today to express my concerns regarding the recent vote to deny Livingston Christian's move into Brighton. I am sure by now, numerous people have reached out to you regarding a vote that based on the facts that I have been privy to, seems short sighted.

Not only have you impacted the families of Livingston Christian, you have impacted my family directly on multiple fronts. My personal involvement with the school is through volunteer work developing the technical infrastructure within the school. There is however, a much broader reach to the hurt that this vote has created. You see, my wife is the Kindergarten teacher at Light of the World Academy (LOTWA). I am extremely proud to state that fact. To watch her with these children is something I stand in awe of. She and all of the other teachers have the ability to influence the next generation in the most profound way possible and truly relish that opportunity. These children and their parents/grandparents that support them are their extended family, and your vote has threatened to take that away from them. Additionally, my son has attended this school from the time he was three years old and we now must consider options for his continued education within days.

Beyond my immediate family is the community of involvement that LOTWA is all about, from students raising monies for donations to a variety of charities both local and abroad, to the parents that rally and support each other beyond anything I have ever seen. Your vote threatens to tear apart that truest sense of community as parents are forced to make other arrangements for their children. These teachers, these specific teachers, are at the core of this community. They believe in this school and community like no one else. But if this vote stands, many will not be able to not work waiting for the board to reconsider their fate. That simple fact threatens what makes our school unique. The strongest aspect of both of these wonderful schools is the community that they create. This is not a simple thing to maintain or create. This is curated over years of effort, commitment, sacrifice, and belief that education can always be better than it was the day before.

Whatever your position is on charter/private/public schools, at its core it boils down to choices. Over 250 families had made the choice to send their child(ren) to these schools. Your vote has eliminated two outstanding choices for those families this school year. It takes away an ability to grow and strengthen both of these options this year. If these schools are not able to open their doors due to your vote, there is a possibility they may not recover. My wife may not be able to influence the lives

of these children. My son will lose many of the tight bonds with kids that he has know since just after he began to walk.

In summary, I think you and your peers on the board that voted to deny this use permit were looking at an artificially narrow scope of impact. I understand that this took more effort than it should have, but that should not/cannot be a factor in the vote. You have the ability change this outcome as it is within the board's ability to reconsider this in advance of next school year. Waiting until next year could cause irreparable damage to the culture that makes both of these schools so unique and endearing to the families that entrust their children's education to these wonderful staffs.

You have the ability to choose what to do here, something your vote took away from so many families last week.

Sincerely,
Bill Italia

Polly

From: Sherri Osterman <sherri.coricomcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:37 PM
To: Jean Ledford; Gary McCririe; Linda Rowell; Robin Hunt; Polly; Jim Mortensen; Todd Smith
Subject: Thank you Genoa Board

Dear Genoa Board,

I'd like to thank you for all of your hard work and in depth consideration regarding what is best for the Community. I hope that some minor public backlash isn't a deterrent for your steady diligence toward the track of compliance on township ordinance. I recently came across this negative post on a WHMI article. I feel that perhaps John Conely is working against the Genoa Board as he often does on the Brighton School Board. Please know that the larger Community as a whole agrees with your decision regarding the Christian Livingston School.



Replies

rescheduling the permit (time can fix the problem). In this potential for court action an ruling is substantial.

Yesterday at 2:04 PM · Like



Stacey O'Keefe

The church/school was req a detailed plan for drop-off which the planning commis pleased. Court action is de warranted, however I do no be pursued. In the meantime wonderful families suffers egos of those who denied t

I am a BAS parent and feel charter schools in a troubled area can better education. However, I do not believe Brighton is a troubled area. This particular charter is only in it for the money, not for the children . In this regard the Charter school holding a prayer vigil is completely breaking charter standards for separating church and the school.

<http://whmi.com/news/article/23311>

Please continue to do what is best for the Community, please continue to uphold ordinance & policies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sherri Osterman

3119 School Lake Drive

Brighton, Mi. 48114

248-202-0328

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: K Bury <kabury6@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:00 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Mike Archinal
Subject: For Kid's Sake...

With only 4 weeks before school begins, I am deeply saddened to hear the children at Livingston Christian and the new charter school for Light of the World will be displaced due to some small technicalities. Although my children do not attend these schools, I was truly disappointed when the council members voted against allowing the permits required for starting a school. This would be a great opportunity and win-win situation for all involved.

I understand the concerns voiced for the traffic issues, which are easily resolved by staggering school start/end times. As for the church's past actions, it sounds like a grudge is being held either by neighbors or a council member.

This state has seen many ups and downs over the past 5 years. Some schools have suffered due to declining enrollments and budget cuts made by the state. Here you have 2 schools trying to give children a good quality education only to leave them both in limbo right before school starts.

Please consider taking the time to have another emergency vote on this issue and grant these children an opportunity to grow and learn for a lifetime.

Thank you for your time.

Polly

From: jamiestilianos@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 12:03 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Please Read and Reconsider

Good afternoon Polly Skolarus, first of all I would like to thank you for everything you have done around Genoa Township. My name is Jamie Stilianos and I am a senior at Livingston Christian Schools, I have been attending LCS since I was four and a half years old and in kindergarten. As a student I had one goal in mind, and that was to graduate from Livingston Christian Schools. One thing I love about LCS is they try to do their best to help us grow intellectually and spiritually. They wanted to have the very best for us, until we came into some bumps along the road, If I have learned anything across my 12 years studying at LCS that is we have been through thick and thin, and we always come out on top.. If you really care about Genoa Township like you portray please reconsider your vote, because LCS has shaped me into a young women, who cares about the community, and everybody inside of it. LCS also does a lot of community service around our community, so we actually help everybody.

God Bless,
Jamie Stilianos

Polly

From: Christine Guastella <cguastella10@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Light of the World Academy

Please reconsider closing this school. I can only imagine being in a position of having to find a new teaching job as I am a charter school teacher myself with only one month of school beginning. The students and families of this school also would be losing teachers that they love and curriculum that supports their beliefs. Please don't take a school away from these children that call this school their own. If there is any way to change your vote and restore this school, please do so.

Sincerely,

Christine Guastella

Polly

From: Tina Green <tina83marie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 10:02 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special Use Permit

Good morning!

I'm writing in regards to the recent decision in denying a special use permit to house Livingston Christian School at Brighton Nazarene this fall.

As a former resident in the community and mother of a soon to be school aged child, it's incredibly disheartening to hear the news of this rejection. I can't say I fully understand the reasoning behind the refusal, but I will say that this one small decision, that simply 'nay', is costing the future of over 150 children and 16 teachers. So I ask you, what if you were looking at your own child with his tear stained face and had to say, "you don't have a school anymore."? Just if that weren't enough, you walk through the door to find your spouse head buried in her lap, out of a job, the one she worked so hard to get, the one that's covering your mortgage, the one she probably won't find again.

These are the realities the people in our community are facing; your neighbors, your friends, your church goers, the future of the world, but it doesn't have to be. If mercy is not getting what you deserve, then perhaps there's still time to shed a little. I urge you all to reconsider this decision and shed grace by pushing this permit through. Your community will thank you immensely!

I appreciate the time you've taken to read this and hope to see a little grace on your behalf as this issue unfolds.

Thank you for your time,

Tina Green

And we all know that all things work together for good to them that love God who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

Polly

From: Matthew Tucker <mtucker@jacksonchristianschool.org>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 8:12 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford
Subject: Reconsider got for Livingston Christian Schools

Hello Board Members,

I am a former teacher at LCS and now a teacher over at Jackson Christian School in Jackson county. I would just like to urge you to please reconsider the vote and allow LCS to operate within Brighton Nazarene. The staff are some of the best people I have ever worked with and are second to none when it comes to producing young men and women who are leaders that will have a major impact in any area and in whatever spheres of influence they choose to enter. It would be a shame to see their effectiveness and influence dashed on account of not being able to use a space more adequately suited for their needs.

Speaking from the perspective of a former teacher at LCS, it's a rarity to see a school have such a lasting impact on the students, the parents, and even the faculty. In fact, seeing a private school that has been showing growth over the past few years is amazing in and of itself. Who's to say what kind of impact this school could have in the Brighton area for the good.

In Jeremiah 29:7, we are reminded that it's in the best interest of the people of God to seek the welfare of the land they are in, and knowing the people involved with LCS, having the school in the Brighton area would only serve Brighton for the good.

So, graciously I ask that you please reconsider the vote and allow LCS to operate within Brighton Nazarene.

Respectfully,

Matthew Tucker

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Ginger <cox567@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:45 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Thank you

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

Wanted to take the time to thank you for upholding the rules of the township by denying the Naz Church's request to rent space to a k-12 school. I am a Christian who believes in choices for schooling but also believe in following the rules and regulations put in place to protect us all. I am sorry about the unwarranted heat and backlash the Board is receiving right now. I am not sure why some of our society has a strong sense of entitlement and I am thankful that the Board reinforced the fact that there are policies in place and everyone must abide to them.

Your decision is greatly appreciated and greatly supported.

Sincerely,
Ginger Cox
Brighton Resident

Polly

From: Don & Michelle Byers <dmbyers05@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:53 PM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; gary@genos.org; Jean Ledford
Subject: Please reconsider

Dear Township Board Members,

Please reconsider your decision to allow Brighton Nazarene a special use permit to allow Livingston Christian Schools to use their building. I truly believe that the oversight by Brighton Naz to get this approved earlier was simply that-an oversight. They were apparently unaware of all the regulations involving a school since they have never had one.

I understand that increased traffic is another issue, however with LCS staggering their pick up and drop off times and with all the families that carpool, this should be minimal.

Please revisit the data and the planning commissions recommendations and reconsider this decision. This decision will not only affect those families at LCS but possibly those at LOTWA as well. Even going back to the two year trial period would help a lot. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Byers
Parent and Faculty at LCS

Sent from my iPhone

August 6, 2015

Dear Mr. Snyder,

A new Michigan charter school, Light of the World Academy in Pinckney, is in danger of being forced to close by the Genoa Township Board. They are scheduled to open this fall in a building that once housed Livingston Christian Schools. However, Livingston Christian Schools, a nonprofit organization, is being denied the ability to lease building space from the Brighton Nazarene Church in Brighton. Because of this denial, Livingston Christian Schools will have to remain at their Pinckney location, leaving Light of the World Academy without a building.

The Genoa Township Board has not been forthcoming with the actual reason for the denial. The only reason that has been stated is a traffic concern. Two independent traffic studies were performed and both stated there would be no noticeable traffic impact from the school moving into the church. The Genoa Township planning commission agreed with the traffic studies and approved the permit. The Genoa Township Board rejected the approval by its own planning commission. Genoa Township Supervisor Gary McCririe even acknowledged the traffic engineers' findings. However, Mr. McCririe stated he still, "wasn't satisfied."

There has been no legal reason given for this permit to be denied. I was under the impression that a township board is required to vote based on the ordinances of the township. It appears this denial was based on emotion and personal opinion, not on facts.

As I stated above, this denial is causing a brand new charter school to close. Light of the World Academy is the only Montessori charter school within 50 square miles of their location. Montessori has traditionally been the type of education that's only been available to families of financial means. The families planning to attend Light of the World Academy are beyond thrilled that they're going to be able to send their children to the school of their choice now. The closure of this school will result in 160 students without a school of their choice, and cause the 30 staff members to lose their jobs.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this situation to you and your staff, and I thank you for your urgency in reviewing this information. Both schools desire to open as scheduled on September 8th.

Sincerely,

Wendy Bury

5160 Preston Road

Howell, MI 48855

517-540-6231

Polly

From: Wes Brown <wbrown@michigantool.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 4:13 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Livingston Christian Schools

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

I first want to say "thank you" for taking the time on Monday to review the special use permit that would allow Livingston Christian School to be housed in BNC.

Secondly, I am pleading with you to help call a special meeting. I know it only takes two board members to call a special meeting. Would you please do the right thing as I am sure there was information the board did not have on Monday when they voted?

- The traffic studies said there would be no added impact on Brighton road
- This decision could close the doors of one or both schools needing to relocate putting several dozen teachers/staff out of work and around 300 students without a school of their choice.
- LCS employs shared time teachers with Brighton High School so that BHS can count our students as a part of their population. I have it from a good source that the BHS population is way down this year (which incidentally means BHS traffic is down) and they could use our student numbers to help replace their lost enrollment.
- BNC never purposefully failed to comply with township ordinances. They relied, as most churches do, on laymen's advice as they are not experts in township law. Unfortunately they did not receive good advice and now they and the 300+ students and their families are paying the price. Today they have rectified their shortcomings and have gone above & beyond to satisfy the township and their neighbors, taking steps that were not even required of them.

Please, PLEASE be our hero. Please be one of the two votes to call for a special meeting and discuss this. Our hearts are absolutely breaking.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wes Brown
President
Michigan Tool & Gauge Inc
1010 Packard Dr.
Howell, Michigan

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Nicole Pochert <npochert@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Light Of The World Academy

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message

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>> Hello Genoa Council,
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>> Light of the World Academy, the Montessori school my daughter attends, is in danger of closing if we do not convince the board of Genoa township to authorize a special use permit for Livingston Christian to move to its new location. Because LOTWA has been so important for my daughter's education and family, I wanted to write you a letter to explain why the Montessori classroom has made such an impact on my daughter and ask for your assistance in changing the board's mind.
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>> My little girl has been blessed with early learning abilities, and she works beyond her grade level. Once this became apparent to us, we looked into finding ways to facilitate her growth in the public school. As you are well aware, our schools have had to make hard choices to survive, and one of the cuts was to accelerated learning programs. Pinckney no longer offers a pull out program to give students who have mastered the content their peers are learning an opportunity to themselves be challenged intellectually. This meant my family needed to look for a school that could serve my daughter's needs--and pay for it out of pocket. We were delighted to find Light of the World Academy and were even happier when it became a charter school.
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>> LOTWA has given my child the freedom to learn and challenge herself. She is not a child who fits within a traditional classroom, and there are plenty more children like her at LOTWA. I urge you to help us change the board's mind. They are good people, but they have made a poor decision. We are a group of mama bears who are desperate to keep save our children's school. Please help us.
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>> Sincerely,
>> Nicole

Polly

From: Bill Neathamer <bneat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Genoa Township Board Denial of Brighton Nazarene Church Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

I am writing today to request that the Genoa Township Board reconsider the previous votes cast for the special use permit for Brighton Nazarene Church (BNC) to house Livingston Christian Schools (LCS) starting this upcoming school year. I am requesting that the Genoa Township Board call a special meeting to reverse their previous decision to reject the special use permit. This is based on a number of factors which may or may not be new information to the Township Board.

In various public forums I have heard and read that concerns with traffic flow is one of the main concerns of the board. In order to reduce the impact of increased traffic and the concerns of the Township Planning Commission and Board a number of actions have either been agreed to or have already been implemented:

(1) LCS has agreed to a staggered start and stop time for school with the Planning Commission in order to reduce the impact of any additional traffic in the area, especially considering other schools already located in the immediate vicinity. The agreement with the Planning Commission is that no change to LCS start/stop times would be made with prior approval.

(2) A traffic study was completed and the report has already been shared with the Planning Commission indicating acceptable impact to the adjacent community.

(3) The motion approved by the Planning Commission restricts the number of employees and students that can be housed at BNC.

(4) The motion approved by the Planning Commission expires after the 2016-2017 school year and requires a yearly report of traffic control plans allowing for both the Township Board and Planning Commission to re-evaluate its decision based on actual data as opposed to unconfirmed concerns within a reasonable time period limiting impact to the township.

In writing this letter, I acknowledge that there were other concerns with regard to property separation of the church with adjacent neighbors (fencing, landscaping, etc..) and also the site plan and changes thereof. I know this has been a contentious point with all parties. In spite of all of the difficulties, according to the motion approved by the Planning Commission and verbally supported by various neighbors themselves, it is confirmed that BNC is complying with the requirements set forth by the Planning Commission and has adequately address the concerns of the HOA of AlJoann. The Planning Commission has approved both the site plan and environmental impact assessment. It should be noted that many of these items are being addressed by BNC at great financial cost. This is being done in order to comply with direction of the Planning Commission, in an effort to repair damaged relationships with the neighboring community and show good faith in addressing past issues with compliance to Township matters.

The decision to reject the Special Use Permit also has a domino impact on Light of the World Academy (LOTWA) in Hamburg Township. LOTWA was to move into the current LCS location in Pinckney as part of its Charter School Approval. If LCS is not allowed to move to BNC, then LOTWA faces potential closure impacting a very high number of families of students, as well as teachers that could lose their jobs. Although LOTWA is not a Genoa Township issue, it is still a repercussion of the decision of the Genoa Township Board. This decision impacts many of the families that reside in Genoa Township. There are numerous families that call Genoa Township home that attend both LCS and LOTWA. There are an even larger number of families that support the Genoa Township community with their hard earned money.

Lastly, I believe that not enough has been highlighted with respect to the good that the school can bring to the community. The students and staff at LCS are exceptional. They are intelligent, hard working, compassionate, well rounded, and of the highest integrity. The students and staff will be a tremendously positive addition to the Genoa Township community. The proven good that LCS can bring to the community must be considered along with the concerns already documented. The Genoa Township Board and community should be proud to welcome LCS to BNC and should be working to find a solution to this request instead of rejecting it and moving on to other matters.

I have two children that attend LCS and my wife is employed by LCS, so this matter is personal to me and has led me to write this letter. I want to ensure that all of you know that I understand that your job is very difficult and requires difficult decisions made that will not be popular with all parties. I respect the challenging position that the Planning Commission and Township Board faces on this issue as well as many others. I have lived in Livingston County my entire life, primarily in Howell and now in Green Oak Township, so I know that the growth of the general area, and specifically Genoa Township, has been astounding and is difficult to manage and plan.

Based on the aforementioned, I reiterate my opening request for the Genoa Township Board to convene a special meeting to reconsider and reverse its previous rejection of the Special Use Permit by BNC to house LCS beginning in September of 2015.

Best Regards,
Bill Neathamer
bneat@hotmail.com

Polly

From: Julie Hine <juliehine@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Procedure

You belong to a number of organizations. Should factions just rely on public emotion to circumvent rules. This church has repeatedly attempted to do so, giving in just sends a message that anyone can just use ignorance of laws as an excuse not to follow them. No one forced either school to do what they did. They have themselves to blame. Please stand up for policy, or you'll see your authority dissolve. We all have things we would love to do... And we are watching to see if you cave to emotional blackmail.

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Leah Jarvie <ljarvie94@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 2:02 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Please vote to allow Brighton Naz special use permit

Hello,

First of all, I want to thank you for your time and attention to this email. I attended Livingston Christian Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating from there in 2011. So the school means very much to me. I wouldn't be where I am right now if it weren't for LCS. I would probably be a prostitute somewhere instead of working for Oakridge Ministries in Anadarko, Oklahoma. I understand that the Brighton Naz was denied a special permit that would allow LCS to use its building. I kindly ask that you would reconsider that decision. There needs to be Christian education these days, and your vote to allow the Brighton Naz a special use permit would help with that. Thank you again for your time and attention to this issue

Leah Jarvie

Polly

From: G B <redwb1776@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 2:06 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; robin@genoq.org; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: RE: Livingston Christian School

Dear Board Members,

My name is Angelina Bollella and I am 14 years old. I was excited and happy to start school in the fall at Livingston Christian School. Please try to put yourself in my shoes for a moment and about how I feel right now knowing that my plans have been destroyed.

Attending high school at LCS became a reality for me when they planned on opening at the Brighton Nazarene church. You see, when the school was in Pinckney, it was impossible for me to go there. We live in Brighton, about five miles away from the Brighton Nazarene Church. My mom leaves for work at 6:30 in the morning, and it is impossible for her to drive to Pinckney in the mornings and she wouldn't be off work early enough to pick me up after school. Plus she is a single mom, and the tuition was too expensive. When the school was scheduled to open at the Naz, I would be able to go to Livingston Christian and I was so excited! I could take the Brighton Public School bus to the school and they were offering a discounted tuition if your family attended the Naz.

When I heard that the Genoa Township board voted down the school I cried. Where do I go to school now? Is there some way that you can reconsider your decision? There are hundreds of kids who will suffer because of your decision. Were the reasons that you voted it down taking this into consideration? I don't know anything about politics, but I hate for them to get in the way with hundreds of kids being able to get the education that they want.

I am asking that you think of the children who are losing out because of your decision. Maybe personal opinions can be put aside and just think of the kids who will have no place to go to school.

Thank you for considering changing your mind and letting LCS open at the Brighton Nazarene Church. It will mean a lot to me and many other young people. You'll see, you won't be sorry, we will do a lot of good in the community.

Sincerely,
Angelina Bollella

Polly

From: Jamie Andrews <jandrews@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School
Attachments: save school.jpg

To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently the middle school math and science teacher at LCS and I am asking you to reconsider your decision to deny our school's move to Brighton.

I would like to say that LCS is full of families that care and would make a huge positive impact on the neighborhood. I have never worked in a place/school that cared so much for each other and the community. If you change your mind and grant LCS access I can guarantee you will not regret the decision.

My daughter (8 weeks old) wanted me to send you her picture saying she is cheering on the school and you board members as well.

Sincerely,

Jamie Andrews
Livingston Christian School
Middle School Teacher

Polly

From: Karen Madden <karen.madden@gm.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 12:33 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian school's move

Hi,

I am a parent of a child that attends Light of the World Academy in Pinckney. From my understanding, it is the only Montessori Charter school within a 50 mile radius. Our family loves Light of the World Academy and we would be very sad if it has to close. Please work with Livingston Christian, and find a common ground so that the move is successful and meets the criteria you are looking for. This way, both schools can remain. My family, and many other families would be very grateful.

Karen Madden

Engine Torque Software Design Leader
248-410-6670

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Polly

From: Jason Woolford <revjwolf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Todd Smith; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen
Cc: Gary McCririe; Linda Rowell
Subject: Concerned Resident

Can you please explain why a nonprofit organization Livingston Christian Schools is being denied the ability to lease building space in Brighton from the Brighton Naz. It would appear to me that permits were approved and money was spent, and then for this to end with a vote that would result in the denial of LCS being able to rent space does not seem legitimate. It would appear the reasoning for denial would be that traffic would be an issue. Reading the minutes of the Genoa meeting there appears to be an agenda that is based on emotion and personal opinion not on facts. Not only does this appear to be religious persecution it also seems to be bad for future businesses wanting to come to this area. I am a resident of Genoa Township and am concerned as you the leadership are putting you and I (tax payers) in jeopardy of being sued. From my reading and witness to these events it would appear there is a different measuring stick being used, could it be that it's because it's a school that is private, a school that is Christian taught? It would appear they have case on their hands and I am asking you to reconsider this before we as a township could be embarrassed and suffer losses financially. I look forward to hearing your response, and any clarification of the facts.

Jason Woolford
517-304-6526

Polly

From: Kristin Barnes <gottahavekids@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Fwd: Reconsider

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kristin Barnes <gottahavekids@yahoo.com>
Date: August 6, 2015 at 11:21:27 AM EDT
To: "gary@genoa.org" <gary@genoa.org>
Subject: Reconsider

I am quite sure you're being flooded with emails regarding the re-consideration of the schools permit for Lcs. I am one of those parents asking for you to take a step back and think about the decision you have made regarding the permit for this school, Livingston Christian. You are not only putting teachers, families and children in jeopardy, but jobs and money that would come into your city. I'm asking you to reconsider your thoughts and your decision on this permit. Thank you for your time and understanding. Kristin Barnes

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Jamie Martin <danieljamiemartin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:20 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Will you help us?

On behalf of Light Of The World Academy and Livingston Christian Schools I beg for your help. In just a few weeks our schools are about to open and our children are going to have to be told that there school is no longer an option.

What I am asking from you is this: Please help us!

What can we do? We will do anything! Our schools and our staff are very important to us. We don't understand what is going on? Can you please give us an answer. We need help!

Please be our advocate. Please talk to your board members on our behalf. We will do what is asked to be able to keep our schools open.

Also, thank you. I know you must be overwhelmed with all the emails, calls, and media that have been coming your way.

Jamie Martin
- Mother of 6 LCS students

Polly

From: Kristin Neathamer <kmariepoints@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 10:55 AM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jim Mortensen
Subject: Brighton Nazarene and Livingston Christian Schools

Hello.

First off, I would like to personally thank you for voting to allow Brighton Nazarene to house Livingston Christian Schools this fall.

I am so confused as to why the remaining board members voted no. We believe the church has gone above and beyond to do everything asked of them by both the planning commission and the Board of Trustees. Now, the future of two schools, over 300 students and 50+ staff members hangs in the balance.

I am **urging** you to please call for a special session of the board to hold another vote. I know that the apparent prejudice against Christian Education was not the intent and we want nothing more than to see this wrong made right. The future of so many people rests in your hands. Light of the World Academy is scheduled to close on Monday unless there is a miracle or you simply do the right thing. Please consider the many people left to pick up the pieces of the board's decision. This could have far reaching effects on many Livingston County families. I, for one, am in danger of losing my job.

We see no legal reason to not allow our school to move the The Naz, and if there is one, please share! I know the traffic study that Mr. McCririe said he can't accept was just a waste of time and money, but it wasn't to the planning commission. I wonder how many other parties did what was asked of them only to have it dismissed. We feel we (Livingston Christian Schools) are simply caught in a power play between the board, who clearly has an issue with The Naz, and we are the unlucky victims. I can personally guarantee, the church had not intention of insulting the members of the board. They do not want their good name dragged through the mud every time there is an article written bout this. Once again, I **implore** you to consider the children, families and tax payers in Livingston County who are quite simply, victims to a power play.

With respect and thanks,
Kristin Neathamer

Polly

From: Carole Stiles <cstiles@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Polly; Jim Mortensen; Robin Hunt
Subject: Special Meeting

Dear Ms. Skolarus, Ms. Hunt & Mr. Mortensen,

I first want to say "thank you" for voting "yes" on Monday in favor of the special use permit that would allow Livingston Christian School to be housed in BNC.

Secondly, I am pleading with you to help call a special meeting. I know it only takes two board members to call a special meeting. Would you please do the right thing as I am sure there was information the board did not have on Monday when they voted?

- The traffic studies said there would be no added impact on Brighton road
- This decision could close the doors of one or both schools needing to relocate putting several dozen teachers/staff out of work and around 300 students without a school of their choice.
- LCS employs shared time teachers with Brighton High School so that BHS can count our students as a part of their population.
- BNC never purposefully failed to comply with township ordinances. They relied, as most churches do, on laymen's advice as they are not experts in township law. Unfortunately they did not receive good advice and now they and the 300+ students and their families are paying the price.

Please, PLEASE be our hero. Please be one of the two votes to call for a special meeting and discuss this. Our hearts are absolutely breaking.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carole Stiles
-LCS high school mathematics teacher
-Mother of 3 LCS students
-Former LCS student

Sent from Carole's iPhone :-)

Polly

From: Stacey OKeefe <sokeefe1795@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:34 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special Meeting

Please request a special meeting today regarding the special land use permit for Brighton Nazarene Church. You can save 2 schools who service 300 students in Livingston County and dozens of teachers' jobs.

Respectfully Yours,
Stacey O'Keefe

Polly

From: Paul & Becky Moots <moots@zoomon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 7:32 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School's move to Brighton

Board members,

We are writing to request that you reconsider your vote to not allow Livingston Christian School to move to the Brighton Nazarene Church's new building. We have a son that we were planning to send to the school this year. The move to Brighton has been highly anticipated by our family, and we were very disappointed to find out that you voted against that move. Your decision has left all the families of the school wondering where their children will be attending school in just a few short weeks! Our understanding is that the Planning Commission has been approving things each step of the way along the building process, and that your decision was quite a shock!

Please know that your decision to block our move to Brighton is affecting many children who need a place to go to school in September. Again, we ask that you reconsider your vote and change your vote to allow us to get on with moving to the facility in Brighton, and getting our kids prepared to begin in September as planned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul and Becky Moots

Polly

From: Sugar Britton <sugardan2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 5:38 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Fwd: LCS

Subject: LCS

Hello,

Your recent action denying LCS a special use permit to move into the Nazarene Church has us perplexed. I could not see according to the articles in the newspaper any valid reason for your denial. As grandparents of a student who has attended LCS for many years, we are very concerned as to where she will be attending school.

Isn't there some way this can be worked out? Please consider all the families who were counting on this opportunity for their children. Praying that you will do the right thing.

Dan and Sugar Britton

Sent from my iPad
Sugar

Polly

From: Lindsay Koss <lamkoss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 1:01 AM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Gary McCririe
Subject: Please reconsider your vote!

Dear Genoa Township Board and Friends:

Please know that there are so many families and teachers that are being affected by this past meetings decision.

Light of the World Academy is a phenomenal school that my children have attended for the past 7 years. The teacher skill level, compassion for children and the educational opportunities my children have experienced have been completely above my husbands and my highest expectations. We moved and are remodeling a home in Genoa township partially due to our children's attendance to Light of the World Academy and the changes that took place this past year.

Genoa board, we are begging please reconsider your decision. We know you have hearts for children and their families just as you do for the surrounding neighborhoods you are concerned about. We ARE those neighbors you are so concerned about and we are asking you to please re-think this!!

Do not put a flame out that is burning so brightly in so many children's hearts. We LOVE Light of the World Academy!

Sincerely,
Ed and Lindsay Koss
New Genoa Township Residents

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Lindsay Koss <lamkoss@yahoo.com>
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Ed and Lindsay Koss
New Genoa Township Residents

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: djnacy@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:26 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Todd Smith; Linda Rowell
Cc: Tina and Jamie Nacy; djnacy@yahoo.com
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Dear Genoa Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of my two granddaughters who will be attending Livingston Christian School. I am a retired Brighton Area School teacher who believes that parents have a right to choose the type of education they want for their children. My son and his wife want their girls to not only have a good academic school, but one that also teaches their values and their religious beliefs.

My husband and I are involved in helping with our granddaughters because their parents work outside of Livingston County. Our family has observed the arrival and dismissal of students at Livingston Christian School. It is a very smooth and fast in and out. Many families carpool and other families have more than one child. Also, some students attend afterschool daycare and are picked up well after dismissal.

The last three years of my career I taught at Maltby Intermediate School. Brighton High School, Maltby Intermediate School and Hornung Elementary staggered their dismissal times to accomodate traffic flow. A traffic flow study was done for the new school at Brighton Nazarene Church. The experts concluded that there be no impact on the traffic flow. Did you consider the report from the experts in regards to the traffic flow?

We have been residents of Brighton for over thirty years. On a personal note, we would love to have our granddaughters attend school in Brighton. This would enable us to be there in a timely manner if one of them was ill or needed us for any reason.

As you know, the decision to not allow Livingston Christian School to relocate to Brighton Nazarene Church has impacted two schools. Over three hundred students, as well as parents, teachers and staff are now in turmoil.

Please reconsider your decision. Please allow Brighton Nazarene Church to house Livingston Christian School in their new facility. Please feel free to call me at 810-227-4198 to discuss the situation.

The new school will be a positive influence in our community. It will also increase business in our stores and restaurants.

Thank you for your consideration and God Bless you,

Judy and Dave Nacy
11776 Brandywine Dr.
Brighton, Mi 48114

Polly

From: Dave <dmdeneau@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:10 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian school

Re think a resolution to this community issue impacting many young lives and their families.

- The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern.
- Your decision impacts not one school, but two. Not only will Livingston Christian families be impacted, but Light of the World Academy families, as well. More than 300 children will be without a school and dozens of teachers could lose their jobs as a result of this.

Polly

From: Maria <woolford_5@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:10 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Good evening,

I am a parent of a student who currently attends LCS and I also sit on the board. I urge you to please reconsider your decision of not approving the permit to allow LCS lease the Brighton Nazarene building. Based on the meeting notes, it seems as though your decisions were based on wrong assumptions. The traffic issue was confirmed as not being an issue. There has been a careful review and consideration of the staggered drop off and pick up times to make sure there would not be an impact to the current traffic schedule. Not only is LCS being affected by your decision, but LOTWA has also been impacted. We are trying to grow our schools due to the current needs of families who would like to place their children in private schools. I can't believe that you would not approve the growth of private Christian schools in this Christian founded country. Please re-evaluate the reasoning behind your decisions, and consider calling a special meeting to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Maria Woolford

Polly

From: Mary Ann Bell <mrsfithian@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:42 PM
To: Polly
Subject: My Faith

Dear Board,

My name is Mary Ann Fithian and I am the parent of two children who attend Light of the World Academy. Undoubtedly by now you have heard about our little school and the big impact its teachers and community has on the families who attend LOTWA.

My story, is a little different. In my house the reality is education is something we don't have much time to think about. In my house we are much more worried about keeping my daughter healthy than keeping up with what she is learning in school. In my house I am more concerned with keeping germs and viruses clear from my home, than making sure my children have perfect attendance. And to all of you this maybe a building issue or a logistical issue but for me, this is about my daughters happiness and her being able to live as normal of a life as she can.

Faith was five the day she was invited to LOTWA. The Pastor of Shalom Lutheran Church (not even my church at the time) came to see her while she was in very grave health at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was septic and in the worst shape we had ever seen her in. Pastor Kurt asked her what he could do for her and she said, I just want to have a best friend.

Faith had spent most of the last year in the hospital and she was never able to attend Kindergarten. He invited her at that time to join the families at LOTWA and assured me, she would feel welcome and safe in that environment. I remember thinking to myself....school is so very far from ever happening for my baby.

But it did. She attended that year for five days....not whole days but five days. That's where she met Havannah, who quickly became the best friend she had asked Pastor Kurt to help her find. It was pretty magical, I was a huge skeptic but quickly began to see the magic of this little school.

The following year, Faith's 1st grade year, was not a good one for her. She had 16 admissions into the hospital and I began to wonder if things would ever turn around for her. During that year her brother, Will began to feel the stress of having his sister be in and out of the hospital and having to have his family separated while she was admitted. At that point we decided Will needed the extra hands on approach he would receive from the teachers at LOTWA and we made the move. Just as it happened with Faith, he quickly felt at home and safe in the environment and his learning flourished.

Second Grade was great for Faith. She had her healthiest year yet, and she attended two-thirds of the school year, and she learned to READ!!!! The beauty of a Montessori school for a child like Faith with a life-threatening illness is she can be there when she's healthy and she doesn't need to catch up. She works at her pace and she never feels the pressure of having to rush to get to the level of the other students. Which with all of the stress she has in her life, its such a blessing that her education is so organic.

This past year was third grade for Faith. She missed the 1st day of school and she missed the last day of school. She missed every holiday party and every birthday party she was invited to. She missed the school play and the Christmas program. She's had a

very bad year. She's become dependant on IV's and has a PICC line placed. Through every bit of this years heartache, all she wants is to get back to school.

In our home we look at attending school as a privilege. Faith has been in the operating room at Mott twenty-seven times and once at Boston Children's. She hasn't what had what I would consider a fair shot at life. But she has been incredibly blessed. And when I stop and think of the blessings in her life most, if not all have come by way of the Light of the World Academy and the families that attend the school with us.

They are here for her. They send Valentines home when she can't be at the school. They bring projects that she misses and special holiday art. They send birthday treats home for her, they do everything they can to keep her spirits up and they pray, they pray to keep her here with us and healthy.

And they are here for me. In ways you can not possibly imagine, they bring meals, and they help clean, they replace broken things, and they show up with a car when mine quit running.....I can't even begin to tell you, because unless you've lived a life taking care of your child who needs medical attention every two-three hours you can't possibly understand how helpless you feel, then you have this community of people who surround you with love.

They love and they care. They want Faith to have the same experiences that their children have. They want Will to be able to just be a big brother. They want me, just to me a mom. My life has been filled with heartache watching my child deal with more health issues than any one person should have to endure in a lifetime, but the thought of her losing her school, her happy place, makes me literally lose my words.

This vote, is so much more than you can imagine to so many people. Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Fithian

Polly

From: Samantha Roscoe <samantharoscoe@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:46 PM
To: Polly
Subject: LOTWA

I am a parent of a child who has attended LOTWA since he was 2 years and 3 months. In that time, he has learned in a loving, nurturing and safe environment. His teachers provide support, guidance and direction. The friends he has made are life long friends with wonderful families. Today he is 7, going into 2nd grade to a school he may be denied because of some ridiculous traffic reasons, which were approved by a commission. A child denied his beloved teachers, closest friends and nurturing education environment. Why, I ask?!! Over traffic??? Something that will continue to increase over time no matter where one lives, confined to twice a day when students are dropped off to school and picked up??? Seriously??? I live on M-36 in Pinckney. A street that have 4 differ schools within 2 miles, that start at differ times and that yes at times gets busy in the morning. This is just what it is. Schools on this street, have traffic that at times gets congested. Would I say close all the schools cause I have to save 5 min in my commute to work? I don't understand the reasoning or thought these people are having. The children that attend these schools deserve the opportunity to continue receiving a quality education. To be with those that love and care for them, be among their friends. Please Genoa Township Board do what is right for the children and allow them to continue to flourish.

Sincerely
Samantha Roscoe

Sent from my iPhone
Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: John Millard <jmillard74@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:50 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: ASKING YOU TO RECONSIDER LIVINGSTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Hello,

I hope this e-mail finds each of you well and I hope that you will take the time out of your busy day to read my e-mail to you. I hope to not take up too much of your time.

I am the father of my son, Noah, who is going into 10th grade and a current student at Livingston Christian School. My daughter, Kelli, graduated from Livingston Christian a year ago. I am respectfully asking each of you to reconsider the vote that turned down Livingston Christian's move to the Brighton Nazarene Church. When the news came that Livingston Christian was denied to be able to move to the church it was absolutely devastating, both for my son and for us as parents. In the questions my son started asking, you could tell he was very worried what would happen to his school. For us, the move was going to help tremendously because it was moving closer to our home. With my daughter having graduated and now juggling college and work it is now on our shoulders to try and get our son back and forth to school. We are both working parents. Now we are left with the concern of not only what will happen with the school, but how we plan on getting our son to school every day.

With that being said, I can't say enough good things about Livingston Christian School. The school turns out high character, high productive, youth year after year. I have been extremely impressed for what it has done for my own children and was by far the best investment I have ever made in my life sending them there. I can guarantee you that Livingston Christian School would be a great asset to your community. I have seen it in my own household.

Putting ourselves aside and thinking about others, I understand not only does the denied move affect Livingston Christian, but also the school that was looking to move into Livingston Christian's old building in Pinckney. Now that school is in limbo as well. So not only has this decision effected our kids but also been devastating to another group of kids. I hope you will take those kid's lives into consideration here as well even though they are not directly in your township.

I know there were concerns over traffic. However, they planned accordingly to make sure this would not be a problem for the community including staggered pick up and drop times. They also had traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission. All agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern. Not to mention that Livingston Christian is a small school.

With all that being said, I am again respectfully asking that you reconsider your decision. Please, call a special meeting or please put this on your next agenda. These kids are depending on you and hoping that you will reconsider and give them a miracle. In the grand scheme of things, please don't let the concern over things like traffic (that ultimately will not be a problem at all) out weigh the importance this move was going to make in our kid's lives and in the community they were hoping to be apart of.

Please find it in your heart to give this school and these kids a chance to make the move they were so very excited to be making this fall.

Thanks for your time and consideration. Please make it happen for these kids and know we all will appreciate it more than we could ever thank you! I appreciate your consideration and have the upmost confidence that if you reconsider you will not regret that decision.

Thanks again.

John Millard
Livingston Christian Parent

Polly

From: Rod Bushey <rodbushey@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:32 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Reconsider Livingston Christian

Dear Genoa Township Board Member:

I urge you to strongly reconsider the recent board action regarding the Livingston Christian School.
It is my understanding that the traffic was the main concern.
However, the school has staggered their drop off/pick up times as to not impact the traffic congestion.

Your recent vote will yield a tremendous negative impact on those who are involved with the Livingston Christian School. It has been an amazing journey for this school to reach the level it has achieved. They have had a positive influence on each community they have touched.
From Howell to Pinckney, and now, to Genoa township at the Brighton Nazarene facility.

Thank you for your valuable time and thoughtful re-consideration of this issue.

Rod Bushey

Genoa Township Resident

517-546-9316

Polly

From: Kelly Wierenga <kwierenga@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:26 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Please Reconsider

Genoa Township Board,

Thank you for your time and effort in considering the needs of the township. I understand that this is a time consuming and stressful job. Recently the special permit needed to allow Livingston Christian Schools to move into Brighton Nazarene Church's new building was rejected. I am writing to ask you to please reconsider this decision. The traffic concerns raised by this potential move have been accounted for by the school's staggered pickup times and every effort has been made to try and accommodate other raised concerns. Please consider all of the facts as this decision ultimately affects two schools, dozens of teachers, and over 300 students. I am personally very thankful for the community of LCS and believe that the school's presence in Brighton would be a benefit to the surrounding community as well. As a teacher there I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and volunteering spirit of school families. Please consider calling a special meeting to resolve this permit issue. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wierenga

Polly

From: Rosemary Gass <rosemary.gass@pcydi.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:05 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: One small decision that will bring harm to allarea youth

To the Genoa Council:

I understand that someone, somewhere didn't follow instructions or complete the correct form or inform the correct people of what was going on with Livingston Christian School. I fully understand that policies, rules, votes regulations are needed to efficiently run and oversee a successful community.

What perhaps you may not know, however, is that your move will greatly harm our community in Pinckney, Hamburg and Putnam. Again, I do not understand the unfortunate dilemma with Livingston Christian School but I do know that your negative vote will not only hurt them them but also the Pinckney Youth Development Initiative Foundation (PCYDI) and Light of the World Academy.

PCYDI's mission is to create supportive community partnerships to dedicated to empowering youth to make healthy, positive choices. One of our partners, Light of the World Academy, has written in their Charter that PCYDI would fill the position of their community responsibility.

Part of that partnership contract consisted of giving a considerable amount of rooms and common areas to PCYDI in the new LOTWA building. If Genoa Township does not approve Livingston Christian's occupancy at the NAV, PCYDI will suffer an enormous set back in our work with youth (which includes students in Genoa Township).

As a group, PCYDI was created to service to young people and to actually give them an opportunity through established relationships and provide them the resources and opportunities to develop and succeed as adults.

What is the thinking about youth in Genoa Township?

Morality acts through doing what is best for the many, not the few. Why is it more difficult to bend, shape and form an agreement than to make our youth the heart and future of our communities?

Respectfully,

Rosemary Gass

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Rosemary Gass
President &
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Polly

From: Tam May <tam.may45@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:46 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Todd Smith; Jean Ledford; Linda Rowell; Jim Mortensen; Robin Hunt
Subject: Vote YES to allow LCS kids in Genoa Township

Please reconsider your vote and allow Livingston Christian Schools to start in Genoa Township next month.

We understand the township engineer report on record states that the additional traffic impact is minuscule, but the positive impact our school children can have on your community will be tremendous. Our school community demonstrated across Pinckney businesses and non-profit organizations for many years that a LCS partnership and collaboration can lead to significant benefits. One example lies in the many hours of community service our kids donated in Pinckney during the school year. Another example is this years Senior Skip Day when our seniors spent the whole day driving across Livingston County doing good deeds for unsuspecting citizens and paying it forward. Finally, remember all the dollars your turning away from your community business owners--when I carpool kids to LCS in my minivan I buy coffee and gas, groceries, pizza on Friday after school, etc. Thats \$100/ week I spend in my school community, x 9 months of school.

Please look again at the engineer report which appears to state very little traffic impact and vote yes to allow LCS to open at The Naz next month. Your community will benefit because you vote yes and so will our children.

Tami May
Oncology Specialist
Your Health Matters

Polly

From: Erin Paul <erin-paul@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Polly

Dear board members,

I am sending this on behalf of my four children. Katie, Olivia, Stephen, and Mark. We were a homeschooling family until last year. With the possibility of a Christian school in Brighton we were so excited! Even more was that BHS was supportive of it! My children were going to have the best options for their education. They could attend a Christian school and take college classes at BHS. Brighton is a wonderful city with so much to offer. I was so excited with the thought of dropping off my girls at school then I could take the boys to the park, do some shopping, maybe take them for lunch.... My city has very little to offer.

I believe there are many things that were not taken into consideration when you denied the special permit. You want LCS families in your city. We care for our community. Your city will be blessed, I promise. Please reconsider and call a special meeting to hear all the facts.

Thank you, thank you,
Erin Paul

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Sent from my Android device with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.


Polly

From: Nancy, Jamie S <JNacy@mbmortgage.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:25 PM
To: 'Tina Nancy'; Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; 'linda@gonoa.org'; Todd Smith
Subject: RE: Reconsideration for Livingston Christian School

Good Afternoon,

Additionally, we feel that the burden of the additional vehicles on Brighton Lake Road is insignificant in comparison to over 1000 vehicles from Brighton High. Livingston Christian Schools will add approximately 100 vehicle that will travel this road. The church and school board has taken this into consideration and has developed a plan to minimize the disruption to the surrounding schools and neighborhood.

I implore you along with my wife to please reconsider your decision and give the church and school board an opportunity to present all of their material.

**Mr. Jamie S. Nancy**
Mortgage Underwriter II

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From: Tina Nancy [mailto:TNacy@MAIPF.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:13 PM
To: 'gary@genoa.org'; 'polly@genoa.org'; 'robin@genoa.org'; 'jean@genoa.org'; 'jim@genoa.org'; 'linda@gonoa.org'; 'todd@genoa.org'
Cc: Nancy, Jamie S
Subject: Reconsideration for Livingston Christian School

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The following are some things the board may not have considered:

- Often times, in between school activities, the parents have a little time to spare and will frequent local stores, restaurants, etc. This is a benefit to local Brighton businesses.
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**Tina Nacy – AINS
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From: Tina Nacy <TNacy@MAIPF.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:13 PM
To: Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; 'linda@gonoa.org'; Todd Smith
Cc: Jamie Nacy
Subject: Reconsideration for Livingston Christian School

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Polly

From: Denise White <dwhite@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Approval for Brighton Nazarene Church to house Livingston Christian School

Dear Polly,

I am a teacher at Livingston Christian School and have been on staff there for the past 9 years. I wanted to sincerely thank you for recently voting yes to approve a special permit for Brighton Church of the Nazarene (BCN) to house Livingston Christian School (LCS)! We greatly appreciated your support of this permit. I would like to respectfully request that you consider revisiting this topic with your fellow township board members, who voted no, and ask them to please consider changing their no votes to yes votes.

When I first came to LCS, our student enrollment was approximately 220 students. Over the next few years we continued to see a decline in our enrollment. There were various reasons for this; mainly a steep downward decline in the economy, Christian families deciding to home school, and our Pinckney location. Even though we love our building and community, our school is approximately a 15 minute drive from any freeway access. This makes it difficult for working parents to drive their children to and from school. In addition, the Pinckney area has not shown much growth over the past decade. Even though our building, the former St. Mary's School building, is lovely, we have outgrown it, and it has needed many costly repairs due to the fact it was built in the 1950's. When our board met with the BNC and they were willing to allow us to lease their new building, we thought that would be a perfect arrangement and provide us with a more central location with easy freeway access. The BNC was already building their addition.

When I read the articles on WHMI's website, as well as the Livingston Daily Press, it said that the request was voted down due to concerns about noise, traffic, and the presumption on the part of the church and school that it would be approved. The township had a traffic engineer whose study concluded that because we would stagger our start and end times, there would not really be any additional problem with traffic. As far as noise goes, Brighton High School is across the street. Between the intense lights on the football field, noise from the high school band, athletic events, and high school drivers, our small school will not be an issue. My husband and I have had our 4 children, who are now adults, attend BHS, play various sports, and graduate from the Brighton Area Schools. I have been on the high school grounds dozens of times over the years. Compared to the noise, traffic, etc. from their 2,000 students and families, we were astonished to learn of the concern over noise and traffic that our small school would contribute to the road and neighboring homes. Our family lives 2 1/2 miles from the high school. There are many times we are able to hear the noise from the band. I understand the neighbors were concerned, but I would like to respectfully point out that the church was already there before their subdivision was even built. It seems to me that the neighbors of the BCN are upset with them and our school received a no vote because of that.

In addition, our school was an innocent bystander. Because it was the church that was seeking the approval, and we would be leasing the building, BCN requested that we not speak at any of the meetings. Please be assured that we at LCS and BCN respect your authority. We had no deliberate intention of ever trying to sidestep the Genoa Twp. Boards when we began stating on our website that we were moving to Brighton. It was truly an innocent mistake on our part. In hindsight, our school board should have done a more proactive job investigating what was required of the church in order to file the appropriate permits at the proper time, allowing LCS to lease the building. Please be assured that there was never any deliberate or intentional act on either part to undermine your authority by posting/advertising that we were moving (prior to it being officially granted). We sincerely apologize for our errors.

As a result of the no vote, our only recourse is to return to our building in Pinckney. If we do that, Light of the World School will have no building. They were going to buy our building and start school there in September. Not just one school, but two have been impacted by the no vote by the Twp. Board.

Our hearts are in the right place. We love God, want to serve Him, and help our precious children grow in His wisdom and grace. We are a ministry to God, the community, and to our students and their families. Would you please consider taking another look at this topic and discussing with your fellow board members the urgency of considering changing their votes to yes? With school starting one month from now, time is of the essence. We urge you to reconsider allowing the permit for the BCN.

I greatly appreciate your time in reading my e mail.

Sincerely,

Denise R. White
Second Grade Teacher, LCS

Sent from my iPad

Polly

From: Pam lotwa <pam@lightoftheworldacademy.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 4:04 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Special use permit

Dear Board Member,

Please reconsider the special use permit for Livingston Christian School. Denial of this permit may jeopardize jobs and result in the closure of two great schools.
Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Pamela McDonell

Polly

From: amy@shalomlife.org
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Please Reconsider

Dear Polly,

I request that the Genoa Township Board reconsider the vote against the special use permit for the Naz so that Livingston Christian Schools can move into that location. The decision the board made last night impacts over 300 children, their families; including mine, staff, teachers and many more.

Thank you,

Amy Crowley
Family Life Leader
Shalom Lutheran Church
(734) 878-6859
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Polly

From: Ruth Harris <headsupvintage@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Plea to reverse the decision for a special use permit

To: Members of the Genoa Township Board

As a parent of a young child that attends Livingston Christian Schools (LCS), I was extremely surprised and disappointed after the board rejected the special use permit to allow the Brighton Nazarene Church to house LCS. However, I was outraged after reading the paper today that this decision appears to be based upon past issues with the Nazarene Church with regards to other property improvements and landscaping issues rather than the issue at hand. (Two schools in limbo as fall nears, Aug 4 2015, Livingston Daily) The decision to deny the special use permit has impacted not only one school and its families, but two, since the school (Light of the World Academy) moving into LCS's building is also affected. Over 300 children and dozens of teachers jobs are hanging in the balance!

Please, I urge you to take a second look at all of the facts, in light of the overall consequences. According to this article, much of the discussion revolved around the traffic issues; yet a traffic study completed by engineers for the Planning Commission showed it to be a nonissue. Also, did the board realize that LCS planned to use a staggered pick up / drop off to further reduce any fears that traffic will be impacted negatively? In a previous article in the Livingston Daily, the Planning Commission suggested a temporary special permit that would need to be reviewed after a couple years. This appears to be a perfect compromise that would also address your concerns of the school and church following through on the proposed plans.

Please, I urge you to call a special meeting to discuss the potential reversal of this decision. It is my hope that either the board did not have all the facts the night the decision was made; perhaps did not understand the information presented; or did not know how far reaching the ramifications of this decision might be. Otherwise, I cannot believe that the board could come to such a conclusion when so much is at stake.

Sincerely,

Ruth Harris

Concerned Mom and Livingston County Citizen

Polly

From: Kurt Hutchens <revkurt@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; jim@geoa.org; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: August 3rd Board meeting

Dear Board members,

I am writing requesting that you call a special board meeting whereby you resend your decision to not allow Livingston Christian Schools to relocate in the Church of the Nazarene. Your decision has impacted over 300 children, their families, staff members, teachers and countless others. Please do the right thing for our children and community.

Gratefully,

Rev. Kurt Hutchens

Polly

From: Dionna Coulier <dcoulier@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:41 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Special use permit

Dear Genoa Board member:

As a Genoa Twp homeowner and parent of an enrolled student at Livingston Christian School, I am emailing you to reconsider the decision made regarding special use permit for Brighton Church of Nazarene. It is my understanding that the staggered starting and ending times would not pose a traffic flow problem. When I first heard of decision it was disappointing but now that I hear it will affect two schools I respectfully ask that you reconsider as those students will be possibly losing their school and staff will be losing jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dennis and Dionna Coulier

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Susan Lang <susielang3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:25 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Liv Christian/Naz decision

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

Please let me introduce myself. My name is Susan Lang, and I have two children that attend Light of the World Academy. My daughter will be a second grader, and my son a fifth grader.

I have a unique situation to share with you, because my experience with Lotwa is a bit different. This is because my 10 year old son, has autism.

We have been down quite a path as you can well imagine. But I will tell you that a true light in our world, and more importantly his, has been this school. My son has been a student here since kindergarten. When he started here 5 years ago my son did not speak. He had a handful of words at best. He could not read, he had no math skills. He had very little social skills. Or coping skills in general. What he did have was a light in his eye that few people could catch, or even begin to notice or understand. Light of the World saw this light, and he became a student here.

Because of this school and the teachers here, my son can read. He can do math. He has amazing social skills. He has many many friends. He participates in class. He does reports on his own on states, clouds, tee pees, Pearl Harbor, the list goes on. He has been given opportunities here that surpass what he could get anywhere else. Through school he takes piano lessons. He participates in the school plays. He even sang a solo as Joseph in the Christmas play this past year. Lotwa had faith that he could do these things. It takes this type of faith, given to a child with special needs, from a Montessori school like Lotwa to help him thrive. This is just one story of many many other children given these same opportunities from this amazing school.

If you've ever known any child with autism, you know the gravity that what others may consider a simple change can have. We as parents, in a combined effort with the educators have spent years establishing an environment in which he thrives like none other. I cannot imagine the impact on him if this were all taken away, due to some traffic misunderstandings for Livingston Christian.

In summary, because of Lotwa and the opportunities he has been given here, we have seen our son flourish academically, socially, and emotionally in ways we never imagined possible. Uprooting him from this environment, losing our beloved school, that he has grown so comfortable with and grown to enjoy at every level, would devastate this child beyond what I can even imagine. Essentially going back and erasing all the things we've worked so hard together to put in place for this child would cause insurmountable damage to his well being.

Please consider our story when you vote on the situation for Livingston Christian as it is affecting so many children's lives and their families. Thank you for your time.

Susan Lang

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What I sent Todd Lang 248-761-6588 Begin forwarded message: From: Todd Lang <Todd.Lang@sas.com>

Polly

From: Julia Stocker Schneider <jstockerschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Schools in jeopardy

Genoa Township Board;

We am writing to urge you to reconsider your action related to the granting of the special use permit for Livingston Christian School to the Nazerene Church. Our children (both 7) attend Light of the World Academy in Pinckney, that was planning to open as a Charter in the current Livingston Christian Building in Pinckney. With the permit denied, it is unclear what both schools will do, affecting many families in our community.

I understand you are doing your best to represent your constituency and make policy that best represents the needs of the community. However, I find it difficult to understand how a few traffic concerns unsupported by the traffic studies that were conducted, and by the Planning Commission that studied the issue led to this decision. It seems that a more appropriate solution would be to allow the Livingston Christian School the waiver to relocate as recommended by the Planning Commission. This would not only support the educational needs of the children and families affiliated with Livingston Christian School, but also of those seeking Montessori education in Pinckney at Light of the World Academy. Even if a few minor traffic delays occur, they would result in a much less significant impact to our community than the displacement of 300 children from these schools 4 weeks before the start of a new school year.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter, and your diligent attention in doing the best for our community and its children.

Sincerely,

Randy & Julia Schneider
Parents to Tristan & Jackson

Polly

From: Carole Stiles <cstiles@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:07 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Jean Ledford; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian

Dear Genoa Township Board Member,

I hope you reconsider your decision to not allow BNC to house Livingston Christian School because our school is very special to me. I have been going to this school since Pre-K and am now going into 9th grade this year. I have made so many friends throughout my life at LCS and I don't want to stop now. Please reconsider.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

Connor J. Stiles
age 14

Polly

From: Tami Hall <tamihall77@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Polly
Subject: please reconsider the decision regarding LCS

To the Genoa Township Board-

This email is sent to urge the board members to reconsider their position on the issue of operate in the Brighton Nazarene Church campus for the next two school years. My reasons

The harm to families of the township and surrounding areas at this time is significant. The seriously and are also consumers who will shop in the area of the school even if they don't have families. It hurts the surrounding businesses and, consequently, the tax base.

The board was not aware that Livingston Christian will be using a staggered pick-up and the traffic impact on Brighton Road. In addition to this, it is possible for a private school to issues were to become a concern. I know this from personal experience as a public school times to accommodate state compliance mandates for contact time.

The traffic engineers reported no significant impact on traffic to the Planning Commission supposed to analyze the impact are not concerned, why is it a concern for the board?

This decision impacts has a filter down effect on 2 schools due to LCS having vacated a school who is also now displaced. Nearly 300 students will be impacted. In the very least anxiety about the start of school which is already a transition that is hard for some. Many go to school, rather than what to wear, what their teacher's name is and if they will have :

As a public school employee, it might seem that I would be in favor of private schools out of business. On the contrary, we all learn best in our own schools whether public, private or charter. Why make educating students harder? The board's decision promote education or welfare for students and families.

I have a family member who works as a teacher for one of these schools and will have to work elsewhere. An employee who is a well educated, trained professional who lives in Livingston County and had anticipated working for this school may lose her job. This is a citizen your board is pushing out of Genoa Township Livingston County through a decision that is based on limited or incorrect information.

Please arrange for a special meeting to resolve this and right this wrong.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hall, MA, LLPC
South Lyon, MI

Polly

From: Ted Nast <tnast@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Administrator

Dear Genoa Township Board Members:

As administrator of Livingston Christian Schools for the past fourteen years I'm familiar with every aspect of the school's daily functions. I attended each of the four meetings in which Brighton Nazarene Church presented its case for the special use permit that would have allowed LCs to rent the space from the church. In addition I also attended the two township board meetings. I heard what the church stated as well as the concerns voiced by the township, and felt the deep-seated distrust of the church may have been the primary cause for the board's rejection. I do not know the history of the church and its interactions with neighbors nor how it has fulfilled its commitments to the township, but that seems to me to be at the heart of the board's reluctance to approve the special use permit. It is beyond my purview to try to correct past grievances relating to the church. However, I'd like to address a couple of issues that I felt were not fully explained in the hearings.

The additional traffic that will be generated by the school at pick-up time is genuinely one that needs to be better understood. I recognize you must look at statistics and probabilities to legally formulate a projection for traffic, and I felt that was well done, but understanding the historical picture of school attendance and driving habits may be a more accurate measurement. From the fourteen years of working at LCS we know that close to 100 percent of our students will arrive in vehicles rather than by walking or riding bikes. We also know that between 60-65% will arrive in a car-pooled format and those that do not car-pool are mostly early childhood and those from less populated geographic areas. In addition, more than 65% of our families have multiple children enrolled at the school. Our juniors and seniors represent approximately fifteen drivers of which almost all remain after school to participate in sports programs. Lastly, our early childhood program is composed of part time and full time families. The part time families pick up their children at approximately 11:15 a.m. Combining the above mentioned inputs the actual number of vehicles that will leave at the normal pick-up time approximates 75-85 if we have 160 students enrolled.

Much was made of the school's aggressive approach to advertising its move to Brighton. In reality, LCS held two open houses for new families prior to being alerted that a special use permit was required before occupancy would be granted. We immediately stopped radio and print advertising and have not done any since then. We did retain our website statement that we were going to Brighton Naz. Viewing it from your perspective I understand how it was an indication of presumption. It was not meant to be, but rather was intended to inform perspective families that we were intending to move to the Brighton area, which has been a long-term goal. In retrospect we ought to have deleted the specific location. I apologize for that oversight.

By this time you are aware of the vast number of people affected by your decision. I, and the families involved in the two schools, ask simply that you reverse your cumulative vote and approve the special use permit which will allow LCS to move to Brighton and Light of the World Academy to move into the Pinckney building, thus salvaging jobs and allowing two schools to continue to flourish.

Respectfully, Ted Nast, LCS Administrator

Polly

From: Bonnie lotwa <bonnie@lightoftheworldacademy.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

I have been a teacher at Light of the World Academy for the past twelve years. During that time I have worked with many children and their families that later went to Livingston Christian once the children reached fourth grade. Right now there are 250 children that may lose their schools and a number of faculty members that are in jeopardy of losing their jobs due to the board's decision. I ask you to please reconsider this decision based on all of the facts. First, your road commission voted 4 to 1 to accept the permit. Secondly, I believe that Livingston Christian was planning to do a staggered drop off and pick up. Thirdly, this decision will very possibly close Light of the World Academy which has been a wonderful school for thirteen years. Please reconsider your vote for my family's well being and the many other families that are affected by this decision. Than you for your time. Sicerely, Bonnie Blum

Polly

From: Stott, Robert B. (Rob) <StottRB@bv.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special Use Permit Vote - Livingston Christian Schools

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Robert Stott, and I am a parent of a student attending Livingston Christian School (LCS) in Pinckney. I am writing you to re-consider the recent Genoa Township Board vote on Monday for the Special Use Permit required for the LCS move to Brighton.

There is a concern that the Genoa Township Board may not have had all of the facts available to them when they turned down the Special Use Permit, specifically the recent traffic studies. It was my understanding that the traffic engineers who evaluated the potential traffic impact for the Planning Commission all agreed that the additional traffic would not be a concern. In result, the Planning Commission approved the request. It should also be noted that LCS planned for a staggered pick-up and drop-off schedule, which will further reduce the traffic impact on Brighton Road.

Unfortunately, the recent decision impacts not only LCS, but also the future of the Light of the World Academy (LOTWA) and their families. The plan was to allow LOTWA to occupy the old LCS school when LCS moved to Brighton. Together, more than 300 children may be without a school and dozens of teachers could lose their jobs as a result of the recent Genoa Township Board decision.

My sons have enjoyed their involvement with Livingston Christian over the last six (6) years. The administration and teachers have been very supportive of the students, families and the community. They provide a solid education that is based on morals and ethics and work to prepare the students for higher education and future life decisions.

It would be a great asset to have LCS as part of the Brighton community. The students participate in local events, town clean-ups, sports and social events. Our students are typically complimented on their respectful behavior.

It would be unfortunate to deny both of the schools, the students, the staff and families the opportunity to move LCS to Brighton.

With the 2015-16 school year around the corner, time is of the essence as the new location for LCS is not completed. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully

Robert Stott

Polly

From: Groman Garth <garthgroman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:05 PM
To: Gary McCririe; jean@geoa.org; Todd Smith
Cc: Polly; Jim Mortensen
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Genoa Township Board,

As a parent of 2 children who have attended LOTWA and have attended LCS for the past 4 years, I urge you to reconsider your recent vote against LCS moving to the Nazarene Church in Brighton.

I am not here to state that the Nazarene Church has handled everything the way they should have- apparently they did not handle things in the best manner possible or we would not find ourselves in this incredibly unfortunate predicament.

What I am asking you to think about is the number of children, families and teachers your decision so adversely affects.

And, I urge you to consider the schools themselves- there is no better academic education offered in Livingston County. And that education is about to be abruptly disrupted because of, the way it sounds, a bunch of misinformation.

As an example, I know one concern is the traffic. The traffic engineers who studied this for the planning commission all agreed that the traffic would not be a concern. Three separate traffic studies concluded there is not a problem regarding traffic.

IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT YOUR BOARD WAS MADE AWARE OF THIS.

Again, shouldn't the real focus be on our children!?

I urge you to consider our children and teachers....and please reconsider your vote.

Very sincerely,

Garth Groman
(248) 408-1005

Polly

From: dmrest@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:01 PM
To: Mike Archinal; Gary McCririe; Polly; info
Subject: Immediate action needed/LCS

Dear Genoa Board Members.

We are asking you to reconsider your previous decision about LCS opening up this fall at the NAZ. We have a granddaughter that attends LCS. We believe you did not have all of the facts available at the time of the vote. We believe this information may change your minds.

Thank you,
Donald and Madolyn Restauri Sr.
Sent from my NOOK

Polly

From: Glenda Brown <wesandglenda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Polly
Subject: RE: Brighton Nazarene's Special Use Permit / Livingston Christian School

August 5, 2015

Members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Glenda Brown. My husband and I are one of the founding families that started, what is now called, Livingston Christian School (LCS), 30 years ago. Today, we have 3 grandchildren attending LCS, and their mother/our daughter, teaches there as well.

I have been watching the process of LCS's move to Brighton Nazarene over the past several months, and I too, am profoundly disappointed that the Genoa Township Board voted to deny the Special Use Permit for Brighton Church of the Nazarene to lease space to Livingston Christian School.

Connecting the dots....

This is what we know:

- 1) Traffic studies were conducted by Safety Engineers.
- 2) Safety Engineers concluded that traffic would NOT be a problem.
- 3) Because traffic would not be a problem, your Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve Brighton Nazarene's Special Use Permit.
- 4) The Genoa Township Board voted to deny the Special Use Permit because of traffic problems, and "specific issues".
- 5) Miscommunications happen in everyone's personal and professional lives.

Churches and schools do not deal with the ins-and-outs of township ordinances, requirements, building codes, engineering, etc., and they often rely on laymen volunteers to handle leadership roles in building and grounds projects, so it is to be expected that occasionally information will not be thoroughly conveyed to inexperienced applicants/workers, misunderstandings of details will occur, and in everyone's busy lives, details can accidentally be forgotten. Reasonable people only need to clarify and problems can be resolved. We all know the church is not the first to have this happen, and they will certainly not be the last in Genoa Township to have this happen.

- 6) Neighbors of the church, knowingly purchased homes located next to, or close to, a church and a public school that were already legally there.

Did they not know that churches minister to their communities in a variety of ways?

Do they think that churches should forfeit their rights and freedoms because they knowingly purchased a home close to a church and school?

- 7) That our Founding Fathers established freedom of religion and ensured Constitutional protection for the "free exercise thereof", which includes ministries of all kinds, including Christian education, and in this case, that right is being violated for tyrannical reasons, in my opinion.

Consequences of the Genoa Township Board's decision:

- 1) 300+ students are denied their school of choice and Christian education.
- 2) Dozens of teachers and staff members are now unemployed.
- 3) Tax dollars are now lost.
- 4) Brighton Nazarene has lost the income they would have received from the LCS lease.
- 5) Brighton Nazarene has lost the ministry of the Livingston Christian School which would have drawn people to use the church's ministries as well.
- 6) Religion's "free exercise thereof" is denied.

What is gained by the Genoa Township Board's decision to deny Brighton Nazarene's Special Use Permit?

- 1) Absolutely nothing.

What could be the underlying reason for this hostility, and lack of common sense, from neighbors and the Genoa Township Board?

- 1) Egos?
- 2) Power-plays/control issues?
- 3) The ever growing hostility and bigotry toward Christianity in America?

I strongly encourage the Genoa Township Board to do the right thing and follow the law.

Call a meeting immediately, and vote to approve the Special Use Permit for Brighton Church of the Nazarene.

Your actions and decision will be remembered when election time rolls around again. I and my husband may not be able to vote in Genoa Township, but we certainly can campaign for those who seek to replace you, and work to inform Genoa Township's constituents about the behavior of their Township Board.

Sincerely,

Glenda C. Brown

10222 Chase Lake Rd.

Fowlerville, MI 48836

Polly

From: Merry Wright <mewright7@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:40 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Request for Appeal of Board Decision

Dear Polly and members of the Genoa Township Board,

I was dismayed to hear of your recent decision to deny a special use permit to Brighton Church of the Nazarene, to allow Livingston Christian School to use their facilities. Our grandchildren have attended the school for four years and I value the caring, Christian based education the school provides. We feel the move would benefit their education.

Perhaps you are not aware of how many people are affected by your decision. All of the returning students and families at LCS who were looking forward to relocating in Genoa Township. Good, caring, and hard working families who are invested in their community and their children. Their fall schooling is now in turmoil.

Then there are the new student families who like and support the Brighton area. In addition there are the students and families at Light of the World Academy currently renting the Pinckney location who will be displaced if LCS cannot move. I am also concerned for teachers and staff who may lose their jobs and income if one or both of the schools are forced to close.

I believe that this was not your intention. I believe that you have the best interest of Genoa Township and it's families in mind when you make your decisions. As one of these families I ask you to reconsider and to allow Livingston Christian School to move to Brighton.

Thank you for your time,
Merry Wright
2828 Brighton Rd, Howell

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Mitch Glover <mdglover52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:36 PM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Gary McCririe
Subject: Livingston Christian School at the Brighton Nazarene Church building

Members of the Genoa Township board,

Please understand and be aware that your decision will directly effect the lives of nearly 400 people.

The potential move of Livingston Christian Schools to the Nazarene Church in Brighton does not just involve those students and staff. Additionally, it also involves nearly 150 students and 30 to 40 staff of the Light of the World Academy that was planning to move into the old LCS building in Pinckney. If LCS does not move to the Naz they may be back at their school building in Pinckney. If LCS is at the old school building LOTWA has **NO** place to go (they are required to locate in Pinckney) and will have to close therefore 30 - 40 people will be unemployed and around 150 kids will go to a school that may not fit (in some cases) their individual learning needs.

This is such a difficult letter to write, so many lives will be impacted because of your response to it and others like it.

Please be patient with us.

Time is short and the stakes are high.

Our children are our future, every child in every community will, in some way, impact each one of us.

We understand that you have a very hard job to do and we appreciate your time and effort in service to the community.

I am sure that sometimes it is hard to get all of the information together that is needed for a correct and wise decision. Perhaps there are times that a decision is made and then new

information, or a new understanding of information comes to light. Those are the times that

develop our character to a new and hopefully higher level. This may (or may not) be one of those times.

Our hearts have been heavy since we read on the WHMI website of your meeting of Aug. 3 and the impact

regarding Livingston Christian School and also the Light of The World Academy.

We have a son attending LCS and have followed the results of all the meetings regarding the Brighton Nazarene Church

and LCS. Obviously we have been concerned about the 2015 – 16 school year and where it will be held for LCS.

We are thankful that there is another option available for LCS for the coming year (if needed).

The problem with that option and what concerns us most right now is the situation it causes for LOTWA.

They have no other options. The worry and stress this is creating for the children, families and staff is more than most

can imagine. Because Light of the World is a Montessori school it offers different ways of learning that can make all the difference between academic success and failure for some of its students. It is heartbreaking to watch the child you love so dearly struggle and fight to learn by standard methods only to fail time and time again. Then you find a new school that offers a different way for that child to learn. They offer a different structure and form of learning for children who do not do well in the 'one size fits all' that most public schools must offer. A way that is unique and individual to that child and the child thrives!

Because of the larger class sizes public schools often cannot or do not provide the individualized methods that are most successful for these students. That is why schools like LOTWA and LCS are so important because they offer traditional and unique learning opportunities. Even more important now is the fact that LOTWA will be a charter school and therefore accessible to a whole new group of kids that need that environment but could not previously afford it.

We appreciate that you have concerns about traffic on Brighton road at the Naz. We certainly want everyone to be safe, as do you.

But we can't help but wonder if you have actually gotten all of the information you needed to help make that part of your decision.

For example;

LCS enrollment is around 160 but that does not mean 160 cars each morning and afternoon. While many of the kids are from Genoa township, many have a longer commute and near or far we have lots of carpools. We carpool our 1 son with 2 other kids (and may pick up an extra one this year). Thus 3 kids = 1 car; not 3 kids = 3 cars. Some carpools have 4 to 8 kids. Add to that the fact that in many cases 2 or 3 children are enrolled from the same family and you cut down traffic considerably.

I know that LCS has also tried to re-arrange the school start and end times to help avoid traffic problems with Brighton High across the road.

We have a very small school so as far as sports teams go there would be very minimal traffic for practices and sadly also for games.

There have not been any other regularly scheduled after school activities associated with LCS.

It also seems likely that with the Latson road interchange open there would be some reduction in traffic heading to the freeway in that area compared to a couple of years ago.

We strongly encourage you to re-visit this issue by calling a special meeting for as soon as possible, remembering that it impacts approximately 80 jobs (shoppers and taxpayers) and 300 children in your community.

Surely there must be some way to get even a 1 year very conditional approval for this. Again, we are not asking this just for LCS, we have a fall back building. We are asking also for Light of the World and their children and families. As we understand it they have no other place but the LCS building in Pinckney.

Again, Thank You for your time.

Our prayers are with you for wisdom in this decision.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Mitch Glover

Mitch Glover
10500 W. Van Buren Rd.
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-521-3076 or (cell) 517-281-3484

Polly

From: kathy groman <kathy.groman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:07 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

My name is Kathy Groman. I am a member of the Livingston Christian school board. My children have attended both Light of the world Academy and Livingston Christian School since pre school. The are now entering 7th and 9th grade Both my sons are straight A students, and I attribute their academic success to the training they received early on through both Light of the world Academy and LCS. I know that they would not have been as academically successful in another setting, not to mention that they would not have the religious training that my husband and I feel is so important to make them into strong, solid men of faith.

More importantly, it is my right as a parent to choose what academic environment to place my boys in, without the local government overruling my right to academic and religious freedom based on the "feelings" of a 7 member township board. We have consulted legal counsel who have in fact confirmed that the decision made by your 7 member board was based on personal "feelings" and not based on the law.

I know that you have received hundreds of emails as to how this decision is effecting hundreds of families and staff members, so I will not belabor that point. The impact of this decision is absolutely devastating.

My husband and I are Genoa Township residents who reside in the Oak Point Honors development. We are committed to seeing this issue through, and making sure that "the law" is followed.

Sincerely,

Kathy Groman

Polly

From: Pam Alexander <alexandp@trinity-health.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Cc: pprnk0369@gmail.com; Peter Alexander
Subject: Please reconsider the request for LCS to move to Brighton Nazarene
Importance: High

As a very concerned parent, I am writing to ask for your support and consideration to accept this appeal to allow Livingston Christian to move their facilities to Brighton Nazarene.

This matter is extremely urgent as we are less than 1 month from the start of the school year and we find that we may need to find a new school for our children. This is not simply a 'change in school' situation, it could lead to a change in educational approach as well. Without this location approval, hundreds of children are negatively impacted. I am struggling to see where another population is disadvantaged if the move is approved. I would appreciate a return email to help me understand the key concerns and issues. My child's education and well being is directly impacted by this decision, as are many other families and children.

- From my understanding, the key factor raised related to traffic on Brighton Road. This is easily remedied by the staggered drop off and pick up patterns the school plans to use. As a private school without use of public busses I'm sure the school can very effectively modify their class times to meet whatever demands/concerns the city planners may have. Through communications from the school, I understand that the traffic engineers agree that this is not a prime concern.
- A move of LCS to Brighton Nazarene would also draw economic growth to the Brighton community through shopping and dining conveniences.

My children have attended both LCS and Light of the World Academy (LOTWA) in their education and I credit each for providing them with the foundation they needed to succeed. My son migrated into the public schools in 4th grade and is doing well, but I opted to keep my daughter in the private setting for several reasons.

So, I am most directly impacted by this decision because my daughter is ready to enter 9th grade at LCS. She is very bright and excels in most subjects, but has clear needs and accommodational requirements for test taking, science and math. I have felt very fortunate for the private options available to us in Livingston County with both LOTWA and LCS to meet the needs of my daughter. I passionately feel that the public schools could not have supported her in the same manner, and believe she would not have been anywhere near as successful. And, her self esteem and self confidence are very high, regardless of her personal challenges – I credit this to the safe, small class sizes and limited number of teachers/continuity of teaching styles.

My daughter has a motor planning disorder and a learning disability in math, . Both LOTWA and LCS are perfect environments to support her challenges without making her feel 'different'. She represents a small population of kids who are not visibly 'disabled' but are also not wired to succeed in the traditional educational setting. The small class size minimizes her distractions (important for the motor planning disorder) and affords teachers the ability to pace the class based on their various needs. They also can provide her the one-one support she needs in some classes and modified curriculum (in math) to help her progress at her own pace in math without the stigma of 'special ed'.

My experience with both schools are that they often fit a special niche for some families that is important to sustain. Some families are drawn to the religious freedom that the schools allow. Others, like me, feel that the smaller class sizes and limited distractions are a critical component to the well being and enriching learning environment that they need. After 10 years in the small-school, private setting, I am exceptionally concerned with the potential to disrupt my daughters educational progress.

The Brighton Nazarene location and arrangement were a great option for LCS. The building and location provides a significant upgrade in facilities for our students at a very low cost. It also solved a problem for the LOTWA families who need a larger facility to support the growth and success of that program.

Please re-consider your ruling in this matter.

Pam Alexander
Director, SCM Finance
Trinity Health

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Polly

From: Kathy Stott <r-kstott@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Fwd: From my heart to yours

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy Stott <r-kstott@att.net>
Date: August 5, 2015, 12:46:02 PM PDT
To: "Info@genoa.org" <Info@genoa.org>
Subject: From my heart to yours

From my heart to yours. My name is Kathy Stott and I'm writing on behalf of Livingston Christian School. I have a senior this year and this will be our last season with this school. I want to share why I wish you would reconsider your vote on this building permit for Livingston Christian School.

Brighton is the heart of the outside community's like Pinckney , Howell and Heartland . I have friends of Brighton who school there kids to Franklin Rd. Christian in Novi, due to no Christian school that holds High School level classes,close to them.

Brighton is a thriving community that we shouldn't want our kids to leave and go to a different district such as Novi. We have enough space , people support, and love for Brighton that we should have a Christian High School with in our own community . Lets keep Brighton families in the great community Brighton is..

Livingston Christian School is made up of the very people who love and support Brighton.

Please re consider this decision . I believe Brighton s community would only benefit those who live there and those surrounding community's with Livingston Christian School to be in Brighton.

From my heart to yours, and the love I
have for our community .

Kathy
With question call (734) 878-2884

Sent from my iPad

Polly

From: Michael Nazione <mnazione@chartermi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School denial

Dear Board Members,

First, let me thank you for the position that you hold and the significant amount of time and consideration that you put into all of the decisions that you make toward the greater Livingston County community. You are called to make difficult and often unpopular decisions regarding what is best for the city of Brighton.

It is my intent to respectfully ask you to reconsider your most recent decision to deny Brighton Nazarene Church a special-use permit that would allow Livingston Christian School to occupy and operate under this location. I attended several meetings where the "traffic issues" were discussed. This point seems hardly negligible due to the fact that drop-off/pick-up times would be staggered with other local schools. In addition, the minimal amount of cars (approx. 100) added to traffic seems insignificant. The city engineer cited this as a non-issue.

In addition, I would think that you would encourage and welcome a new school into your community. The added foot traffic and potential consumerism would be a benefit for local businesses. Parents dropping off students would eat, shop, buy gas from Brighton merchants. (The same would occur after school and before/after sporting events)

Again, I respectfully ask you to reconsider your prior decision. Livingston Christian School would be a good addition to your community.

Sincerely,
Jody Nazione

Polly

From: brightondeb <brightondeb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School location in the Brighton Naz Church

Dear Board Members,

My husband, James Branscum, and I are Brighton residents in the Pine Creek Ridge sub. We also are Brighton business owners. Our headquarters are in the Brighton Business Park on Citation Dr. We own and operate the Wellbridge of Brighton on Dorr Rd., a post-acute rehabilitation and nursing care facility which has been awarded a 5 star status by the Centers for Medicare Services, the highest status a facility can achieve.

We have two grandchildren who attend Livingston Christian School and are advocates of this school moving into the Brighton Naz Church. The Board did not have all the facts when the special use permit was turned down. LCS will be using a staggered pick-up and drop-off, which will greatly reduce the traffic impact on Brighton Rd. The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic would not be a concern.

The Board's decision impacts not one school, but two. Light of the World Academy is a Christian charter school operating in Pinckney and scheduled to move into the existing LCS school in Pinckney upon the move of LCS to the Brighton Naz Church. With your current decision, more than 300 children will be without a school and dozens of teachers could lose their jobs as a result.

I sincerely urge you to call a special meeting to reverse your decision and grant the special use permit needed to allow LCS to move into the Brighton Naz Church.

Regards,

Deborah Branscum
7309 Pine Vista Dr.

Polly

From: Todd Lang <Todd.Lang@sas.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:06 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Decision

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

My name is Todd Lang, and I'd like to implore you to reconsider your decision on the Livingston Christian School occupying the new location on Brighton road. It is apparent that you may not have all of the facts on not only the 'traffic' situation, but the implications this decision will have on a multitude of families who live and work in Genoa Township. As a parent, this decision has devastated our family and our children who now have no school. I'm asking you to reconsider.

First, I don't understand the traffic concerns. Have you considered all of the facts? In reality, there will be maybe 100 cars staggered over the course of the day. The impact on traffic will be miniscule compared to, as an example, the impact that closing main street in Brighton every weekend for festivals, or the typical 5:00 traffic in Genoa Township, or the line in the morning caused by people buying their coffees at Biggie B...

Next, and most important – your decision has impacted several hundred children from TWO schools who no longer have a school for the fall which starts in 3 weeks. My children go to LOTWA who will not be able to open now given your decision. This has a devastating consequence on our family and our children specifically.

Let me explain personally how this impacts my family:

Two of my children go to this school, one of whom has autism. The public school system left him behind, but because of his current school he is becoming mainstreamed. For 5 tumultuous years his current school has finally contributed to us having our son back. There are many children like him that your decision has impacted. For our son in particular –we have NO SCHOOL for him to go to now.

If you've ever known any child with autism, you know the gravity that what others may consider a simple change can have. We, as parents and educators in a combined effort, have spent years establishing an environment in which our son thrives like none other. Again, your decision based on inaccurate data on 'traffic' concerns has had an impact greater than you realize. Our children are without a school now. Our son will regress. And that is simply unacceptable.

I, along with a multitude of people in this community, am asking for you to reconsider this vote.

Thank you,

Todd Lang

Polly

From: Laura Shehan <laura@shalomlife.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Please reconsider allowing Livingston Christian to move into the Brighton Nazarene Church

I am writing to respectfully request that you reconsider allowing Livingston Christian to move into the Brighton Nazarene Church. The planning committee did their due diligence and endorsed the school opening at this location. There are so many families being impacted by this vote. Please reconsider allowing Livingston Christian school to open at the Brighton Nazarene Church.

Thank you,

Laura Shehan

Polly

From: Kelly Voigt <kelly_voigt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:55 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School special request.

Dear Genoa Township Board member,

My name is Pastor Kelly Voigt, pastor of the Mission Church in Pinckney. I am also the father of a Livingston Christian School student and I live in Brighton. I have seen firsthand the benefits that Livingston Christian School has brought to the community of Pinckney. Livingston Christian School has brought excellent education to the community as a private school option, along with the already excellent public schools. Without this option, I know many parents would take their children to other private schools in nearby communities. Livingston Christian School supports, encourages, and prays for the community we are in and we will do that in Brighton also. Livingston Christian School raises up students with high moral character who will one day be leaders in the community. Also, when parents drop off their kids at school, they frequent the businesses around the school and they will do that in Brighton also, bringing financial benefit to the community.

If you made the decision not to grant us the special use permit based on traffic flow, I believe you are missing these great benefits and I believe you would gladly put up with a little extra traffic to obtain them. Besides, it seems that you didn't have all the correct traffic information when you made your decision. It has already been determined that the traffic impact will be minimal. This was discovered in a traffic study by a reputable company. (The traffic study by Fleis & Vandenbrink - dated June 23, 2015, and given to the Planning Commission - projects 127 pick-ups for a total enrollment of 250.) (By the way, I personally know that number is VERY high. I have picked up my daughter from Livingston Christian School many times and there are always less than 50 cars and no more than 10 in line at a time in the parking lot. Pick up is done in 10 minutes.) In addition, the school is planning to initiate a staggered pick up. In other words, the parents of the students are willing to be inconvenienced so that the traffic impact on Brighton streets is even less.

Bottom line, Livingston Christian School wants to be in Brighton because Brighton is a great community! We want to bring with us the above listed benefits to make Brighton an even greater community.

I know you have it in your legal ability to call a special meeting in the next few days to change this decision, on the grounds that you didn't have all the facts in front of you when you made your decision. I'm asking you to please call that meeting and change your decision.

Thanks very much for considering my request.
God bless you and God bless our great community.
Sincerely,
Pastor Kelly Voigt

Polly

From: Katherine Chapman <kchapman@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Schools

Dear Genoa Township Board,

I have taught at Livingston Christian Schools for some 15 years, and I absolutely have a passion for what I do and the positive impact I am able to have on children. I humbly ask you reconsider your rejection of the special use permit allowing us to relocate our school to the Brighton Nazarene Church. I have not been privy to much of the decision making, planning, or actions regarding building and permitting, but I do know that your board's decision will ultimately affect many families and students I cherish. Additionally, you are now probably aware how this also affects another school in Pinckney, Light of the World Academy, who were counting on moving into our vacated building.

I have attended several of the township meetings and recognize the amount of time and energy you must invest in making decisions affecting thousands of people in your area. You have many perspectives to consider and that certainly must be challenging, especially in our current situation. Clearly, we need considerate, thoughtful, and proactive people to serve our communities, and I do thank you for that role you fill in our local area.

Additionally, I have also coordinated the safety patrol and traffic flow procedures at LCS for a number of years now. The traffic flow issues appear to be your main concern, but what I do not understand is that two traffic experts have approved a plan and agree that it will not cause back-ups or challenge exiting or entering Brighton Road. At the beginning of each school year, we inform new families in a meeting of the traffic flow pattern so that the first day of school is as seamless as possible. Drivers quickly grow accustomed to the traffic pattern, making the traffic flow a non-issue. In fact, many families at our school car pool or students come early and stay late as a result of extra-curricular activities such as sports, reducing the number of cars coming and going at the same time. As educators, we are problem solvers and even before the experts were required, LCS had already thought through making this a smooth traffic pattern in light of the parking lot and the Brighton Road traffic.

Finally, I have no way of understanding what was done correctly or incorrectly in the planning of Brighton Nazarene Church facilities to house a day school, but I do know many faculty and children will be affected by the refusal of the special use permit. I implore you to hold a special meeting, reconsider your decision, and help us better serve the families of Livingston County.

Very truly yours,
Katherine Chapman

Polly

From: Hollingsworths <hhm2fh@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:52 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Dear Genoa Township Board Members,

I would like to thank you for all your time in the matter of the special use permit at Brighton Nazarene Church to allow Livingston Christian School to lease the new addition. I can only imagine what that must be like to consider all of the ramifications of issuing the permit. I am asking you to reconsider your decision to not allow the school to lease it by calling a special meeting to resolve this matter. I believe one of the top reasons cited was the traffic problems that are thought to become an issue. Livingston Christian parents do not all arrive at once to bring or get their children. We will use a staggered drop off and pick up that will not cause a problem on Brighton Road. We have many families that carpool. I drive by the Naz at 7:40 a.m. each week day during the school year and there are only about 3 or 4 cars on the road at that time, often fewer. Brighton High School classes start around 7:20, so all of those students are already in class at the time LCS would be dropping off students. They also get out of school before LCS students would so pick up time would not be a problem either. The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern.

I live in Brighton and have 3 children, two who have already graduated from LCS and the last one is a Senior this year. My children have only ever attended LCS. They have all loved their time there. It has such a family atmosphere and not only do the teachers and staff know them by name, they also know much about each student. The teachers and staff are dedicated to the school, even though they could earn more money elsewhere. They are committed to giving their best and let the students know how important they are by giving of their time, even coming to their sporting events. They also spend their own money to buy items that will enhance their teaching.

I work at LCS and have done so for the past 8 years. I am the sub coordinator and substitute teach there. I don't know if you are aware that LCS uses some Brighton Shared Time teachers and in turn, BAS gets to count our students as part of their student body. Due to that, BAS gets Federal money for each of the students at LCS. If LCS were located in Brighton, our enrollment would increase, drawing students from other school districts and in turn, resulting in more Federal money for the Brighton public school system.

With all of the uncertainty about the location of LCS for the 2015-2016 school year, we are starting to lose students. This decision not only effects LCS, but Light of the World Academy. They were planning to lease the LCS building in Pinckney and if LCS isn't able to move, LOTWA will be unable to move as well. They will not be able to open their charter school and it will displace many students as well as teachers. I urge you to please reconsider the special use permit that would allow LCS to lease the addition at the Naz. I cannot express to you how much it means to us as a school to be located in Brighton. It would not only benefit LCS and LOTWA but also BAS.

Thank you for your time,
Laurie Hollingsworth

Polly

From: rebecca magee <rmagee75@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:48 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: reconsideration

Dear Board Members,

My name is Rebecca Ray-Seidel. I just recently moved to the area about 2 years ago. I have two children. one age 4 and the other age 2. I have had to spend long hours and deciding the type of education my children will pursue for their academic career. I chose LCS for many reasons. Obviously by their ages, my 4 year old will be attending her first year this fall. As you know this is a big step for a parent and a child. I understand that LCS has not been able to move forward to their new location. Please would you reconsider your decision. Without a location, we will not have a school to start. I have no other place to enroll my child/Children. With all of my heart...Please reconsider. Sincerely, Rebecca

Polly

From: Jennine Raczkowski <jenninerock@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:47 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian/Light of the World Academy School Issue

Dear Board of Genoa Township,

My name is Jennine Raczkowski, and I am a mother of two girls who go to Light of the World Academy in Pinckney, Michigan. My girls have been going to this wonderful school for years and it was the best decision we ever decided to do for them. My daughters are 7 and 11, and love this school so much. We pulled our oldest daughter out of public school here in Pinckney after her third grade year. And my youngest daughter has been at LOTWA since preschool at age 3. Just so you understand, I do not go to the Naz church nor do I even really know where it is located. It was of no big deal to me, until now.

So moving on, I am sure you are now asking yourselves, why did she pull her daughter out of public school? Here is the crucial answer on why LOTWA means the world to us as a family. My oldest daughter learns differently. She has been professorially diagnosed with ADD after vigorous testing done by Dr. Sullivan, who has a private practice in Ann Arbor. 5 days for hours on end she went through this testing to see what was her exact issues. We didn't know. No one knew, not even teachers. She seems like a normal kid in every single way, except for a few things with her learning ability. She encounters learning issues when dealing with math. She needs small classroom sizes and more one on one attention than she was getting in a class of 36, whom had several children in the class needing full time aids. It was such a distraction for her, she couldn't focus and she was slipping between the cracks educationally in math. But in public school, if you don't get it when they are ready to move on, then you don't get it. When then contacted Kathy Moorehouse from LOTWA and she was more than thrilled to have Gwyneth join their school. And she flourished! The Montessori ways of teaching just work for her. They are essential in her understanding how to do math. We were so happy to get to bring her there and we would gladly deal with our cut backs financially for her sake.

Let me tell you , as a parent, I am so devastated by the outcome of the meetings so far regarding the special permit Livingston Christian has been trying to obtain to move into the Naz church in Brighton. Why do I care about Livingston Christian moving to Brighton? Well, because our school, Light of the World Academy was in a verbal agreement to buy the Livingston Christian School building for our new charter school to move into this fall. Since we are no longer going to be a private Montessori school, and are now going to be a charter public Montessori school, we needed a new building. And we, as a school, were so excited to embark on this new chapter! Why? Because I personally spend \$10,000 a year to send both girls there, and now it would be free. Thats a big financial burden, but we have been doing it gladly for years now. But more importantly, it is DIRE for our oldest daughter to remain in the teachings of the LOTWA Montessori methods. We can't just toss her in any old school. She would not do as well. And that, as a parent, is really scary to think about.

If Livingston Christian is not able to obtain a new building for their fall year, my daughter's school will most likely be forced to close down!! That is the most painful thing ever to us as a family. What would we do? This is our child, she would be so sad to leave a school where everyone in the building knows

everyone by first name. We are a family, we come together as a family at this school. We are small, but we are a mighty group. I have been in tears trying to figure out what will we do if LOTWA has to close down because we cannot find another building fast enough for fall. Our whole plan was to obtain the Livingston Christian building. And you are township board is holding our fate in your hands.

So with this said, as a mother and a parent who is deeply dependent on this school to remain open for her child, I am begging with you, pleading on my hands and knees begging.....please reconsider your decision for the Livingston Christian special permit to move into the Naz church. I cannot express how your decision has directly affected my life and my child's future education. Please, you have no idea how badly I need this school of ours to remain open. It is too crucial to explain in words. I don't have any idea what or why the board and the Naz church are having issues regarding this situation, it just doesn't make any sense to me. I am on the other end here, yet I am directly affected by this political mess that is going on. Not only me, but the other 100 plus LOTWA students and 16 LOTWA teachers who will be without a job and income as well.

Please help us at LOTWA not lose our school.

Sincerely,
Jennine Raczkowski
LOTWA parent

Polly

From: fourse@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:22 AM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Gary McCririe
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Good Morning,

Thank you for considering my opinion. I am emailing because I believe you may have unintentionally made a mistake in the decision made last night to not allow Livingston Christian to move into the Brighton Naz. This has a very negative impact not only on my family, but many families in the community. By not allowing a special use permit, another school will not be allowed to move into the old Livingston Christian building, Light of the World Academy in Pinckney.

Both of these schools have had such a positive impact on countless children and their families, not to mention the teaching and other jobs it provides right here in Livingston County. The reasons could go on and on, but please reconsider your ruling that you made yesterday and look at ALL of the facts, such as a staggered school release to address any traffic issues, as the decision may have been based upon. Again, thank you for reconsidering and for your fair and honest decisions based on all of the facts and factors.

Sincerely,

Lynda Carroll

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Polly

From: Gayle Italia <gayleitalia@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Kathy Moorehouse
Subject: Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian

Members of the Genoa Township Board,

My name is Gayle Italia. My family resides in Genoa Township and I am writing you today in regards to the denial of the Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools.

Your vote is having a direct impact not only on my child, who currently attends Light of the World Academy, but myself as well. I am one of the teachers at Light of the World Academy.

I understand that you, the Board, may not have had all the facts when voting. For example, this vote not only affected one school, but two. Light of the World Academy had planned to move into the building Livingston Christian planned to vacate. As an employee and parent of Light of the World Academy, the decision made by the board will end my son's educational career at Light of the World - the only school he has ever attended as well as my job as a teacher, where I've been employed for 9 years. Up until this vote it was our hope as teachers that we would be able to bring a tuition-free Montessori education to the families in the Pinckney area. With this vote our 160 currently enrolled students, faculty, and administration will no longer have a school or job in the fall. It is also my understanding that you have the ability to call a special meeting in the coming days to reverse this decision and I implore you to do so. With each passing day, we lose precious time required to open our school this fall. It is four short weeks away and there is much preparation to be done. In addition, this vote has also affected Livingston Christian school and their plans to open their school in the Brighton area. So, in addition to the Light of the World Academy students who will not have a school to attend in the fall you now have another student population equaling a total of 300 students without a school as well as the additional teachers and administrators left jobless.

It is my understanding the main reason for the denial of the permit was the impact the traffic of Livingston Christian population would have on Brighton Road. It is also my understanding Livingston Christian obtained information from several sources that this would, in fact, not be the case. With the projection of a possible 250 students, this translates into only 127 pick-ups as a result of siblings and car-pool, also with a planned staggered drop off and pick up schedule, this would mean only 20 cars arriving every 3-4 minutes, a traffic flow that Brighton Road could certainly handle.

Once again, I ask that you, as a Board, reconsider the impact your vote will have on the community and call a meeting to make this right.

Sincerely,

Gayle Italia

Polly

From: Becky Trivilino <becky.trivilino60@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; Robin Hunt
Subject: Wonderful Montessori School

Dear Member of Genoa Township Board,

Our 3 grandsons, Caleb 10, Drew 8, and Preston 6 all attend the Light Of the World Academy . LOTWA has been the only school they have ever attended. I am writing this letter and beg you to reconsider your decision that would permit the children to have the new charter Montessori school as planned. We as grandparents have attended the many wholesome and creative activities at the LOTWA over the years and we never cease to be impressed by the curriculum, by the creativity and by the wonderful gifted and caring teachers. Our three active grandsons absolutely love their school and this is a rarity among boys these days. I have known them to be upset when there is a snow day and they are always anxious to go back to school after a break. The education and things they have learned is beyond elementary age and they are soaking it up like a sponge due to the well planned and thoughtful education they are receiving. It grieves us as grandparents to think this will no longer continue for them and we fear not only for our grandsons, but for all the other children who love and are growing academically in LOTWA. On a personal note, we fear for the adjustment of our grandsons as this will be devastating to scramble and try to adjust to a different school at the last moment. PLEASE reconsider and note how it will affect those many children. We beg you on behalf of our 3 grandsons, Caleb, Drew and Preston. Please rethink your decision and allow this school to move forward.

Sincerely,

Jim and Becky Trivilino

Polly

From: Cindy Bushey <cindybushey@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

I am writing to the board to express my sincere hope that the board will reconsider their denial of the special use permit for Livingston Christian School at the Brighton Nazarene Church. This was an unexpected and devastating blow to the student body and staff. The school has done their due diligence re the traffic impact and believe that they have altered their schedule to accommodate the traffic patterns. A great deal of planning and expense have gone into this endeavor and it is the hope of many residents of Livingston County that the students will be able to start the school year, on time at the Brighton location.

This school will be of great benefit to the community of Brighton.

Thank you for your consideration and for the your work to better the community.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bushey

Polly

From: Sheryl Herndon <sherndon@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:19 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Please Reconsider

LCS

Dear Respected Members of the Genoa Township Board,

I am a teacher at LCS and a member of the NAZ. I am writing to you today to ask that you would reconsider your decision and let LCS move into the NAZ.

I know that one of the biggest reasons you turned this down was because of the traffic that would be added. The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern. Our school is even doing a staggered pick up to help with this.

Another huge mistake was the new main entrance of the church being changed and not being presented to your board. This was an over site on Gary's behalf which he took total blame. I personally think this was from old age and forgetfulness. We will all be there some day.

We have made some mistakes, but they were not intentional. You have a school and church that did not understand the complete process of the two coming together. Nobody was ever trying to be malicious, it was just lack of knowledge and two parties trying to help a school survive. I felt that each meeting we had you were guiding us to understand everything we needed to accomplish, which we did. I was very confused, heartbroken, and didn't understand what happened when it was turned down.

The church has also had a lot of complaints from the neighbors, but Pastor Ben has addressed them and will continue do so. I know this because he is a man of his Word! I can say the neighbors have not always been honest with what they say. I can say this because of things they have said about my husband. They take an issue and blow it up! For example, my husband went over to ask why they were taking pictures of where I was working at the time. I had told my husband that it was weird and I didn't know why they would be taking pictures. He went over to ask one of the neighbors who was standing at the end of his driveway why anyone would be taking pictures. Pastor Ben got a call saying my husband went over and pounded on their door and threatening them. We had four people witness this whole thing and let Pastor Ben know this was not true. The church will continue to be kind and try to work with the neighbors because that's who we are. Commandment: Thou Shall Love Their Neighbor.

I don't make much money working for LCS, but that is not why I teach there. It is my love for children. I love teaching at this school. We are a huge family that is going to be torn apart with what's happened. The School "Light of the World" will also be impacted from this. They were set to purchase the building in Pinckney and will not be able to. We will not survive and a lot of people are going to loose their jobs. As a result to all of this there will be Families that are not going to have a school where their kids can learn about Christ and how to love others the way God wants us to.

I know you are all busy, but I have included a link to a video of what our seniors did on their Senior Skip Day. This is the kind of students we have. They truly want to make the world better. We all do :)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM81ZcO9JGA&feature=youtu.be>

Our church will be empty all week with out the school there. What a shame to have a big beautiful building sitting empty, when it could be filled with laughing children growing in Gods love. We need more people who are filled with Gods love and walking with him.

Please reconsider your decision for all these families and children.

Sheryl Herndon

Polly

From: Kristin Allen <kristinallen1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Please reconsider

It is so important for Genoa Township to take into consideration the hundreds of KIDS that are being impacted by adults actions in regards the Special Use Permit that was denied Brighton Naz. Not just one but two entire schools, kids, staff, and families are in dire hardship right now.

I would implore the Genoa Township to reconsider. Livingston Christian School, along with Brighton Nazarene are willing to work with whatever changing the township feels necessary. The traffic flow was approved by the Planning Committee, but if the Board still feels it needs changing, then give us the chance to accommodate you.

My family alone will have an extremely difficult time if Livingston Christian School is not located in Brighton. This will be our daughters first year at LCS while our son remains at West Highland Christian Academy in Milford. We live in Brighton, so although it will be a stretch transporting them to two different schools, it can be done if LCS is located in Brighton. If the Boards decision remains the same, and LCS moves back to Pinckney, it will greatly effect us and most likely we will not be able to have our daughter attend the school that is the very best fit for her.

I ask that you re-look at the Special Use Permit being approved.

Sincerely,
Kristin Milhizer Allen

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Maria Perri <mariadperri@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Cc: news@whmi.com; mmalott@gannett.com; jeberbach@livingstondaily.com; Kathy Moorehouse
Subject: August 3 Township Board Meeting

Board Members:

I was in attendance at the meeting Monday night and left the meeting completed disgusted by the decision that was made regarding Livingston Christians Special Use permit. This decision has left my 6 year old daughter out of her school that has been home to her for the past 2 years. My daughter, Stella, is a Light of the World Academy student. She has been there for the past two years and has thrived and completely enjoys going to school in such a nurturing environment. My family and I reside Genoa Township and am a voting member of the community. I decided to send her to Light of the World Academy because it was a better fit for her than what was available at our Home school, Hornung. The Montessori method has been a fabulous way for Stella to learn. We also have a 15 year old son who attends Brighton Schools and fits into that environment, but my daughter needs something different which is why we choose to drive her 20 minutes away and pay for her education privately, before it became a Charter.

I would understand this decision if there were substantial reason to not allow Livingston Christian to have this Special Use permit. However, there are not any reasons that are being presented that are substantial enough to disrupt so many lives. Contrary adding a Christian School and a tuition free Montessori are positive additions to our community. The main reason that has been presented has been the traffic. The Planning Commission provided a traffic study stating that it would not impact the traffic on Brighton Road. If the Genoa Township Board is going to start making these decisions after the Planning Commission has concluded their studies, why even have a Planning Commission?

If Livingston Christian does not obtain this Special Use permit Light of the World Academy will have no where to go this fall under the Grand Valley Charter which means my daughter will have no school to attend. She will lose her friendships that she has nurtured, the teachers and staff that she has come to love and the ability to learn in a way that suits her.

I urge you to reconsider this Special Use permit quickly, as the school year is upon us and 300+ kids have been displaced as well as all of the teachers and staff involved in this terrible situation.

Maria Perri
Genoa Township Resident

Polly

From: Jared Alamat <jared.alamat@gm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Polly
Subject: FW: URGENT: LCS Location

Sorry Polly. Wrong Spelling. Please see note below. Thx

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From: Jared Alamat
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To: 'gary@genoa.org'; 'poly@genoa.org'; 'robin@genoa.org'; 'jean@genoa.org'; 'jim@genoa.org'; 'linda@genoa.org'; 'todd@genoa.org'
Cc: Kristina Alamat (k.alamat1978@gmail.com)
Subject: URGENT: LCS Location

All,

I learned this morning that there was an issue being brought to the Genoa Township Board regarding LCS' use of the Brighton Nazarene new addition. I also learned that the Board turned down the special use permit needed to allow the move. I am very concerned with this development for a couple reasons:

1. This effects not only LCS but also another school, Light of the World Christian Academy, who were supposed to move into the old LCS location in Pinckney. Over 300 children and their families can be without a school as a result of this and dozens of teachers could lose their jobs.
2. My wife and I want our children to receive a private Christian education and had planned to send our son there this fall.

After spending eight years overseas my family and we moved back home in early 2014 and since that time have been looking for the right school. We finally found LCS last spring and were thrilled with the prospects of enrolling our son in the Fall. Further, we live right across the street in the Pine Creek Ridge subdivision so the new location at Brighton Nazarene fits our needs perfectly. The Board's decision is obviously a devastating blow to that plan.

While I understand that the Board surely had reason for that decision, I am concerned that all the pertinent facts were not known or brought to the boards attention. The most pertinent of which is related to traffic concerns. LCS was developing mitigating plans for that specific issue including staggered pick-up and drop-off timing which dramatically reduces the traffic impact on Brighton road. Further, traffic engineers agreed who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern. Had I been aware of the issue and facts sooner I would have brought this issue to your attention personally.

As a resident of Genoa Township and a concerned parent I humbly request that you call a special meeting to resolve this, or include as a reconsideration point at your next meeting. I would be happy to participate as well. I think this is an awesome opportunity for us to come together as a community to solve this issue and do the right thing. Let's work together!

Regards,

Jared

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Polly

From: Gina Bollella <ginabollella@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: RE: Livingston Christian School

Dear Board Members,

I want to start by saying thank you to the three board members who voted yes on the decision to allow Livingston Christian School to operate in the Brighton Nazarene Church. My hope is that the four members who voted it down will reconsider their decision and allow LCS to open its doors at the Brighton Nazarene Church.

Perhaps if you understand the personal stories of the families that your no decision will impact, you will reconsider your position. I had intended to send my daughter, Angelina, to LCS this fall. She is starting high school, and I was overjoyed with the opportunity to have her attend Livingston Christian. We live in Brighton, and it was never a possibility to send her there while they were located in Pinckney. The issues were transportation and cost. When the school was scheduled to open in Brighton at the church we attend, it was if God had answered my prayers. Not only would my daughter be able to take the Brighton Public School bus to LCS, but they were also offering a 20% discount off tuition for Brighton Nazarene attenders. Imagine my devastation when the school was denied opening. My daughter will not be able to attend LCS in any other location.

My understanding from the information I was provided through the Livingston County paper was that the reason the school was voted down was because of traffic concerns. The majority of students that attend the school and live in Brighton, like my daughter, will be taking the Brighton Public School bus to the school creating no additional traffic. Plus, the school has different start and end times than BHS. I am confused as to how this would create enough traffic problems to deny the school from opening.

Since the no decision came down several weeks ago, I have been so upset and have been praying that something would change the decision. I am respectfully asking those of you who voted down the school to please reconsider your decision. I truly feel that the opening of this school in the Brighton Nazarene Church location will provide many benefits to not only the students who attend there, but the community as well. I just don't see enough negative impacts to justify it not being able to open.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this issue.

Gina Bollella

Dear Members,

I prayerfully ask you to reconsider the special use permit for Livingston Christian. I understand that many hearts are breaking in Livingston County as parents are scrambling to figure out where their kids will attend school, and many staff members will be out of a job this fall.

There has been a lot of media surrounding this issue saying that the Genoa township board is "a bully" or that board want to show the people at the Naz "who's in charge" ect.

I choose to believe that you are genuinely concerned about the traffic and that is where the problem is. Livingston Christian School is not a big school. The total number of cars in the whole school is 80. The school has Staggered its start and end times so as to not conflict with Brighton High, middle, and elementary start times. We have a very detailed drop off and pick up procedural plan so there would be no backup on Brighton Road.

Further, I know that Traffic is counted throughout the year on Brighton Road. Each road is assigned a "class" (A,B,C...)depending on the number of cars, busy traffic times, etc. The addition of cars serving up to 250 students (which the school does not currently have, but could grow to include) and 30 staff members did not change the "class" of Brighton Road. In addition, the road, with a center turn lane, and the school's staggered start and pick-up times resulted in a report to the Liv. County Rd. Comm. stating traffic would not be impeded.

I beg you on behalf of Light of the World Academy & Livingston Christian Schools to please reconsider. That this email does not fall on deaf ears but that the information given will prompt you to help our schools. There are many students in tears over the fate of their school, and the fate of their school is in the hands of the Genoa Township Board.

On a personal note I want to thank you for taking the time to read my email. Livingston Christian Schools has been a wonderful experience for my kids for 7 years. It has been a school where my kids have been challenged academically and grown spiritually. The staff members have become family. Please reconsider letting us in at The Naz.

Thank you,

Jamie Martin

Polly

From: Kiersten Lambert <kiersten.lambert@livingstonchristianschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:13 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: A Student with Deep Concern

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Kiersten Lambert, and I am a graduate and the valedictorian of the Livingston Christian class of 2015, where I have attended since preschool.

When I heard that the Board voted to deny the Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools, I was absolutely heartbroken. Although I will not be attending at the new location, my younger brother will be in 10th grade this fall. Like me, he has attended LCS since preschool. He loves his school, being able to play sports, and the friendships he has formed. Livingston Christian has become our second family, and it would be devastating to have to be torn away from that atmosphere after it has been all you have ever known. Families from both Livingston Christian and Light of the World are dumbfounded and struggling as their students will have to be thrown into unfamiliar environments if we are not granted the Special Use Permit.

Personally, Livingston Christian Schools has helped me to reach a level that has prepared me to begin college and my career. As I approached high school, I explored a few other schools before realizing that LCS was exactly where I needed to stay. That was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. I have been given so many incredible opportunities while attending LCS that I may not have received at a larger public school. I have been able to play varsity volleyball, basketball, and golf. I have participated in student council and leadership roles, and I was given the opportunity to travel to Jamaica for a missions trip. Most importantly, the friendships I have developed over the years are ones that will surely last a lifetime. I owe so much appreciation to the staff and teachers of Livingston Christian Schools, who have pushed me to become who I am today -- no longer filled with fear and anxiety but excelling emotionally, spiritually, and academically.

I may just be a single student voicing my perspective, but I know so many others with similar stories. Livingston Christian has truly blessed me and my family's lives and will continue to impact lives if your Board will reconsider the decisions that have been made.

I am appreciative of the work you do as elected officials and for taking the time to hear my concern.

Sincerely,

Kiersten Lambert, Livingston Christian graduate

Polly

From: Joshua L. Martin <jolemart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Brighton Naz Church special use permit

Good Morning Genoa Township Board Members,

Without being too obnoxious, I would like to enter a last minute plea for you to reconsider the approval of the special use permit allowing the Brighton Naz Church (BNC) to house Livingston Christian School (LCS) starting this fall. I am LCS student parent and, at LCS, we feel that some important information was not considered during the negotiation of this permit:

1. That traffic engineers studied this situation for the Planning Commission and agreed that traffic would not be a concern on Brighton road in part due to the fact that LCS would be using a staggered pick-up and drop-off. In my own experience at our Pinckney location, I found the traffic controls that LCS implemented to be laughably over-engineered given the minuscule impact that I observed.
2. That this decision has a profound consequence to not only LCS but also Light of the World academy, who was going to move to our old building in Pinckney. Just like LCS, Light of the World views this move as critical to their future.

This will be our second year at LCS with three of our five children attending. We are extremely happy with the focus on teaching strong ethics and building good character in our children. We feel that this school is the right place for our children right now and that this move is important for the schools future.

If there is anything that I can volunteer to do to make the LCS move to the BNC a more favorable one for your community, I would gladly consider that. I could probably muster a small army of cheerful volunteers to help me as well.

Thank you for your consideration and have a wonderful day!

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Joshua L. Martin
(810) 602-6802 Cell

Polly

From: Richard Jusino <rjusino@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:08 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Fw: LCS

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 6:45 PM, Richard Jusino <rjusino@att.net> wrote:

Hello Board members,

My name is Sandra Jusino and I am a preschool aide at Livingston Christian School and also a parent of two daughters who attend. Our sons also attended way back in 1998-2002. So, we have had children enrolled in that school for 17 years. Needless to say, we are very invested in it.

I have sat silent and pondered and prayed why you have decided to reject the church's proposal for their land use permit. The reasons (that I know of) are invalid as far as I'm concerned.

I am one of the two women who run our school's drop off and pick up procedure, and I can assure you, it runs smoothly and we never have had any traffic back ups or problems in the Pinckney area where our school has been located. Many, many families carpool and so our entire pick up process lasts approximately 20 minutes. We will not be interfering with Brighton High Schools begin and end times- so that should not be a concern.

Thank you very much for your time in reading all our emails. I'm sure it will not change a thing, but we have to try.

The school that was planning on taking over our space in Pinckney will be without a building; and therefore, without a school. I'm sure we have lost potential families who were planning on coming to LCS because of the fantastic location. The seniors this year (one of whom is my daughter) were really looking forward to going off campus for lunch to patronize your local restaurants.

The list of negatives to not being in Brighton could go on and on.

I pray for your consideration, and your wisdom. I pray that you and everyone on the board is blessed with good health and love.

God Bless you,
Sandra Jusino

Polly

From: info@melissa-rollins.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Board Members Consideration

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of my family and all the other families of Livingston Christian and Light of the World Academy. I am begging you to reconsider your decision.... and please allow Livingston Christian to be at the Naz location. As a result of the previous decision over 300 kids will be without a school, dozens of teachers will be losing their jobs, over what??? Traffic? The Traffic issue has been addressed by the planning engineers and LCA to ensure there would not be an overwhelming amount of traffic for residence. As well as parents who would be considerate of this.

Do you realize how the power of 7 people is going to affect our children? and even further than that our community? You have the opportunity to bring up God loving and fearing children that will foster these beliefs as they grow and become amazing young people and adults in our society. Do you know how these kids pour out generosity, love, and kindness?

Have you seen them in their church communities? Spending time with the elderly, Cleaning up the parks, Planting flowers in the neighborhoods, Planting in the Gleaners Gardens so they can feed the hungry.

Why would you want to be the one to stop growing children like this in our community. Because of Traffic??

I and the Families of these children are begging you to reconsider, look to what you could be bringing to our community or what you could be destroying by not bringing it. Please consider holding another meeting and involve your hearts in this matter, for the sake of our children. Maybe consider talking to our children. Because as a parent who's child was bullied in public school and has begged me not to put her back in public schools taking away the option to have a christian middle and high school here may do just that.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if nothing else please let this plea work in your hearts. You have the choice to make our children and community stronger and better. Please choose it.....Thank you

God Bless,

Michael and Melissa Rollins
Brighton Residents

Polly

From: luv2teach-dangelo <luv2teach-dangelo@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Impact of LCS

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone
To the members of the Genoa Township Board,

Hello. My name is Tracy D'Angelo and I am a teacher as well as a former parent of Livingston Christian Schools.

It is with a sad heart that I have learned that our school was not approved to be housed in The Naz church. While I do respect the fact that you all have a job to do, I urge you to reconsider and understand why this is so important to me both as a teacher and a parent.

My daughter graduated last year from LCS. It was by far her best year as a student, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and mentally. She went to many schools including public, but found her home at LCS and recently said she wished she would have attended all 12 years at LCS. LCS was nothing short of a blessing to my daughter. It is at LCS that she thrived as a student and as an individual. Without going into detail, my daughter struggled in many areas of her life and to be honest, there was a time I worried about her doing something to harm herself. It is through God, her teachers, and her friends that she made through LCS that helped her to become the absolutely amazing woman she is today.

The same can be said for many of the students attending LCS. LCS is their home, whereas they may not thrive elsewhere. The staff, families, and students are truly one big supportive, caring, and loving family.

As a teacher, I get to go to work every morning to a job that I absolutely love. I teach preschool and prek and couldn't be more blessed to impact these little ones. I need them as much as they need me.

Granted, some of our families and students could go elsewhere and will probably be fine, but there are others who will be absolutely devastated and may not do well somewhere else. Please consider this as you ponder your decision to continue to not allow us to be at the Naz church.

For many of us, LCS is our home, some from the very beginning and some new. Please understand that being at the Naz will help us continue to grow and positively impact lives in many positive ways. As a teacher, every day I see the amazing impact it has on our students, staff, and families. As a parent, I continue to see how it has fostered and helped make my daughter into a woman of God, strengthened who she is as a person, and given her what she needs to be a positive influence on society.

Please reconsider your decision so that other students will benefit in the same way. These children are our future. Especially in a world that is slowly falling apart, help us continue to raise and teach our children to make a dynamic difference in this world as well as making their mark in this world.

Blessings,
Tracy D'Angelo

Polly

From: Nikki Haefner <nikkihaefner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:07 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Please reconsider the denial of the special use permit for Livingston Christian School

Dear Polly,

My name is Nikki Haefner and I live at 5343 Edgewood Shores Drive, Howell, Michigan. I have two children, Madison and Gabe. They both attended Three Fires Elementary this past school year as 5th and 4th graders, respectively. My son, Gabe, had brain surgery when he was 19 months old and while he is not cognitively impaired (actually, he extremely smart) he is socially immature. He was constantly bullied this year. 4th graders were suspended and then allowed back the next day to continue on their bullying spree. My son has so much anxiety about attending Three Fires again this year, so we began reaching out to private schools and charter schools.

We were looking for a school with smaller classroom sizes and higher academic achievement. We were hoping that Gabe may actually find a friend, as in one because he doesn't have any right now (this is devastating to admit as a parent and to also watch my child realize it). In the least, we were hoping that, due to the smaller grade maximum (20) he would have to deal with less children. My husband and I both work, so the school would have to be close enough that I could drive him and his sister to school, and then drive to Fowlerville, where I work. One of our friends told us there was a possibility of Livingston Christian School moving to Genoa Township, so we reached out to them and fell in love with the school for our son. Gabe is actually excited about attending Livingston Christian School in the Fall. When I found out the special use permit was denied we were crushed.

I implore you to reconsider this decision. Please call a meeting or whatever you need to do. My son, and family, (and many others) really need Livingston Christian School to be located in Genoa Township.

Here is some information:

- Livingston Christian will be using a staggered pick-up and drop-off, which will greatly reduce the traffic impact on Brighton Road.
- The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agree that the traffic wouldn't be a concern.
- This decision impacts not one school, but two. Light of the World Academy is scheduled to move into Livingston Christian's Pinckney location and will not be able to if the special permit use does not get accepted. Not only will Livingston Christian families be impacted, but Light of the World Academy families, as well. More than 300 children will be without a school and dozens of teachers could lose their jobs as a result of this.

This special use permit would give my family new hope for my son.

Sincerely,

Nikki Haefner
5343 Edgewood Shores Drive
Howell, MI 48843

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Polly

From: Scott Panning <scottp@artisanileinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:56 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Schools (LCS) and Light of the World Academy (LOTWA)

Dear Genoa Township Board members:

My name is Scott Panning, and I have been on the board of LCS for the past 5 years. My family lives in Hamburg Township, and we have 2 daughters, Morgen and Sloan, who are set to begin their 6th year at LCS. Morgen is a senior this year, and Sloan is a sophomore. Prior to that, they both attended LOTWA, which my wife, Jennifer, and I were instrumental in founding 15 years ago.

For the past 2 weeks, I have been mistakenly privately angry with the decisions of your Board. The entire blame for the current situation we find ourselves in rests squarely on the shoulders of the leadership of Brighton Nazarene Church.

Several months ago when LCS entered into a contract with The Naz to relocate our school to Brighton (a long time goal for LCS), we had no idea of the problems between The Naz, their neighbors, and Genoa Township. These issues did not come to our attention until we discovered that the project did not have the proper permitting and approval of Genoa Township. Again, The Naz is to blame for hiring a sub-standard architect and builder. Generally, permitting should be handled up front by the architect.

Even after growing up as the son of a Lutheran minister, I have come to loathe what I now call "church people". They are poor business people, and, evidently in this case, poor neighbors.

I sit here at my computer this morning with a heavy heart. Our current situation adversely effects 2 schools, approximately 320 students and hundreds of Livingston County families. Including staff, I imagine that up to 1000 people are negatively impacted.

I am writing to you this morning to humbly ask you to call a special meeting to reconsider your decision to deny. Time is of the essence, and though I realize it is not your problem, the date of your next regular meeting is too close to our planned September 8 opening. Our Board will most likely meet tonight to vote on moving back in to our building in Pinckney. While we have explored other options, there seem to be none available for either LCS or LOTWA. A vote to move back will be a huge step backward for our school, and most likely lead to LOTWA not having a building for their school.

While many people are understandably upset over these issues, I believe forgiveness is the answer. My promise to you is that if you reconsider our move to the Naz, and allow us to move to Brighton, The Naz will be a better neighbor because of the presence of our school. If you would like to see the students and staff at our fine school in action, I invite you to visit our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonChristianSchools> Be sure to watch the "Livingston Christian Schools Promo" video near the top of the page.

Incidentally, the reason you haven't heard from me or others from LCS is because we mistakenly were following the instructions to remain silent from the leadership of Brighton Nazarene Church. I now regret that and many other thing as well, and for that, I apologize.

If any of you would like additional information, feel free to email me. You can also call me at 810-599-8682.

Respectfully,

Scott Panning

Dear Board Member,

I am devastated by the decision of the board to deny Livingston Christian School the ability to move into the Nazarene Church in Brighton. This decision directly impacts my family and me even though I have no connection with LC or the Naz. My job will be lost as a teacher at Light of the World Academy since we have no home for our school. As a single mom with a child in college and nearing the school season for all of us the timing of your decision leaves us all in despair.

It is my understanding that maybe everyone did not have all the facts about LC on how they were going to solve the traffic problem, which seems to be the major concern of the board voting against the use permit. Implementing a stagger start time for drop off and pick up resolved any traffic issues in which the planning committee apparently saw as a solution for the traffic concern and approved LC use permit.

I understand you are looking out for the people of Genoa township, but sadly prior to your vote you were not informed of all the facts. The timing is critical for all parties involved, I am pleading with you to please reconsider your vote.

Thank you for your time and realizing the urgency of this matter.

Regards,

Deb Babiarz

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Deb Babiarz

Polly

From: Michelle Bushey <paymiS01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Hello Genoa Board,

I was very saddened to hear that the special use permit for Livingston Christian was declined. After a traffic study was done- the findings were that the traffic from the school wouldn't have an impact on the road.

My family had just made the decision to send our children to Livingston Christian and were also planning to move to Brighton so that we could be closer to the school. I firmly believe that this school would have a very positive impact on the community and the citizens.

Please reconsider your decision and look at the facts. Please come up with some plan to make this happen for these students and teachers.

Thank you,

Michelle Bushey
www.portraitefx.com/mibest

To Genoa Township Board members,

Hello, my name is Michelle Gilmore, and my daughter is enrolled at Livingston Christian School. I am writing to you with deep disappointment with your decision to deny our school permission to open their doors at the Nazarene in Brighton. We have looked very hard for the right school for our daughter, with the right foundation and academics, and found LCS to be perfect. We have sacrificed a lot, to keep her there; we live in Chelsea, and were willing to do the extra miles for a great education. Now we have learned that your decision not only affected our school, students, staff, and families, but another school as well.

The board did not have all the facts when they turned down the special use permit, especially when it came to traffic concerns. They weren't aware that Livingston Christian will be using a staggered pick-up and drop-off, which will reduce traffic flow. The traffic engineers who studied this for the Planning Commission all agreed that the traffic wouldn't be a concern.

We are praying that the board does the right thing based on all the facts, and reconsider the Special use permit for Livingston Christian School.

Sincerely, Michelle Gilmore

Polly

From: Stephanie S. <iluvjones@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special use permit

To say that we were disappointed to learn that Genoa Two had denied the special use permit for The Naz would be an understatement, we were devastated. I understand that in this circumstance the that the responsibility of filing for the proper permits was the responsibility of The Naz. However, the denial of this permit did not directly effect their establishment, it effected the student body of LCS, which has lost current and new families. We are fortunate that we are able to stay in our current building but I was recently informed that because of our inability to vacate this building it also effected a Montessori school who had plans to move into our building. Because we are unable to vacate the Pinckney building their school will be forced to close.

I would implore you to reconsider your decision in denying the special use permit.

- Stephanie Shinabery parent of a student at Livingston Christian

Polly

From: Michael Bernaiche <mbernaiche@lodestarsolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:48 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian and Light of the World

Good Morning,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. This emll can be summed up in a few words. I ask that you as a board take another look at this situation and meet with the leadership of all parties involved, hold another vote and vote yes to approving the special use permit for Livingston Christian School.

As I have read and as you are aware this effects 2 schools, many kids, parents and teachers. I don't pretend to know all the ins and outs of this situation or government, especially the difficult decisions you as a board face in an ever changing environment.

My kids go to Howell public schools and I have nothing invested in this except that I attend Brighton Nazarene Church. Thank you again for taking the time to read and hopefully consider another vote.

Thanks, Mike



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Polly

From: Gmail <hnljay@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:26 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Naz petition for LCS

Please forward this to the Board Members. I am hearing rumors that there is a group trying to use political pressure and social media to overturn the decision made by the board.

I would like to thank you for the denial of the special use permit petition for LCS. I believe the decision should stand. I am a Christian, my children went to public, charter and Christian schools so this is not about the politics of that. The Naz is in a residentially zoned area on one of the busiest roads in Brighton. The traffic studies did not take into account the total capacity of the building, they were based on 200 students and staff. The school plan to stagger start and end times to fit between high school times and Maltby times will just cause Brighton road to be busy for a longer period without a quiet time during early rush hour time. There was no discussion about traffic impact during HS sporting events that will coincide with LCS sporting events. The school will be more than just the weekday events they marketed. There will be graduations, sporting events, conference, concerts etc. The board evaluated all factors associated with the petition and should be allowed to do what they feel is right for the community. I attended all but one of the planning commission meetings and there were several requests for information that the Naz could not provide. In November LCS advertised their move to the NAZ despite the fact that there had been no petition for the special use permit until February-mar time frame. Please ensure the board decision stands as issued. I was at all but one of the planning commission meetings and the failure of this petition rests solely on the petitioner for failing to present a viable plan to handle traffic and neighbor concerns about the potential impact on the surrounding community. The failure for the schools (now including Light of the World Academy) to plan appropriately for the timing of a permit falls on them. The new "panic" and pressure to do this for the children is a manipulative move that falls squarely on the individuals and groups that did not do their homework on how to get things approved. Please help ensure the decision stands and do not allow the special use permit to be issued. The director of Light of the World is using political contacts and social media to self serve that schools (and her) need for a place for that school to exist. Please do not allow pressure from outside agencies to change the board decision. I am a resident who lives off of Brighton road and there is no study that will accurately depict the total impact on traffic. Theoretical studies sometimes need a human to evaluate the data. The engineers and architects of the tower of Pisa is one example. In inclement weather things that look good on paper tend to have issues arise. We don't need these issues on Brighton road in a residential area. Thank you for being concerned for the overall impact of this request on our community. Their failure to plan and ensure the permit request was viable to begin with should not lead to just allowing it. This is a residential area that is already heavily burdened by all of the current NAZ church activities and High school activities without adding more. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Walter "Jay" Johnston
810-772-1128

Polly

From: Larry Smith <las@festoolusa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 7:23 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special Use Permit

Dear Genoa Board Members,

Please reconsider your vote on the special use permit involving the Livingston Christian School moving into the Brighton Nazarene Church. These schools mean so much to our children and grandchildren that we cannot afford to lose any of them and need the ability to continue the teaching these children need. If the reason for voting down the school is the impact it would have on Brighton Road please consider the fact that Livingston Christian will be using a staggered pick-up and drop-off.

Please help us continue to offer this education to our children.

Thank you from a concerned grandfather.

Larry Smith

Polly

From: Victoria Lovell <lovellbooks@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:38 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Grace

Hello,

My name is Addy and i am in 4th grade. Do you know what grace is? It is when we forgive somebody who doesn't deserve it. I learned that at Light of the World. Please give grace to the Naz church.

I really am afraid my school will close if we can't move.

Thank you,
Addy

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Victoria Lovell
Speaker and Award-Winning Author of "My Guy in the Sky"
Assistant Pastor at Shalom Lutheran Church
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Polly

From: Vicky Lovell <erikandvicky25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:35 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: SAVE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ACADEMY

Dear Board,

Our school will have to close its doors if you do not reverse your decision. Please consider doing so.

All three of my children have been educated by this school. They learned to be loving, kind, compassionate, and eager to help their neighbor thanks to the local and global outreach they experienced at LOTWA. Light of the World does more for its community than any of the other schools in the area. This decision not only impacts the school, the families, the children, the teachers, etc., it impacts the two students that they educate in Guatemala, the hundreds of children they make dresses for in Haiti, the boys and girls in Uganda who they are collecting money for to build a poultry farm, the school in Zorillo, Mexico that they partnered with over the years, and the list goes on and on.

Your decision's ripple effect is tremendous. Please do the right thing and reverse it. There is no other place in Pinckney for Light of the World Academy to move to at this time and according to its charter, it must stay in the Pinckney district limits.

Respectfully yours,
Erik Lovell

Polly

From: Ray Merrill <merrillraydub@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:02 AM
To: Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian School

Dear Genoa Township Board Member,

When your board voted against the special use permit for Livingston Christian to move into the Brighton Church of the Nazarene this week, I don't believe you were aware that the existence of another school was going to be threatened by your decision. Light of the World Montessori School has been part of the ministry of Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney for, I believe, twelve years now. All that time they have met in a wing of Shalom. More than two years ago LOTWA began the process of seeking a charter from the state, and after exhaustive efforts, they were granted one.

Contingent upon becoming a charter school was the requirement that the facilities of the school building be brought up to state fire codes, a very expensive process.. When It became apparent that Livingston Christian was going to vacate the old St. Mary's School, and that it was going to become available to LOTWA, plans to bring our church facility up to code were scrapped. We believe the Hand of God opened this door for LOTWA..

I'm sure your decision to deny Livingston Christian legal access to the Naz facility was made with the understanding that they would be able to remain at the old St. Mary's, end of story. What you need to know is that the very existence of LOTWA is dependent upon their ability to move into that very facility. For LOTWA there is no plan B.

The education of 120 children, the jobs of the entire teaching staff and administration, the educational expectations and plans of all the families involved, the countless number of hours of work to gain this charter status, indeed, the very existence of LOTWA, hang in the balance.

WE NEED YOU AS A BOARD TO REVERSE YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to allow sufficient time for both schools to be ready for the beginning of the new school year.. I cannot stress this strongly enough. The existence of Light of the World Montessori Academy depends upon your reversal of this decision.

Very sincerely,
Ray W. Merrill
Congregational President, Shalom Lutheran Church

Dear Genoa Township Board: □

My name is Stacey O'Keefe. I am a parent of two boys who have attended Livingston Christian Schools for 9 years. I am also on staff at the school, teaching high school English to grades 9, 10 and 12.

Livingston Christian Schools is so much more than just a building full of teachers and administrators that educate and prepare students for higher education. It is a family, where people live out their faith together, raising and training children to be godly people, serving each other and the community in which we reside. As happy as we have been to be a part of the Pinckney community for the last 9 years, a move to Brighton would broaden our horizons, giving us the ability to welcome families that are not able to travel to our Pinckney location due to a lack of expressways servicing that area. Our decision to attempt to move to Brighton was not an easy one, as we have formed many bonds with local businesses and families in Pinckney throughout our years there. Our secondary students have enjoyed serving the Pinckney seniors each year at various luncheons held at the senior center and also our neighbors during our fall and spring clean up days, when neighbors are invited to contact the school so we can meet needs like yard clean up and painting projects. Our students head up several other service projects each year, like delivering cookies to our local fire department, police post and downtown businesses to thank them for all they do to make Pinckney a wonderful town. Although we knew it would be hard to move on, we felt it was best for the longevity of our school. We wish to make a new home in Brighton and would love the opportunity to serve that community as we have served the community of Pinckney.

I have been in attendance at the Genoa Township planning commission meetings and also the Genoa Township board meetings at which the special land use permit for the Brighton Nazarene Church to house our school has been discussed, recommended for approval, and denied. I respect the boards that serve the Genoa Township community and I know that your job is not easy. The commitment you have made to serve your community is commendable, as I am sure you spend countless hours diligently working to meet the needs of your community by making decisions that positively impact the people who live in Genoa Township. As you can probably understand, our school families are devastated by your decision to deny the church's request for a special land use permit that would allow us to move to the Brighton Nazarene Church. I am especially disappointed that the main reason given for this denial was traffic concerns. I know from attending the planning commission meetings that at least 2 separate traffic studies were conducted, citing no traffic concerns, and a representative from the Livingston County Road Commission was pleased with the method to which the studies were conducted and the results of each study. The church was also asked to provide a detailed plan for drop off and pick up procedures. The detailed presentation of those procedures clearly proved that the traffic on Brighton Road would not be impeded at any time. These procedures pleased the planning commission, resulting in a 4-1 vote, favoring a recommendation to your board to approve the special land use permit. I can only conclude that your board was not given this information, as you cited that the major concern was traffic.

Because it is within your power, I am asking you to reconsider your decision to deny the special land use permit and to review all of the studies and information that were submitted to the planning commission. It is within your power to call for another vote and I am asking you to do that. The future of our students and their families rest in your due diligence to review all of the information, weigh it carefully and realize that a traffic issue is not a concern. I ask that you not only look for reasons to deny the permit, but to imagine the positive impact that Livingston Christian Schools would have on the community of Brighton for the same reasons we have been a blessing to the community of Pinckney. I would also ask you to weigh the impact of your decision on 200 students and their families who love their school and the devastation it would cause them to have to say goodbye to a ministry that has been a beacon for 29 years in Livingston County.

I anxiously await your timely response. Thank you for your reconsideration on a very important decision.

Respectfully Yours,
Stacey O'Keefe

Polly

From: Matt Eiszler <meiszler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:27 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Schools and Brighton Nazarene Church

Dear members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Matt Eiszler. I am the father of a wonderful daughter that has been extremely excited all summer that she will be a kindergartner this upcoming school year at Light of the World Academy. She talks about it constantly. Quite frankly, I've not seen a kid this excited about school in my life. In fact, I can confidently say the same can be said about every kid that goes to LOTWA. It truly is remarkable to see it first hand.

My daughter has been enrolled in the pre-school program for the last two years (half days 3 days a week). There are many, many truly incredible things about LOTWA. Way too many to list everything. But I will tell you about the one that noticed right away and stands out to me over everything else. Every kid that goes to LOTWA actually enjoys going to school and enjoys learning. Every kid. Yes, every single kid. My father taught teacher education for nearly 40 years and my mother worked in the public school system while I was growing up. Because of that, I've been around schools most of my life and I've never seen anything like what I see at LOTWA. It really is amazing.

I would love for my daughter to be able to have the experience that LOTWA offers. That dream was easily attainable until I learned of the vote that you turned down the Brighton Nazarene Church and Livingston Christian Schools. We do not have the luxury of being able to send our daughter to another school for kindergarten next year. She turns 5 on November 3rd. Michigan changed the laws about when a child can start kindergarten a few years ago. This year, a child has to turn 5 by (if I remember right) September 1st to be able to start kindergarten. There is a small loophole in that if the child turns 5 between September 1st and December 1st that they can go to kindergarten as long as the parents sign a waiver. This waiver has to be filed with the school by June 1st (over 2 months ago). We did that with LOTWA. We did not do this anywhere else for two reasons. 1. We don't really want our daughter to go anywhere else. and 2. We quite frankly didn't see this coming at all. I don't think anyone did. So at this point if a re-vote doesn't happen, we will have no other choice than to enroll our daughter in a 3rd year of pre-school, which costs a lot of money.

I'm sorry this is so long, but there is one more thing I would like to mention as I think it's extremely important and stands to the grace and generosity of LOTWA and the families of the children that attend the school. On November 10th of last year my wife was diagnosed with a Basilar Tip Brain Aneurysm. I remember the day well. It was my birthday and we actually made 2 trips to the ER that day. It was a day that I won't forget. Luckily, the aneurysm had not ruptured. Unluckily, it happened to be in an extremely rare and difficult spot to get at. To top it off it also had a wide neck opening, which is not good when dealing with aneurysms. The neurosurgeons at U of M made 3 attempts to fix it. After the 1st surgery back in December, my wife woke up with severe vision problems. She only saw half of everything. Half of a cup, half of a person...etc. And in the half that she could see, she said everything looked like a Picasso painting. During the 1st surgery, they managed to get 1 stent in place, but it wasn't enough to hold the coils (they occlude the aneurysm) in place. They tried to place a second stent, but they weren't able to get it in. The second surgery back in March, they tried for 6 hours to place the second stent. They had 3 neurosurgeons and none of them could get the stent in. Combined, these 3 neurosurgeons have treated over 1,000 patients. And finally at the end of June on the 3rd attempt, after almost another 6 hours, they just barely were able to get a second highly

specialized stent in place so they could fill the aneurysm with coils. After this 3rd round I asked the surgeon how often he runs into a case like my wife's. He said, "If you work at a hospital that doesn't teach, you don't". So then I asked him how often you run into a case like this at a hospital that teaches. He said "Maybe once or twice in a career". To say my wife has been through the ringer this past year would be an understatement. And she's still got somewhat of a rough road ahead. But we can finally see the finish line in the distance.

I told you this story not for sympathy. I told you this because of one thing that has been wonderful and humbling at the same time. And that is the kindness and generosity that LOTWA and the families of LOTWA have shown my family. Whether it was watching our daughter longer at school while my wife and I went to doctors appointments, or making dinner for us, or finding a cleaning lady to come and clean up for us every so often, or just plain old listening to us rant; it is something that simply can't be measured. That is the type of environment I want my daughter to see and be a part of as she grows up and learns.

As it stands now, that wonderful environment is pretty much going to be torn to shreds. But I have been told, you have the power to change your vote. I urge you to do so. There are literally hundreds of families that are dependent on it.

Thank you for your time,
Matt Eiszler

Polly

From: Heather Yahoo <summer82199@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:01 AM
To: Polly
Subject: Regarding the Special Use permit for The Brighton Nazarene Church

To the members of the Genoa Township Board,

Thank you so much for the time and effort you have poured into the decision of whether or not to grant a Special Use Permit to The Brighton Nazarene Church for Livingston Christian School. I understand that you have all spent countless hours studying data and information regarding the possibility of the permit and have made your decision based on what you believe is best for the township and it's residents.

However, I write to you this evening to express my concern regarding the decision to deny the permit. From what I've read and researched, as well as what I've heard from attending some of the recent township meetings, is that the topmost concern with LCS moving into The Naz building is the impact it will have on Brighton Rd traffic. I know others have recently brought it up, but I wanted to mention that although LCS may have an enrollment of approximately 150 students, the number of vehicles that travel to and from the school each day is grossly less than 150. If you studied the travel impact of the school on the roads in and around it's location in Pinckney, you would see that throughout the day, there were approximately 20-30 cars parked at the school that belonged to staff and the few high school students that drove. Many of those teachers and students also drove multiple school-age children to the school. At pick-up and drop off, the number of cars pulling into the school parking lot was never over 30-40 more vehicles, arrived at staggered times between 8-8:15, and again from 3:15-3:30. There was never an incident where the school imposed traffic backups or incidences on D19 from large influxes of cars. The arrival and departure of students was always smooth and without congestion on main Pinckney streets. I confidently believe that the families of the school would not pose a negative or measurable impact on the flow of traffic on Brighton Rd either. The parking lot at The Naz is large and allows ample room for safe loading and unloading of students, as well as room for a queue for waiting vehicles.

I, as well as the many other families within the Livingston Christian School body, humbly ask that you look again at the traffic flow and impact studies concerning the school. Please look again at how little impact a very staggered arrival time of approximately (at most) 50-70 vehicles would have on Brighton Rd.

My husband and I love Livingston Christian School and feel strongly that it is where our kids should be. The Brighton location is an ideal location geographically and for future school growth, and we pray that LCS will be granted the ability to partner with The Naz to use their building. Thank you so much for considering my letter and for listening to my observations and comments. Thank you also for your dedication to Genoa Township, and to us, it's residents.

Thanks,
Heather Autry
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ignited Photography
Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Kim Pattwell <kimpattwell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:55 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Special Use Decision

Dear Genoa Township Board Members:

My name is Kim Pattwell. My daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Brandon Barefield, have my two grandchildren, Connor and Olivia Barefield enrolled at Light of The World Academy in Pinckney. It has come to my attention that you have made a decision this week about Livingston Christian that will leave my two grandchildren without a school. I am at a loss and completely saddened by this news. Light of The World Academy has been an amazing experience for my grandson. Add a toddler and a preschooler, he was not receptive to writing whatsoever. He refused to write or use a pencil or a pen. Had he been enrolled in a public school, he would have been forced to write, most likely cultivating a further hatred of writing. However, at Light of The World Academy, they found a special way to work with him to get around him not wanting to write. The way they went about it, I was nervous it wouldn't work, but I was amazed how receptive he was to their method and he now even likes to write. I do not believe had he been in a public school we would have seen the same outcome. When Connor started preschool at Light of The World Academy, he had a lot to learn. He is so far ahead of himself and his years educationally speaking. I strongly believe had he been in a public school, he would not be where he is at educationally speaking. In a public school they do not take the time to individualize the curriculum. Connor is the kind of child that does not respond well to blanketed teaching. Light of The World Academy is giving my grandson the foundation he needs to be a successful student and they cater his curriculum to his learning style. I also find it amazing the relationship the director, Kathy Moorehouse, has with her students. If a student in her school is upset or having a bad day, she allows them to come to her office and sit with her and tell her how they are feeling and they brainstorm ways to improve their day. I can guarantee you, no public school principle would do that.

As a grandparent, it is amazing to me to see such a small board of members can make one little decision that adversely effects so many people. You are not only taking away a school, but you are taking away a second home to children. A place they feel comfortable and safe and forcing them to go somewhere new and essentially start over. You are taking away from the teachers that give their lives to these children and do so to support their own families. What if it was your son or daughter about to lose their job with no way to find an immediate replacement replacement all because a board is concerned with a few cars that are on the road? What if it was your grandchild being yanked out of a school because of the decision of six people. It amazes me that just 6 people can flip hundreds of lives upside-down. I am asking you from one human being to the next, please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,
Kim Pattwell

Polly

From: Jeni <jenisobbry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:54 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Urgent, please help

Dear Board Member,

I'm not sure that this will help but I think it is important that you know how important Light of the World Academy is to my family.

I am a single mother of two children that attend LOTWA. We started going there two years ago because my son was having terrible sensory issues and wasn't doing well in his public school kindergarten classroom. The school he went to was a wonderful school, it just was too overwhelming for him. LOTWA was our last resort to try to find something that would work for him. I never planned to put my kids in a private school. Once he was there though he thrived. I then couldn't even comprehend not giving my older daughter the same opportunity and then enrolled her there the following year.

What I didn't expect was the the love and support we found at LOTWA. At the time, I was going through a divorce and the staff and teachers there ended up being the rock I didn't know we all would need. I have struggled and have done everything I could to pay tuition to keep my children at this school. So you can imagine my excitement when we found out LOTWA was going to become a charter school and I knew I would be able to keep my kids in this safe haven.

Since finding out that we may no longer have a school for this Fall, I have been sick. My kids have been through so much over the past few years and to think that they might not be able to attend LOTWA this Fall is gut wrenching. Sure my daughter will do fine going to another school but my son will struggle immensely. But what I fear most is that my kids will lose this opportunity to be a part of a community that has been way more than just a school they have been our rock, our family.

If there is anything you can do to help this situation, I am pleading with you to please take action. I would be forever grateful.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Jeni Sabbry

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Robert Vedder <rgvedder@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:37 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Denial

Dear Board Members,

I am not a resident of Genoa Township but I have read the articles "**Frustration Vented On Township Board Following Church Permit Denial**" from WHMI and Livingston Daily and would hope that you reconsider you decision and give them another hearing. Livingston Christian is a great school. Please give them a chance to comply with your concerns.

Bob Vedder

Polly

From: Elizabeth Smith <smithe@milanareaschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:28 PM
To: Gary McCririe
Subject: Please reconsider your vote for Livingston Christian!

Good Evening,

My name is Beth Smith and I am a parent of a third grader at Light of the World Academy. My son has been attending LOTWA since he was four years old. This year he will be starting his fifth year at Light of the World.

I am emailing you this evening to ask for you to please reconsider your vote to allow Livingston Christian to move into "The Naz". The future home of my son's school, Light of the World Academy depends on it. Light of the World Academy is an amazing school and the education my son receives is outstanding! Our school provides a unique education that allows it's students to learn at their own pace, following the child, all while using hands-on manipulatives. My son learns along side his multi-age peers in his 1st-3rd grade classroom. The Montessori method of education is exactly what my son needs for his inquisitive mind.

This coming school year LOTWA was set to open as a Montessori charter school. I believe it would be the first of its kind in the state of Michigan. In order for our school to open as a charter it must have a building that is suitable and up to code. LOTWA's previous home at Shalom Lutheran Church is too small and not up to charter school standards. Light of the World Academy has no other building to call home if Livingston Christian does not find a new location. That's where your vote comes into play. In just a few short weeks the children and staff of two Livingston County schools could be starting their school year in two "new" buildings. I understand the township issues that are needing your consideration, and they are certainly important as they impact the community. However, I ask you to look for a solution that would allow Livingston Christian to be able to call "The Naz" its new home. Not only would this allow the many children from Livingston Christian, but also nearly 150 k-sixth graders at LOTWA to have a new charter school.

As a public school teacher, and parent, I believe that our children and their education is of the utmost concern. I urge you to find a solution that would allow Livingston Christian to move into "The Naz". With only a few short weeks until the start of the school year I ask for you to revisit this decision as soon as possible. The education of nearly 400 students is resting in your hands.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Beth Smith

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Polly

From: Barefield <b.barefield@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:22 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian Special Use Permit Decision
Attachments: IMG_4755.MOV

Dear Members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Jessica Barefield. I am a parent of 2 children who attend Light of The World Academy (LOTWA) in Pinckney, Michigan (Connor will be in first grade and Olivia will be in pre-K). This will be our third year at LOTWA. It has been a financial burden to keep Connor in LOTWA and we have only been able to afford it by placing him there part-time the last two years. My husband suffered a job loss and we have had a terrible time getting back on our feet, but the school where we sent our children was a top priority for us and we chose to give up several luxuries to be able to be part of this amazing institution. We have been biding our time, hoping, and praying for the Charter to take effect so that we could stay there for our children's elementary education. We cannot afford a full-time tuition. We were thrilled that the Charter was to take effect this year allowing us the good fortune of keeping Connor there for first grade as well as both our

children for subsequent grades. It really was a blessing to have the opportunity and the choice to keep our children in a school that cultivates not only their minds, but also their hearts and souls. They not only teach my child reading, writing, and arithmetic, but they teach him about love. They teach him about the less fortunate and how important it is to give to others that have less than him. They enrich my child's mind and soul. They make him, Olivia, and my husband and I feel loved, accepted, and important. LOTWA is not just a school, but it is a second home for many of us and our children. In public school my child would finish kindergarten needing to be able to count to 30. My kindergartner could count well past 100. That was because of LOTWA. It is my understanding that public schools have a list of criteria that children must meet at the end of each grade to test into the next grade. If you compare LOTWA's requirements to what a public school requires, the list that LOTWA requires far surpasses public school requirements. I want that for my child. I want him to be able to count to 100 and not just 30. They are teaching my child superior thinking. They are teaching him to succeed in education in a way that most schools would not require a 6 year old to think.

Another reason we love LOTWA is because they also cater to each individual student. In a public school, your child is one of at least 30 students all sitting at a desk in the same classroom learning the exact same curriculum in the exact same way. LOTWA "KNOWS" their children. They know what makes them think, what makes them want to learn, what is a hindrance for them, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and they use all of that to custom create a way of teaching that make each individual child want to lean and to succeed at learning. For example, some of the students love music so the teachers try to incorporate that in their curriculum to get them actively involved and excited in the learning process. Connor has a very active imagination and advanced verbal skills, so they use that to their advantage and allow him to incorporate those two attributes in his learning process. I could go on-and-on with examples. Bottom line, if a particular way of learning is not working for any given student, they find a new way to teach that student so that they actually learn the material and like learning the material. You do not get that in a public school.

I also want to touch base on the 'family' aspect of LOTWA a bit more. This is not just a school. My youngest, Olivia, has not attended LOTWA yet and she will be there this fall for her first year. Back in April we found out my dad had cancer and then the day of his cancer surgery in May, by grandmother unexpectedly passed away. The funeral was to be held on a Tuesday and I had nowhere for Olivia to go. All of my family was going to be at the funeral and my High School sitters were in school themselves. I was talking to Kathy Moorehouse about my dad and my grandma and I began crying because I did not want to take my 3 year old to a funeral and have her see all of us vividly upset. Kathy hugged me and said, "You will bring her here". I was shocked. I initially declined. I told Kathy, "This is a school, not a daycare. She will

interrupt your curriculum.” She said, “I don’t want to hear another word about it. We are all like extended family here. Family helps family and you need help, so we will help you. Pack her lunch and bring her here on Tuesday. Don’t give it a second thought. You go be with your family and grieve your grandmother. Olivia will be in good hands with us.” I still cry just thinking about it. What school do you know that would take a child that was not their student for a whole 8 hour day so a parent could attend their grandmother’s funeral? The answer in LOTWA. I don’t know any other school that would do that and surely not a public school. It is one of the kindest gestures I have ever experienced and I will remember it always and will be forever grateful to Kathy, Sandy, and Chris for taking care of my baby for the day so I could say goodbye to my grandmother.

I implore you, I beseech you, I BEG YOU. Please, please, PLEASE reconsider your decision against allowing Livingston Christian a Special Use Permit in Genoa Township. If they cannot move, we cannot move. If we cannot move, LOTWA will have to close their doors after 13 years. Over 100 students will be without a school. Dozens of teachers will be without a job. Your current decision is gravely impacting so many lives. Please, I am speaking to the parent in you. What if just a month before school started, a school you love and call your second home, you were told the doors might close and your child would be without a school or need to find a new school that will pale in comparison to your current school? I am speaking to the worker in you. How would you feel if one little vote caused you to lose your job and the income that helps support your family? You can change this. You can make this right. I know you are concerned about traffic, but 200 student does NOT equal 200 cars. Many of those students have siblings. Like me for example. I have 2 children. That doesn’t mean that two cars drop them off at school. One car drops them off at school. Then there is carpooling. I know a lot a kids carpool with other parents. I will say it again, 200 children does NOT equal 200 cars. Plus Livingston Christian was planning a staggered drop off, making even less vehicles coming and going at the same time. I want to leave you a video of my Connor. He has no idea that this is happening. I do not want to cause him undo stress. I decided to take a video of him tonight asking him “hypothetical” questions about LOTWA. Look at his eyes. Look at how they light up. He loves his school. That in and of itself is huge. I have friends with children Connor’s age that attend public school and I have asked them questions about their teacher and their school. Their faces do not light up like this. If you don’t believe me, test the theory. I guarantee you, you will not see this same reaction. You can almost see my son’s heart smiling. Please don’t break my child’s heart. Please rethink what you decision means for so many of us.

Respectfully,
The Barefield Family
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517-749-6651

Polly

From: Amy Williams <amywilly13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:18 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Light of the World Academy

Dear Polly,

Please reconsider allowing Livingston Christian to have their school at the Naz in Brighton.

My daughter, Alyssa, is 6 years old and plans to attend 1st grade in the fall at Light of the World. But she won't be able to unless you allow Livingston Christian to move to the Naz.

Please take into consideration my daughter Alyssa and her friends who currently don't have a school.....

Thank you,
Amy Williams

Polly

From: Chris Smith <csmithreo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:09 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian and Light of the World Academy

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you tonight to please reconsider your votes regarding the addition of Livingston Christian.

My son has been attending Light of the World Academy in Pinckney for the last four years. He has flourished in the Montessori way of teaching like never before. LOTWA has been approved as a charter school and is awaiting the move to their new building. This building happens to be formerly the one that Livingston Christian has occupied. If the Livingston Christian project is not allowed to go through then my son loses his school. The State sets criteria for charter schools and our old building doesn't meet those criteria. If Livingston Christian is forced to move back it won't give LOTWA the chance to make renovations to a school that is too small for their incoming classes and will put our charter in jeopardy.

I understand your positions, in that each project considered needs to not negatively impact your community. However, between the staggered start times and the car pooling that goes on in our schools. We believe this will drastically cut down on the number of cars that were thought to be entering and exiting during drop offs and pick ups.

On behalf of all of the students and teachers from both schools that may lose their school to teach and learn in.

I am asking for you to please reconsider your votes.

Chris Smith
Snowaves / PHS SBX
734-891-9375

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Polly

From: Casey Bernaiche <caseyb1633@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:01 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: BNC and LCS

I am writing to plead with you to reconsider the special use permit for Livingston Christian School in the Brighton Nazarene Church.

What may have happen in order to get to this point, should not be taken out on kids who need and want to go to this school. This school, as is any school, is all about the kids and learning. Some of these kids have gone to this school since they were young and are in their Senior year- they should be able to graduate from a school that they have grown up in. Some of these kids are not comfortable attending a public school due to varying reasons: learning in smaller classrooms benefit them, pressures of public school, going to school with siblings, teachers they have grown attached to... the list could go on. Most importantly we need to think of these children and the benefit of education in this safe environment.

We are lucky and privledged to be having this problem; An additional school in a growing community? More education for children? Jobs for families? A SAFE neighborhood for kids to grown up in? A school in a place where children are not afraid to go outside? A school where kids can be dropped off and picked up from and not have to pass abandoned house or drug deals? Quite honestly, if these are the problems we are facing, we are truly lucky. We should be an example for all communities and shout from roof tops that we live in a place where we are honored enough to OPEN a school where kids can grown and learn instead of closing them down because of run down communities.

I hope and pray you will strongly reconsider your vote on this. We can only try- we if do not try we cannot grow and succeed. The worst case is for one short school year, 10 months, a school may or may not work out. Please give all these children, teachers, staff and the community a chance to try.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration on this matter.

Cassandra Bernaiche

Polly

From: Eva Michals <ativa1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:48 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Fw: Special Use Permit

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Eva Michals. I am a parent of a student that has attended Livingston Christian School for the past six years. We love the school, the teachers and the focus on Christ that the school stands on. It is my understanding that a special use permit has recently been denied that would allow the school to move to Brighton based on traffic concerns. In my experience with the school, traffic has not been an issue. Pick up and drop off times are very well organized and expeditious. The most cars I have ever seen in line at one time is ten which only lasts for several minutes in the afternoon just before pick up times occur. There is a time frame available to pick up the children and cars are staggered for pick up during that time frame so traffic is never an issue.

It is also my understanding that Light of the World Academy will have to close if Livingston Christian School is unable to move out of the current building. This would profoundly affect many other families as they would no longer have a school to attend in the Fall and the teachers and other staff would lose their employment. I respectfully request that you reconsider your vote and reopen this issue in a special meeting to review the new facts and vote to allow Livingston Christian School to open in the Brighton location.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Eva Michals

Polly

From: Amanda Abla <amandaabla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:31 PM
To: info; Gary McCririe; Mike Archinal; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: LCS and LOTWA

Genoa Township Board Members,

We are parents of three Livingston Christian Schools students this fall. This will be our fifth year at LCS and we were so excited to have the opportunity to move to Brighton. Yes, this will be a farther drive considering we live in Pinckney and school was going to start earlier from my understanding, but the opportunity and potential growth that could occur far outweighs the other factors.

I won't admit to knowing all the facts or attending any board meetings, but I am aware that traffic is a concern. I just looked at our enrollment list for the 2015 - 2016 year and we have 104 families enrolled. In addition to 31 staff members, nine of which have students that attend the school. That calculates to be 126 families. Most likely this means less than 126 cars because many families carpool.

I glanced at the websites of the closest Brighton schools and it showed the following times:

Brighton High School - 7:25-2:25

Maltby - 8:30 - 3:31

Hornung - 8:47- 3:50

I believe that LCS was planning on adjusting our start time by 15 minutes to help traffic with Maltby. They were planning on 8:00 - 3:07. This seems like a reasonable amount of time to allow parents and buses arriving and leaving from drop off and pick up.

Also, according to

<https://www.mischooldata.org/DistrictSchoolProfiles/StudentInformation/StudentCounts/StudentCount.aspx>
Brighton Area Schools enrollment is down from previous years. It had over 1000 more students back in the early 2000's (last year 6,002 verses 7296 in 03-04). This included an additional 250 students at Brighton High School and almost 150 more at Maltby. This wasn't a horrible situation back then and it included 400 more students at the same time periods of drop off and pick up. With this data, I truly believe our time difference and number of students would NOT significantly effect traffic .

I was highly disappointed when the Special Use Permit was denied. I have some concerns about how we are going to adjust our plans to fit back into that the building. Would the new 4th grade teacher be fired and we'd return to a 3/4 split because we didn't have enough room for a 4th grade classroom? If a split class happens again this year it directly effects my family because my son is in 3rd grade this year. I believe two separate classrooms would benefit the students tremendously and prevent firing this newly hired teacher. However, I don't believe our Pinckney building can accommodate that.

After hearing about yesterday's meeting on WHMI's website, I am deeply concerned about the effect this has on Light of the World Academy. I know several students that attend this school, one of which was at LCS, and the montessori style of education works best for them. They excel there and would not in a traditional setting. I

hate to even imagine the school being closed and those students needing to find new schools. How devastating for the staff and families at LOTWA.

It sounds as though things may not have been done exactly right or timely or something with Brighton Naz, but please hear the concerns of the families of the LCS and LOTWA. Both are greatly effected by the recent vote and I believe that you could fix this devastating situation. Please reach out to the schools and talk with their boards. They are the ones that are truly being effected.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Amanda Abla
LCS Parent

Polly

From: buryfarm4@gmail.com on behalf of Wendy Bury <buryfarm@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:19 PM
To: Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; jim@genoa.com; linda@genoa.com; todd@genoa.com
Subject: Fwd: Livingston Christian Schools and BNC

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Wendy Bury. I have two children who attend Livingston Christian Schools. I am also the library teacher. Your decision has devastated such a large number of families and children. The fact that two schools are being impacted hurts deeply. Especially LOTWA, who are now without a building at all. Their school will close. That cannot be acceptable in your mind.

I am perplexed that the Township Board denied the SUP stating traffic concerns. A traffic study was done in June that showed such a minimal impact. I would like to offer up my experience at LCS. I have helped during the process of drop off and pick up for 4 years at LCS. It is a very smooth process. We have adults and student safeties who open car doors, assist younger students with their backpacks, and guide students into waiting areas or into the building depending on the time. The cars are constantly flowing. It is not allowed to approach a car to discuss anything, you are to park and enter the building. Therefore, the line does not stop waiting on someone's conversation. The whole process is monitored very closely because it is a priority to keep students safe and traffic moving.

I am asking you to take another look at the facts regarding the traffic. I am asking you to call another meeting and change this decision once you see that traffic is not going to be a concern in your community. I am asking you to give LCS a try. You will be so blessed to have us in your community. I am asking you to heal these families who have been crushed and are scared. I am asking you to make this a priority as the start of school is only 5 short weeks away.

Blessings and thanks for your consideration.

Wendy Bury

Polly

From: info@pianolessonsbylaura.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:00 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian School

To the members of the Genoa Township Board,

My name is Laura Burwell. I am a parent of a student at Light of the World Academy as well as the Board President of the Light of the World Academy Charter School. I would like to start by thanking you for your time. I know from personal experience that as an elected official you are often called upon to make difficult decisions. However, I believe that certain facts were overlooked in your recent decision to deny the Nazarene Church a special use permit that would allow the Livingston Christian School to move into their facility.

It is my understanding that the deciding factor in your decision was the concern for the traffic, or rather the disruption to the traffic flow, the new school would cause. According to the traffic study, however, this should not be a problem. Livingston Christian School is proposing a staggered drop off time. This, combined with the number of students who carpool to school, will greatly reduce the impact of traffic.

I believe that there was also a concern regarding the perceived disregard for Township ordinances displayed by the Nazarene Church. After listening to the Pastor of the church deliver his comments to the Board, I believe a mutual understanding can be reached.

Our family chose Light of the World Academy because a Montessori education is the best fit for our youngest child. He has flourished under the guidance of the staff at the school. We are very blessed - we were able to afford the tuition for such a school. However, many families in our community are not. The new charter school will provide students who are looking for a true Montessori education the opportunity to have one.

I respectfully request that you call an emergency special meeting to reconsider the use of a Special Use permit for the Nazarene. The future of our school, the education of over 140 students, and the jobs of over 20 teachers and staff members relies on your informed decision.

Sincerely,
Laura Burwell
Board President
Light of the World Academy

Polly

From: Thomas Tucker <mrtomtucker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:51 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Please reconsider granting Livingston Christian a use permit

Hello,

My family will be negatively affected if Light of the World Academy is not able to move to its new location. You have the power to prevent this. I kindly ask you hold a special meeting to reconsider granting the permit and vote to approve it.

Best Regards,
Tom Tucker

Polly

From: Carole Stiles <cjstiles81@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:46 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Livingston Christian/Light of the World

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Carole Stiles, and I'm the high school math teacher at Livingston Christian Schools in Pinckney. My husband & I have attended most of the planning commission meetings regarding our school & the Brighton Nazarene Church. We also were in attendance at the Township Board meeting last night.

I would like to go on record as saying I'm profoundly disappointed that the Board voted to deny the Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools. This decision impacted not only the students, families and staff from Livingston Christian, but the students, families and staff from Light of the World Academy, as well. LOTWA was planning on moving into the old Livingston Christian building in Pinckney, but in order for us to vacate that building, we need to find a home in the Brighton area first.

So your vote last night impacted not one school, but two. There are now more than 300 students combined - many of whom live in Genoa Township - who are potentially without a school for the fall, and their families are devastated. In addition, several dozen teachers at both schools will lose their jobs if the schools can't open.

In the case of Livingston Christian our parents are certainly devastated. Our school is a non-denominational religious school that allows our students to worship freely while receiving a first rate education. This is something that they cannot get in the public school environment. Our hope was to partner with the ministry of the Brighton Nazarene Church as we have the same goals in mind: to see lives transformed and to love lost and hurting people. If you could see what I see every day in our school, the way students lives are changed, and not just academically, you would be amazed. Our seniors this past spring decided to spend their "senior skip day" reaching out to their community, loving on the less fortunate, & encouraging the broken hearted in our county. Why wouldn't you want that in your township? Our hope to grow and bring the blessing of our school to a bigger community hinged on being housed at BNC. Your decision last night ripped that hope away from our families, and they're crushed.

I know you have it in your legal ability to call a special meeting in the next few days to change this decision, on the grounds that you didn't have all the facts in front of you when you made your decision.

I know that traffic is the main concern of those who voted against the school. In speaking with several Board members after the meeting, though, they said they were not aware of all the facts of how Livingston Christian would impact traffic on Brighton Road. Specifically, the Board might not have been aware of these facts:

- Even if Livingston Christian were to reach its full capacity of 250 students, that in no way means that 250 cars would be showing up at the school all at the same time to drop off and pick up their children.

- First, 250 students means about half that many cars because of siblings and car pools. A traffic study by Fleis & Vandenbrink - dated June 23, 2015, and given to the Planning Commission - projects 127 pick-ups for a total enrollment of 250. In my experience as a teacher at LCS for 16 years, it would probably be even less than that.

- In addition, Livingston Christian was planning on doing a staggered drop-off and pick-up - another fact I don't believe the board was aware of. A staggered drop-off and pick-up would mean a maximum of maybe 20 cars showing up every 3-4 minutes during those times. There's no question that Brighton Road could handle that traffic flow.

We remain stunned and perplexed that the Township Board denied the Special Use Permit, especially since the Planning Commission approved it on a 6-1 vote, and numerous traffic studies confirmed it wouldn't be a problem.

I certainly appreciate that as elected officials, your duty is to your constituents. Those who voted against the Special Use Permit thought they were doing the right thing because of traffic concerns, but they didn't have all the facts.

The fate of 300-some students and families now rests in your hands - along with the dozens of local teachers and other staff members who will lose their jobs.

I urge and implore you to make this a priority - to deal with it today, immediately. Schedule a special meeting, and take another vote on the grounds that you didn't have access to all the facts. This can't wait until tomorrow. It can't wait until this afternoon. You have to do this now.

You have the chance to make this right, and be a hero in the eyes of all those students and parents who are hoping upon hope that they'll have access to the school of their choice this fall. Please do the right thing.

We await your reply.

Sincerely,

Carole Stiles
Teacher, Livingston Christian School ~ Pinckney, MI

Polly

From: Leslie <lsmbts@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:32 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Light of the World Academy

Polly,

Thank you again for your support!

We are all praying that the Board will have a change of heart in light of the additional layers of information recently provided to them. So many children and families in the 2 schools are impacted by this decision and we are all left devastated and bewildered as to where our Children will attend school next month. It took us over two years to get our Charter approved, and to have the door shut on us like this is truly shocking and incomprehensible.

Any efforts on your part to help us move forward would be so very greatly appreciated!

Leslie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 8:16 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Leslie, Usually a decision of the board is final. Board members have had many weeks to consider this special use permit application. I cannot give you hope when there are seven persons making a decision. I can only support my decision and I am one vote. So sorry, Polly

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 4, 2015, at 3:38 PM, Leslie <lsmbts@yahoo.com> wrote:

Polly,

Thank you so much!

Do you think there is a possibility they will call a special meeting ?

Leslie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Leslie, I have received many letters concerning last evenings decision. I will copy your letter for the next board meeting for consideration. Polly

From: leslie butts [<mailto:lsmbts@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 3:23 PM

To: Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen;

Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; jeberbach@livingstondaily.com;

mmalott@gannett.com; news@whmi.com

Cc: Kathy Moorehouse; Buddy Moorehouse; Crystal Walter

Subject: Light of the World Academy

Dear Board,

This is in response to last night's vote to deny The Church of the Nazarene a special use permit which would allow Livingston Christian School to provide the excellent education they are well known for in Pinckney to the community in Genoa Township.

It was sadly apparent after the vote that you and other members of the board were not fully aware of the entire proposal and the tremendous and devastating impact your decision has made on hundreds of children and their families from two different schools. These families were counting on you to make a good decision last night by approving the special use permit requested by the Church of the Nazarene and Livingston Christian School.

The proposal would have included a staggered student drop off /pick up which was approved by your own planning commission. This was apparently not considered.

Furthermore, the fact that 250 students does not mean 250 cars, as many families have several children enrolled may not have been not taken into consideration.

Lastly, it was abundantly apparent that you were unaware of the impact your denial had on Light of the World Academy, which has fought so hard to transition from a wonderful private Montessori school into a

public Charter School. This Charter school was ready to open its doors in the former Livingston Christian School location, offering the choice of a Montessori education to all, not just the privileged who can afford it. Your decision last night crushed these children and families whose only opportunity to benefit from a Montessori education was being offered by this Charter school. Light of the World has fought so hard and come so far only to have the door slammed shut on their dreams by your misinformed decision last night.

I beseech you to call an emergency meeting and reconsider your decision to deny the special use permit to Livingston Christian School. Truly the lives and futures of hundreds of children are in your hands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Butts
Parent
Light of the World Academy

Sent from my iPhone

Polly

From: Jenny Carroll <jennycarroll728@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:15 PM
To: gary@genoa.org, polly@genoa.org, robin@genoa.org, jean@genoa.org, jim@genoa.org, linda@genoa.org, todd@genoa.org
Subject: Light of the world academy parent

To whom it may concern,

> My name is Jenny Carroll. I am a mother of a soon to be third grader at Light of the World Academy. She has attended this school for 6 years. The love and education she has received at this school is far exceeded any parents expectations. She has thrived and been loved there more than words can describe. The small class size and loving teachers are their strongest asset. You will not find a 10 to 1 child to teacher ratio in any public school in this state. Your child is truly taught on their learning style and personality. This school is a hidden gem in Livingston county. To think that it may no longer be open is devastating to me and many other parents. Kathy Moorehouse loves our children like they are her own. You can call her at ANY time of day or night if you have a concern. This school is part of my family.

My husband and I have made drastic financial sacrifices so she could stay at this school. When the charter was approved for this year we were ecstatic.

I cannot speak on all the Livingston Christian school issues. I can only speak on what affects my family and daughter. This possibly that she will not be able to go to a school she loves and the only thing she has even known is heartbreaking to me.

Please reconsider your decision.

Respectfully
Tim and Jenny Carroll
Parents of Addison Carroll

Polly

From: lisa@lightoftheworldacademy.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 8:01 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Light of the World Academy

Polly,

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your reply. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dallas
Light of the World Academy

On Aug 4, 2015, at 3:19 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Lisa, Thank you for your correspondence. I will copy your letter for the next board meeting. Polly

From: Lisa Dallas [<mailto:lisa@lightoftheworldacademy.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Gary McCrie; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; jeberbach@livingstondaily.com; mmalott@gannett.com; news@whmi.com
Subject: Light of the World Academy

Good Afternoon,

A short time ago I was able to watch Kathy Moorehouse in her element as she led her Gardening Camp students into our vegetable garden at the school, explaining how to harvest the various veggies. She continues to amaze and awe me showing well on her sleeve, exactly where her heart is! I'm not sure how well any one of us would be handling today after last nights decision but Kathy continues to forge ahead with a positive attitude and firm belief that our school will have a home come time for the students to return.

I have had the privilege of working for Kathy for the past year and it saddens me to think how little thought and review went into the Genoa Townships Board's decision last night when it comes to the livelihood of two schools, their families, faculty and staff.

As my family has only been a part of this community for the past three years, (moving from Ann Arbor), we were very hopeful leaving the city that we would experience a more hometown feel in a community that united for the greater cause rather than let politics continue to dictate where our community is going. This deeply saddens me as this does not seem to be the case.

I implore you to reconsider your decision from last evening. Given the information that was originally provided to the Board, please consider honestly reviewing it thoroughly and then bringing the Board together for a final vote.

Thank you,

Lisa Dallas,
Light of the World Academy

Polly

From: Kristin Points <kmariepoints@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 7:45 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Todd Smith; Linda Rowell; Mike Archinal
Cc: Ted Nast
Subject: Special Use Permit for Brighton Nazarene

Dear Respected Members of the Genoa Township Board,

I have been debating writing to you for months now. I have finally decided to do so because of some additional information that has just come to my attention.

I am a parent of 2 students who attend Livingston Christian Schools. My son is now 10 and my daughter is 7 and both have attended since they were 3. This incredible school is all my kids know and we have grown to love it. It is like a family to us. I can tell you, because I am also an employee at the school that we were thrilled to think we would be moving to a better location. We never meant and disrespect by having an open house in the lobby of the church, nor did we mean any disrespect by enrolling students in the late winter. Please let me assure you that enrolling students for the next year takes place all year, and there is a distinct push to enroll students during that time. We never meant to insult you by doing this. That is simply not the kind of people we are. We are good people who want the best education for our children and we believe we are getting that at LCS.

It was just shared with me today was that the school, Light of the World, that was going to occupy our current building in the fall, will have to close due to LCS remaining in its current location. I am hoping that you were not aware of this information. I do not know specifics about the number of employees they have, but, I know it to be roughly the size of our school. Your decision has affected up to 300 families, many of whom live in your own township. Please consider not only the families that live in your township, but the employees who may be jobless because of your decision. These are not people missing a out on a future business opportunity, but people who already have jobs and will become unemployed! In this day and age, that could be devastating to so many families. I know my family will be gravely affected if our school has to close.

I know the traffic situation was also an issue. Since we are a private school, our students are driven to school. There is no other way around that. We encourage carpools and have some up with a plan for staggered drop off times. We have commissioned a traffic study to be certain that the traffic on Brighton Rd. will not be greatly increased. In addition, with parents dropping off their students, there will be much opportunity for the businesses around Brighton Nazarene Church to gain added income from our students and families business. I know we are not large, but we have left an impact on the Village of Pinckney, and plan to do the same where ever we go.

I have lived in Livingston County my entire life, and quite frankly, I could not imagine living anywhere else, but right now, some of the luster is off. It feels like there is some vendetta against Brighton Nazarene, and we are the unlucky victims. Please do not make us pay for something of which we have no knowledge! I am urging you to rethink your decision, and to think of the families affected and the lost jobs your decision has brought about.

I know you are all busy, but I have included a link to a video of what our seniors did on their Senior Skip Day. This is the kind of students we have. They truly want to make the world better. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM81ZcO9JGA&feature=youtu.be>

Sincerely,
Kristin M. Neathamer

Polly

From: Crystal Walter <crystalwalter29@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:35 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Linda Rowell; Jim Mortensen; Todd Smith
Subject: Light of The World Academy

Genoa Township Board:

My name is Crystal Walter, my daughter Alexandria has attended Light of the World Academy going on 6 years. I would like to continue her going there. This has been Alexandria's second home for all those years. I went through a divorce 6 years ago this has been her only stable home almost her whole life. She loves this school as I do too. I believe in this school so much, I just spent 14 months in a court battle to keep her there.

The Montessori learning is a perfect fit for her, the classroom sizes is my preference 20 kids 2 teachers. I don't want her going to a public school with class sizes of 30 plus with 1 teacher. I know what you might be thinking "send her to private." I have paid 5 years already and having a Montessori tuition free is a blessing.

I don't know or understand everything that went on with Livingston Christian/ Brighton Naz & Township. I have read the meeting notes online, talked to families at LC. I do believe after hearing testimony last night that they did things wrong and are sorry for it. And are willing to do whatever it is that needs to be done.

I could go on and on with my story, but it won't matter to you because it's mine. Not yours it doesn't effect your child, your life.

I beg you to please please have an emergency meeting and hear it all one more time. Lets work together as two communities to make this work for two wonderful schools.

Thank you for your time.

God Bless,

Crystal Walter

Polly

From: vicky@shalomlife.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith
Subject: Please call a special meeting

Dear Members of the Genoa Township Board,

Your dedication to the community is obvious as you choose to serve and make a difference. For that, I say thank you. Today you have another opportunity to make another huge difference in the lives of the students, teachers, staff and community of Light of the World Academy.

As a parent, Vice President of the LOTWA School Board, and an Assistant Pastor of Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney, I ask you to take a closer look at the details and to reconsider your decision to deny the Brighton Nazarene Church access to the Special Use Permit. This decision has severe impact. Most importantly, over 300 children are having their school, their second home, completely denied to them.

Please put yourself in the shoes of the educators who spend countless hours teaching our children. The parents who found schools that fit their needs and the children who LOVE the schools in which they attend. This decision snuffs out their hope. This decision makes them no longer believe their elected officials care about them.

YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK LIKE SUPERHEROES IN A DIRE SITUATION!

Our community is praying feverishly that your hearts will be softened and that you will find it in you to call a special meeting and reverse this drastic decision.

Gratefully yours,
Pastor Vicky Lovell
734-276-2682

Polly

From: Kathy Moorehouse <kathy@lightoftheworldacademy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 4:50 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Livingston Christian Schools/Light of the World Academy

Polly, thank you so very much! I'm praying something more can be done. These are two very very special schools who have been quietly loving and educating children for years. As for light of the world academy, we would continue to do so privately, unfortunately these days very few family's can afford private schools. If there is any way I could me with you and other board members of the record, I would so very grateful. As you can imagine I'm feeling the weight of Many families and jobs. I completely understand your

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 3:28 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Kathy, I spoke with our township attorney and at this time there does not appear to be a change in position from any board members. I am copying our board members with your request just to make sure. Polly

From: Kathy Moorehouse [<mailto:kathy@lightoftheworldacademy.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Livingston Christian Schools/Light of the World Academy

Hi Polly, I was if there was a possibility, that Genoa Township would consider calling a special meeting to discuss our concerns listed in my letter?

Thank you,
Kathy Moorehouse

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 12:34 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

Kathy, Thank you for your letter. I will include it in our next board packet. Polly

From: Kathy Moorehouse [<mailto:kathy@lightoftheworldacademy.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; jeberbach@livingstondaily.com; mmalott@gannett.com; news@whmi.com
Subject: Livingston Christian Schools/Light of the World Academy

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Kathy Moorehouse, and I'm the Director of Light of the World Academy, a Montessori school in Pinckney that is planning on reopening as a charter school this fall. I had the opportunity to meet and speak with some of you at the Township Board meeting last night.

As I indicated last night, I'm profoundly disappointed that the Board voted to deny the Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools. This decision impacted not only the students, families and staff from Livingston Christian, but the students, families and staff from Light of the World Academy, as well. We are planning on moving into the old Livingston Christian building in

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Polly

From: Leslie <lsmbts@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Polly
Subject: Re: Light of the World Academy

Polly,
Thank you so much!
Do you think there is a possibility they will call a special meeting ?
Leslie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2015, at 3:30 PM, Polly <pskolarus@genoa.org> wrote:

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To Board 8/17/15

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To: Gary McCririe; Polly; Robin Hunt; Jean Ledford; Jim Mortensen; Linda Rowell; Todd Smith; jeberbach@livingstondaily.com; mmalott@gannett.com; news@whmi.com
Subject: Livingston Christian School/Light Of The World Academy

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

My name is Sara McQuade and I am a parent of a kindergarten student at Light Of The World Academy in Pinckney. I am also a resident of Genoa Township and have been for the past 9 years. I was in attendance at the Genoa Township Board meeting last night.

I am extremely disappointed in the outcome of last night's vote regarding the Special Use Permit for Livingston Christian Schools. This not only affects my child and our family but hundreds of other students as well, many of which reside in your township. This also negatively affects many teachers who now will potentially lose their jobs, some which also reside in your township.

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Sara E. McQuade 

Adam VanTassell

From: Carole Stiles <cjstiles81@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 3:45 PM
To: info
Subject: Livingston Christian School

To the members of the Genoa Township Board:

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Teacher, Livingston Christian School ~ Pinckney, MI

Mike Archinal

From: Dan Wholihan <dwhol@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Mike Archinal
Subject: Coorespondance for the next packet

Hi Mike:

Can you please have this letter go into the board packets as correspondence for the next meeting?

Thank you:

Dan Wholihan
PO Box 1182
Brighton, MI 48116

Dear Genoa Township Board:

My name is Dan Wholihan. I am a lifelong Livingston County resident and a current resident of Genoa Township where I have spent a total of 25 years. I wear many different hats in our community, and am mostly known for being the current Chair of Livingston County Republicans. I speak as a Cunningham Lake resident and not in my chair capacity here. However in my position, I receive phone calls and emails about matters in our community, including members of my party who have asked for my help. After attending many township board meetings, reading the packets, and talking to individuals in my community, I feel compelled to write to you and the township Planning Commission.

I first would like to thank Trustee Jim Mortensen and the rest of the Planning Commission who did a very good job addressing the issues that need to be taken care of with The Brighton Church of the Nazarene (The Naz) hosting the school. There are issues The Naz needs to resolve and that was made clear. On that same note, Trustee Jim Mortensen, along with Clerk Polly Skolarus and Treasurer Robin Hunt saw the big picture and did not punish two schools in our county for a dispute involving a third party. I thank all three of you for doing the right thing here.

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The actions of four Township Board of Trustees did not punish The Naz. They punished and traumatized parents, teachers, and kids for actions outside of their control. Some of those punished live here in our township. That's not right. This made the news for several days, and I've received calls and correspondence about this. It's now a lawsuit. Our community should be in the news for being a good and welcoming place to live and do business, not for traumatizing kids, parents, and teachers. When these four township officials

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It isn't too late for our trustees to fix this problem. As board members, I encourage you to reverse its decision and to approve the plan approved by your commission. Is "killing the school" what Supervisor Gary McCririe or Trustee Jean Ledford want as their legacy of their long service to our township? Is "killing the school" what Trustees Todd Smith or Linda Rowell want as a shadow over them if they want to replace Supervisor McCririe when he retires? A lot of this can be avoided with reconsideration of this issue and a reversal of the board's decision.

Thank You for your time:

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From: kenneth <fitzpatrickkj@gmail.com>

Date: August 14, 2015 at 10:30:10 AM EDT

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Subject: OPPOSE FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT, SEEK COSTS AND MANTAIN DENIAL OF PERMIT

WE ARE RESIDENTS, ACTIVE VOTING CONSTITUENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF GENOA TOWNSHIP. WE LIVE DIRECTLY ACROSS BRIGHTON ROAD. **WE URGE YOU TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE THE FRIVOLOUS LAWSUIT.** THE PLEA FOR EXTRAORDINARY RELEIF IS PATENTLY FRIVOLOUS AS RELIEF IS AVAILABLE NORMAL SUIT) YOU SHOULD INSTRUCT YOUR COUNSEL TO SEEK COSTS FROM THE SCHOOL. **A BAD BUSINESS DECISION BY THE SCHOOL IS NOT A BASIS FOR A LAWSUIT.**

THE SCHOOL HAS A PERFECTLY ADEQUATE FACILITY IN PINCKNEY THUS NO “BURDEN ON THEIR RELIGIOUS EXERCISE...” AND THERE IS A PERFECTLY REASONABLE RIGHT FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO DENY THE PERMIT. THOSE INCLUDE TRAFFIC INCREASE, DAMAGE TO ROADS AND ADJACENT FACILITIES, THE NEED TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND THE RESIDENTS DUE TO FURTHER INCREASES IN ALREADY OVERLOADED TRAFFIC AT PRESENT. THE ENTRANCE TO LAKE FOREST IS ALREADY BEING USED FOR A TURN AROUND BY USERS OF THE NAZARENE CHURCH ON SUNDAYS. THE SCHOOL WOULD MULTIPLY THAT BY A LARGE NUMBER 5 DAYS A WEEK.

. WE HAVE SEEN THE BURDEN OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL. IN FACT, IT HAS CAUSED A DRIVE THROUGH ISSUE IN OUR SUBDIVISION ALREADY. WHY ADD TO OUR BURDEN FOR A SCHOOL WITH A PERFECTLY ADEQUATE FACILITY IN PINCKNEY?

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To all Genoa Township Planning Commission and
Board of trustees

I would like to provide a simple analysis of the traffic study as submitted with the special use request of the Church of the Nazarene. I know some of you had a gut feeling that there would be an impact on traffic yet the studies implied minimal impact. I have done some simple analysis of the traffic study and found a significant flaw in the data used. As we all know with computer models and math equations, garbage in garbage out. My purpose for writing this is to help all of us understand that there will be more of an impact than the study indicates. Please take this as a vote of confidence on the denial and hopefully the whole lawsuit thing can go away for other reasons. I know Eric has had to recuse himself but maybe he can collaborate my interpretation of the report.

The memo dated June 23, 2015, from Fleis & Vandenbrink projects (page 2 of the report) 127 pick-ups for the future student enrollment of 250. This may be an accurate projection for the drop off and pick up process to determine if the parking lot can handle the flow however the impact on Brighton Road is based on flawed data. That same projection indicates 180 total ingress. To determine how the current enrollment driving patterns would relate to the future enrollment they used enrollment of 134 plus 18 staff. With those numbers they determined of 71 drop off and pick up cycles. This is a fact that does not include the 12 student drivers and 18 staff. There are in fact 101 vehicles involved during a normal day at the school. 101 cars divided by 152 students+staff = .665 cars per individual. They used of 71 as a baseline for the traffic issue is faulty. A more accurate baseline needs to include the total vehicle count as it pertains to the overall impact on Brighton road and the parking lot ability to support this use. With the proposed increase to 250 students and 32 staff a more accurate indication of traffic flow should be run using 187 (282 times .665 as in the earlier calculation) vehicles. The model they used for the study assumed 127 (their number) vehicles. If 187 (or even the 180 the trip generation program indicates) is placed into the model I suspect there would be a drastically different impact study. Their focus on ingress

and egress for the drop off and pick up plan caused them to miss the need to access the total impact on Brighton road traffic. I believe running the model with 127 cars is far from realistic for a school population that has 282 total occupants plus the church staff and members that may happen to show up at the busy times. This modeling process assumes the only use of the facility is the school and as such does not include any church related traffic during the critical time periods.

Please trust in your thoughts and concerns for the community as a whole and do not let the intimidation of a group who did not plan for contingency allow you to doubt yourselves. Those of you who voted for the petition will hopefully understand that there has been some data interpretation that may have been faulty. I am not implying any malice in the process. I believe the report was developed to help create a flow for the parking area and as such I think it has merit and there was no data included for church activity during the critical times. Again, garbage in garbage out. Thankyou for your time and consideration.

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I sent this to the board clerk to forward to all board members. I'm not sure if you saw this.

I would like to thank you for the denial of the special use permit petition for LCS. I believe the decision should stand. I am a Christian, my children went to public, charter and Christian schools so this is not about the politics of that. The Naz is in a residentially zoned area on one of the busiest roads in Brighton. The traffic studies did not take into account the total capacity of the building, they were based on 200 students and staff. The school plan to stagger start and end times to fit between high school times and Maltby times will just cause Brighton road to be busy for a longer period without a quiet time during early rush hour time. There was no discussion about traffic impact during HS sporting events that will coincide with LCS sporting events. The school will be more than just the weekday events they marketed. There will be graduations, sporting events, conference, concerts etc. The board evaluated all factors associated with the petition and should be allowed to do what they feel is right for the community. I attended all but one of the planning commission meetings and there were several requests for information that the Naz could not provide. In November LCS advertised their move to the NAZ despite the fact that there had been no petition for the special use permit until February-march time frame. Please ensure the board decision stands as issued. I was at all but one of the planning commission meetings and the failure of this petition rests solely on the petitioner for failing to present a viable plan to handle traffic and neighbor concerns about the potential impact on the surrounding community. The failure for the schools (now including Light of the World Academy) to plan appropriately for the timing of a permit falls on them. The new "panic" and pressure to do this for the children is a manipulative move that falls squarely on the individuals and groups that did not do their homework on how to get things approved. Please help ensure the decision stands and do not allow the special use permit to be issued. The director of Light of the World is using political contacts and social media to self serve that schools (and her) need for a place for that school to exist. Please do not allow pressure from outside agencies to change the board decision. I am a resident who lives off of Brighton road and there is no study that will accurately depict the total impact on traffic. Theoretical studies sometimes need a human to evaluate the data. The engineers and architects of the tower of Pisa is one example. In inclement weather things that look good on paper tend to have issues arise. We don't need these issues on Brighton road in a residential area. Thank you for being concerned for the overall impact of this request on our community. Their failure to plan and ensure the permit request was viable to begin with should not lead to just allowing it. This is a residential area that is already heavily burdened by all of the current NAZ church activities and High school activities without adding more. How many school members , either the LCS or the light of the world are even Genoa township residents. How dare they degrade the sound decisions the board made and attempt to claim religious bias. At every meeting at least one if not numerous admitted to the valuable contributions the church made to this community. I spoke favorably for the church, it's in the minutes. This is not the place for an additional school. The light of the world people are out of line to attack the Genoa board when they are not even the petitioner for the special use permit. The church ministers have said they will not push further. How dare they attack you and the rest of the board who evaluated the gains versus the impacts of this petition. Bravo to the board for standing up for the rights of the silent majority. I am sorry they have taken this action and pray they will learn how wrong they are in taking personal attacks on you, the ones who serve and protect our community. Bravo to you and please stay strong.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Genoa township resident and neighbor.

August 6, 2015

Genoa Board Members,

I am a long time resident of Brighton, MI. As a child, I attended both private and public schools in Brighton, and my own children have as well. I grew up in a small home on Brighton Road across from The Herbst Farm, which eventually was torn down due to growth and change.

I currently live on Aljoann Road, which is the street adjacent to The Naz property. I've been an Aljoann Road resident since 2002. You may or may not have seen some of my letters and/or emails over the 13 years each time The Naz Church asked for upgrades or additions, and now most recently renting their property to a K-12 school. I attempt to attend as many of the Planning Commission meetings as possible, to voice my opinion, because as a neighbor, I was INVITED to. Every meeting I have ever attended, I have left feeling discouraged and disheartened. I have felt as if the Planning Commission didn't care about my home and neighborhood as much as it cared about the church and the business it was creating. But, I got used to it and just learned to live without worrying too much about how it has affected my family, my neighborhood, and myself.

I want to personally thank you for denying the church's request to rent their property to a K-12 school. Not because I wanted bushes planted, not because I am against children, not because I want to hurt the church or the schools involved. I am thankful because there is just not enough space left here in this residential area; it's becoming a business district. There are three churches, soon to be four. There are three schools with children and families hustling and bustling on Brighton Road at all hours of the day. We all know what this traffic looks like; I've lived it for years. Thank you for looking out for my residential area. Thank you for trying to keep it an enjoyable place to live.

I am truly sorry about the headache this must be causing you, as I am living it each day with you. I am hopeful this will pass; I remember when my school closed, Miller Early Childhood Center. It was a BIG story for a while, but it eventually got easier. (And by the way, NO schools have to close, but you probably know this.) I appreciate your understanding where many residents of the Brighton Road area are coming from.

Kindly,

Andrea Spaanstra