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“Informed citizens are the foundation of effective self-government”

Meetings & Events

The public is invited to attend and to comment. As alternatives to attendance: view meetings live on Ch 17, watch those meetings which are videotaped, or read meeting minutes on the Township website. Please note that the Board of Trustees and Parks and Recreation Commission are our two elected bodies with greatest decision-making powers.

Link to Oakland Township Calendar: <http://www.oaklandtownship.org/calendar.php>

Next Week

- Tuesday, April 1, Planning Commission, Township Hall, 7 P.M.
- Wednesday, April 2, Safety Paths and Trails Committee (SPTC), PCCM, 5 P.M.

Next 4 Weeks

- Tuesday, April 8, Dog Park Task Force Open House, 5 PM
 - Wednesday, April 9, Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC), Township Hall, 7 P.M.
 - Tuesday, April 15, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Township Hall, 7 P.M.
 - Wednesday April 16, Historic District Commission (HDC), Township Hall, 7 P.M.
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Corrections & Clarifications

The following items from the March 14, 2014 issue regarding the March 11 Board of Trustees meeting require clarification, as reader remarks indicate we did not clearly represent what was said. Part of the inaccuracy is that we cited what a court did or did not do, when, in fact, it was the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, not any court, that was being discussed.

On page 5 we wrote: *II. Announcements – Supervisor Gonser*

Court took no action, no charges filed in recent allegations of BOT OMA violations

On Page 6 we wrote: *Judy Keyes – OT resident, BOT member until resignation in late 2013*

Stated that courts issued a "reprimand" in court case discussed by Supervisor Gonser in Announcements (see above). Supervisor Gonser disagreed.

The above is best clarified by these transcriptions of the exact words of Supervisor Gonser and Mrs. Judy Keyes.

Supervisor Gonser: (during Announcements)

“I am pleased to announce that last week the Township Attorney was contacted by the Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office with regard to several allegations of Open Meeting Act violations by this Board of Trustee’s. After a thorough investigation, which included interviews of numerous witnesses, the prosecuting attorney has notified our attorney that no action will be taken concerning these matters. As a result the criminal investigation has been closed and there will be no charges filed.”

Mrs. Judy Keyes (during Citizen Comment at 20:00 on tape)

“I feel compelled to speak tonight being that Supervisor Gonser was not very forthcoming in his announcements about what occurred with the Oakland County Prosecutor. I know this first hand because on Oct 23rd, the day after I resigned, I went to the Oakland County Prosecutor to file one of the three charges that were filed; knowing that an arrest or a warrant wasn’t the end result of that. The end result, was, which is very common in these cases, when these charges are levied against a public body such as yourselves, is that a reprimand is issued, which is exactly what has occurred on 2 of the 3 charges, one of them being mine from the closed session meeting which occurred on September 24th, which was completely in violation of OMA. And a letter has been issued to you, Supervisor Gonser and to Mr. Dan Kelly from John Slevin from the prosecuting Oakland County Attorney’s office. So that is not quite accurate. So you were found to be in violation of the OMA and you were issued a reprimand and a warrant was never the end game, that is not how they handle these things. So now it is on file. Thank you.”

Supervisor Gonser - *“Just to set the record straight, there was no reprimand.”*

(Inaudible comment from a person in attendance)

Supervisor Gonser - *“For clarification, there was no reprimand”*

Mrs. Keyes - *“John Slevin called me personally”*

Supervisor Gonser - *“I have the letter, there is no reprimand”*

Board of Trustees (BOT)

Link to Township website page: [BOT – Township p](#)

Link to Oakland Township Sentinel webpage: [BOT – Sentinel/](#)

Summary - Board of Trustees Meeting - 3/25/14										
Township Website Video Chapter	Approx minutes	Agenda Item #	Agenda Item (Green = pass, Red = Fail, Black = discussion only, no vote)	Robin Buxar - Trustee	Michael Bailey Trustee	Jeanne Langlois - Treasurer	Terry Gonser - Supervisor	Karen Reilly - Clerk	Sharon McKay - Trustee	Maureen Thalmann - Trustee
1	1	I.	Call to order,Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call (P=Present, A= Absent)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	2	II	Announcements, Proclamations, Presentations							
3	10	III	Public comment - non-agenda items							
4	0.5	IV.	Agenda OK?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		V. - CONSENT AGENDA								
5	1	2	Pay bills of \$187,950 ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	1	4	AuthorizedSupv. Gonser to sign Gen. Code contract ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		V. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA								
5	2	1	Approve minutes of 3/11/14 meeting ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	1	3	Approve slight change in Rules of Order ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		VI. - OLD BUSINESS								
6	60	1	Take up Rochester Cider Mill requested revision to court order at April 8 meeting ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	2	2	Further study of Mrs. Markel FOIA appeal ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		VII. - PENDING BUSINESS								
8	13	1	Approve \$14,980 for Orion Rd. bridge ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	3	2	Approve annual road dust control contract for \$52,010 ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	3	3	Approve Tri-Party road agreement for \$20,557 ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	17	4	Approve requiring Project Management (Gantt charts) for capital and maintenance projects over \$20,000 ?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	27	5	Approved amendments to 2013-2014 budget	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	47	6	Approve 2014-15 budget with reductions in Parks legal fees?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
13	23	6	Approve 2014-2015 budget as presented with slight amendments ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
14	0	VIII. - Township Manager Ann Capela's Report								
14	5	IX. - Board Reports								
15	6	X. -PUBLIC COMMENT								

Rather than comment on all matters discussed we will provide information on those that we deem of most interest to residents.

VI.-1- Rochester Cider Mill request for amendment of Circuit Court's Consent Judgment 1983-267468-AW

The proposed amendment would allow 52 weeks per year operation vs. 18 and expand the allowed products and activities to include most farm products, and the production and sales of beer, wine, hard cider. No on-premise consumption of alcohol, except for wine tasting and properly licensed affairs (for example a wedding party with a one day license). Essentially the Barkham's are saying that it is not possible to have a successful business with only 18 weeks of operation and restrictions on allowed products and activities.

The current restrictions stem from this property being zoned residential and the cider mill being tolerated as a "grandfathered" non-conforming use, per the 1983 decision.

After a slide presentation by Trevor Barkham, owner, followed by public comments, the Board decided not to vote until the April 8th meeting. As suggested by Trustee Bailey, this is the normal process for situations where there is a public hearing. (Editor's Note: Even though, technically, this was not a public hearing, there was considerable comment for Trustee's to digest and a letter from a citizen's lawyer who could not attend on short notice.)

The existing court order (1983 and amendments in 1987 and 2012), proposed amendments and a comparison chart can be seen at this link -

<http://oaklandtownshipsentinel.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/rochester-cider-mill-documents.pdf>

Public comments both favored and opposed the proposed changes.

In support of changes:

- If the business cannot succeed it could become an empty, decaying building
 - The Barkhams are a fine family
 - Have personally enjoyed visiting this business with my children
 - This will help preserve our rural character
 - This business will create jobs
 - It is nice to see Trevor Barkham, PhD in Biochemistry, stay in our area.
 - The problem is we are trying to have a "planned community", we should instead let market forces rule.
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- This is a typical set of allowed activities for a cider mill now in Michigan

Against:

- The specifics have not been available long enough (4 days) to consider them with our lawyer
- In the past the Barkham's have violated the court order and created nuisances such as repairing ice cream trucks late at night, loose animals, very noisy antique farm equipment
- We were told by past township boards that this change would never happen when we did due-diligence on our nearby home purchase
- Concerns about the alcohol, especially the licensed events (Barkham's lawyer said the licensed events "clause" could be stricken)
- Concerns about the possible actions of a future owner - not the Barkham's.
- Concerns about designating this a "Special Use" that will carry over to new owners forever.
- This is not a rural farm operation with no near neighbors. A residential neighborhood is immediately adjacent.

VI-4 – Gantt Charts / Program Management

This came up as a suggestion at the budget workshop March 18th. Some of the reasons given were:

- Residents can better understand a project
- Costs, schedule and progress are more clear
- Consultant scientists like ECT will become more time oriented
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Trustee Bailey envisioned the use of Microsoft Project software.

The resolution is below along with a sample Gantt chart from a chapter in a book on project management.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION 14- ____

WHEREAS the desire of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees is to implement formal Program Management in the fiscal year 2015/2016 and beyond;

WHEREAS Program Management techniques shall be demonstrated through the incorporation of Gantt Charts;

WHEREAS the fundamental definition of a Gantt chart is a graphical visualization of program increments, timing/scheduling and incremental costs;

WHEREAS Program Management utilizing a Gantt chart promotes cost control, strong timing indications and easier program understanding by the public;

WHEREAS Program Management shall be required on all capital or maintenance programs estimated to be in excess of \$20,000 through program completion;

WHEREAS formal training will be required to effect efficient Program Management using Gantt charts;

WHEREAS the Gantt chart shall be populated with each discreet/independent incremental activity in sequence of a program;

WHEREAS each incremental activity of a program shall indicate estimated start and finish dates;

WHEREAS each incremental activity of a program shall identify the relative estimated cost;

WHEREAS each incremental activity of a program shall identify the "Required Completion Date" (RCD), the "Estimated Completion Date" (ECD) and the "Actual Completion Date" (ACD)

WHEREAS trial Program Management shall be implemented where practical as soon as training is completed in the fiscal year 2014/2015;

WHEREAS each Program Management Gantt chart will be reviewed by the applicable managing public board prior to program commencement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to above limits, formal Program Management shall be instituted for the first quarterly budget review and updated at each subsequent quarterly review until each project is completed;

HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that the 2014/2015 fiscal year will be a transition toward formal Program Management.

Below is an example of a Gantt Chart from:

"The Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence Handbook, 3rd Edition,
American Society for Quality – 2006, Chapter 10 – Project Management, page 254

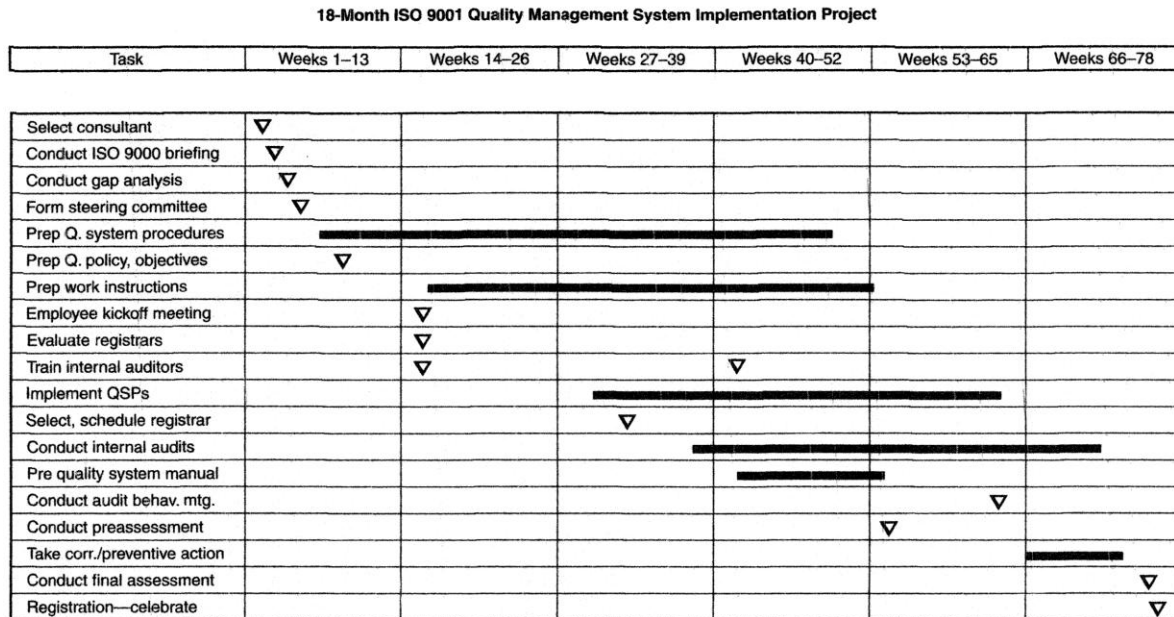


Figure 10.6 Gantt chart.

The above cited book lists numerous other useful tools beyond Gantt Charts for successful projects. Other tools address important topics like what is the benefit, what people resources will be needed and when, clearly defining a deliverable, budget details, etc.

VII-6 2014-2015 Budget / Appropriations Act.

The budget / appropriations act was passed with some minor changes after about an hour and 10 minutes of deliberation. 47 minutes were spent discussing proposals to cut to zero or greatly reduce the \$15,000 budgeted by Parks and Recreation Commission for legal fees. The final motion to do this (see details on tape) was defeated 5/2. Then the motion to pass the budget without modifying Parks Legal Fees was passed 6/1. Trustee Thalmann was the dissenting vote. Trustee Thalmann has brought up the issue of Parks not using the services of Township Attorney Dan Kelly for services that fall under the \$108,000 fee to cover all but litigation and labor. Instead Parks has used Attorney Steve Joppich at \$125 per hour. A complete review of all the facts around this topic is underway as a research topic.

IX. - Board Reports

Trustee McKay's Last Meeting will be April 8th

Trustee Sharon McKay announced that she will be moving and her last official Board meeting will be April 8th.

We assume that the Board will appoint someone to fill Trustee McKay's vacancy until the November election. If you wish to be considered for appointment, fill out the application that can be found on the Township website at this link:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/community_info/docs/BOARDS_AND_COMMISSION_APPLICATION.pdf.

If appointed to the Board, your term will expire in November of this year; however you may run for election to the position. To run in November as a party candidate, you must first win your party's primary election in August. The required papers, which include a petition with approximately 30 signatures, are available at the Clerk's office and must be filed by April 22.. There are 6 political parties recognized in Michigan (Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, U.S. Taxpayers, Green, and Natural Law). We are not sure what the procedure is to run as an independent candidate.

Michigan State Government

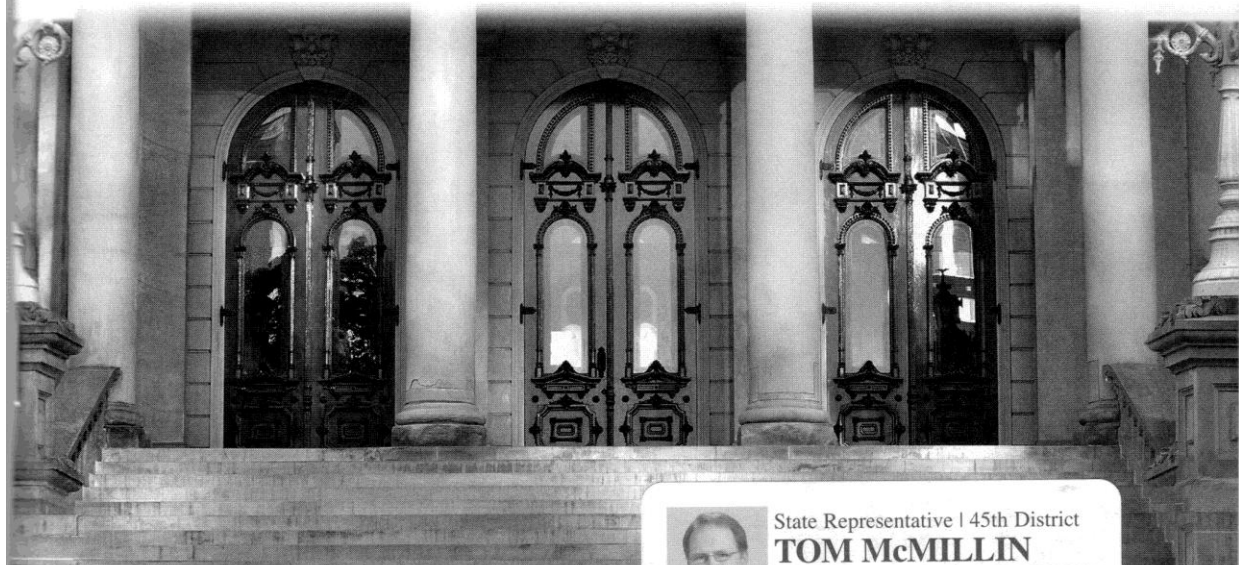
Because actions of the State government can have a profound effect on Oakland Township, we believe that it is important for residents to be aware of bills and other business being conducted by Michigan's two legislative bodies.

Prepared by the Michigan Legislature, "Citizens Guide to State Government" encourages citizens to become involved in lobbying their legislators and explains how to follow bills and give your input. <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/CitizensGuide.pdf>. You can sign up for email alerts on bills in your area of interest.



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CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO STATE GOVERNMENT



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97TH LEGISLATURE

From inside the front cover of the guide:

Dear Citizen:

It is of primary importance that the general public increase its participation in the decision-making process. In order to actuate this input, the citizen must acquire an understanding of the legislative structure and process and then organize concerted efforts to effectively demand representation.

Individuals can have an impact on specific legislative proposals, provided it is made at the appropriate time. Organized community and citizens' groups can multiply the impact of that individual effort.

Organizing citizens' groups to deal with specific community problems is extremely important. Such groups provide a focal point from which citizens can participate in the decision-making process and influence legislation.

The intent of this CITIZEN'S GUIDE is to provide some of the specific information needed to get in touch with the RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME to make your concerns heard. It is hoped that it will be a reference tool that will assist you in your efforts to be heard by public officials.

The contents of the guide:

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This guide suggests that forming a citizens group around an issue is the most effective method. However, on page 3 this statement appears –

“Sometimes just one letter or e-mail, with a new perspective, or with clear-cut, persuasive arguments can be the decisive factor in a legislator’s action.”

For example, below is a new bill just introduced that may be of interest -

Tom McMillan Proposes House Joint Resolution EE – Less Funding to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; Move Money to new Transportation Fund.

This bill proposes to amend Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund in the Michigan State Constitution to

- Put 80% of oil /gas lease revenues in a new Transportation Fund; 20% to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Lower cap in MNRTF from \$500,000,000 to \$200,000,000
- Dissolve the Genevieve Gillette state parks endowment fund and transfer current balance to the Transportation Fund

See the bill at this link:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/jointresolutionintroduced/House/pdf/2014-HJR-EE.pdf>

See its status at this link:

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/%28S%28mcluwaremafrfz45oufstbeq%29%29/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2014-HJR-EE&query=on>

Open Meetings Act / Freedom of Information Act Meeting was Held March 27th in Rochester Hills.

Tom McMillin, Michigan State Representative for District 45 (Rochester, Rochester Hills, southwest approx 1/8 of Oakland Township) sponsored a meeting to clarify the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. He also explained five bills that are pending (four originated with him) on these subjects. The two page "handout" for the meeting is shown below -

Shining a Light in the Dark

-The Tools of Government Transparency-

Explaining the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act

Pending legislation dealing with FOIA and OMA:

- **House Bill 4001 (Shirkey)** Amends current law to establish a more uniform structure for fees, clarify procedures for public bodies and update penalties. The bill caps FOIA copies at 10 cents per page, reduces administrative and other fees when a government agency does not meet the proper deadlines, as well as increasing the penalty a government agency can be subject to for an improper denial of a public records request.
- **House Bill 4314 (McMillin)** Creates the Open Government Commission to investigate and resolve citizen complaints about the denial of information under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.
- **House Bill 5193 (McMillin)** Current law says that a public body can go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. However, it is now being seen that some bodies are interpreting the law to say that they can go behind closed doors because of "potential" litigation. This bill clarifies the law to mean that there actually has to be pending (filed) litigation.
- **House Bill 5194 (McMillin)** Clarifies that a violation of the Open Meetings Act cannot be remedied by simply performing a revote in public. This bill states that a public reenactment of an intentional OMA violation is not a defense.
- **House Joint Resolution DD (McMillin)** This constitutional amendment would subject the governing boards of public universities to the Open Meetings Act. Currently, governing boards can choose to exempt themselves from OMA and make decisions behind closed doors, with quorums present. This legislation would require these governing boards to operate as other public bodies do under the Open Meetings Act.

Find out more:

To learn more about these and other bills visit: www.legislature.mi.gov. Here you can:

- Search for bills by number or content
- Read bills and nonpartisan analysis of the legislation
- Sign up for email notifications on particular bills or committee meeting notifications
- Find out how legislators have voted on past bills

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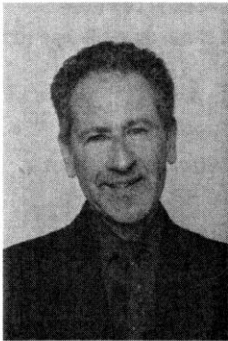
-Speakers-



State Representative Tom McMillin was first elected in 2009 and represents residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township. Tom has been a champion for transparency in Lansing, working to ensure that government information is available to all citizens. After being elected, he was the first elected official in Michigan history to post his salary and benefit package, the names and salary of his staff and office expenditures online, which is now required for all representatives.

As Chair of the House Oversight Committee, Tom has overseen the passage of multiple transparency-related bills, including House Bill 4001, which would reform the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process here in Michigan. Tom has also sponsored a number of bills aimed at increasing government accountability and efficiency.

Tom is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) business owner and has experience as a chief financial officer for a diverse range of corporate clients. He is an active member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, a former Oakland County commissioner, a former Auburn Hills City Council member, former mayor of Auburn Hills, and a Republican National Delegate in 1996 and 2000.



Herschel Fink is the in-house legal counsel of the Detroit Free Press and Gannett Michigan newspapers. Previously, he had a 35 year career as a senior partner at the Detroit law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn. His background includes an even earlier 10 year career as a daily newspaper reporter and editor.

As an attorney, Herschel has specialized in representing news organizations, media and entertainment companies, and high profile personalities in a broad range of First Amendment and intellectual property issues. He has represented the Free Press, Michigan's largest daily newspaper, for over 30 years, including directing the newspaper's Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit, which established Kilpatrick's perjury in the text message scandal, directly leading to his perjury prosecution and, ultimately, his indictment and conviction on numerous counts of public corruption. He is a frequent speaker at national media law conferences, and speaks regularly on media law topics to gatherings of judges and lawyers.



Robin Luce Herrmann is a shareholder based in Butzel Long's Bloomfield Hills office, and leads its Media group, as well as its Social Media, Privacy and Technology Specialty Team. Robin advises on and litigates a variety of media issues, including advertising and branding; libel; privacy; advertising clearance; endorsement issues; and content licensing. She also presents frequently on open government issues, including the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

Robin is Co-Chair of the ABA Women in Communication Law Committee, Co-Chair of the MLRC's State Legislative Committee and a Member of the State Bar of Michigan's Law and the Media Committee.

According to the speakers, violations of OMA and FOIA are increasing; several examples were cited. One reason for the increase in violations may be that government entities and their attorneys recognize that traditional newspapers have less money available to pursue such violations. For example, the legal bill for the Detroit Free Press to extract the Kwame Kilpatrick text messages via lawsuits under FOIA was \$750,000. A court ordered this paid by the defendants, but there was a risk that The Free Press would have had to foot the bill.

The speakers favored threats of lawsuits or other legal action and periodically suing to keep officials honest. With regard to FOIA, they stated that the requested documents belong to the public, not to the officials whom we designate as custodians of the documents.

Several points that were new to us were:

FOIA

There are laws besides FOIA (1977) that require officials to provide immediate access to documents, not in 5 or 15 days. Herschel Fink has used this to successfully get compliance.

STATE CONSTITUTION (EXCERPT) CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN OF 1963

§ 23 Financial records; statement of revenues and expenditures.

Sec. 23.

All financial records, accountings, audit reports and other reports of public moneys shall be public records and open to inspection. A statement of all revenues and expenditures of public moneys shall be published and distributed annually, as provided by law.

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 328 of 1931

750.491 Public records; removal, mutilation or destruction; penalty.

Sec. 491.

All official books, papers or records created by or received in any office or agency of the state of Michigan or its political subdivisions, are declared to be public property, belonging to the people of the state of Michigan. All books, papers or records shall be disposed of only as provided in section 13c of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of the First Extra Session of 1948, as added, being section 18.13c of the Compiled Laws of 1948, section 5 of Act No. 271 of the Public Acts of

1913, as amended, being section 399.5 of the Compiled Laws of 1948 and sections 2137 and 2138 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sections 600.2137 and 600.2138 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

Any person who shall wilfully carry away, mutilate or destroy any of such books, papers, records or any part of the same, and any person who shall retain and continue to hold the possession of any books, papers or records, or parts thereof, belonging to the aforesaid offices and shall refuse to deliver up such books, papers, records, or parts thereof to the proper officer having charge of the office to which such books, papers, or records belong, upon demand being made by such officer or, in cases of a defunct office, the Michigan historical commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 2 years or by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 328 of 1931

750.492 Public records; inspection; use; copying; removal.

Sec. 492.

Any officer having the custody of any county, city, or township records in this state who shall when requested fail or neglect to furnish proper and reasonable facilities for the inspection and examination of the records and files in his or her office and for making memoranda of transcripts therefrom during the usual business hours, which shall not be less than 4 hours per day, to any person having occasion to make examination of them for any lawful purpose is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00. The custodian of said records and files may make such reasonable rules with reference to the inspection and examination of them as shall be necessary for the protection of said records and files and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of the duties of such officer. The officer shall prohibit the use of pen and ink in making copies or notes of records and files in his or her office. No books, records, and files shall be removed from the office of the custodian thereof, except by the order of the judge of any court of competent jurisdiction, or in response to a subpoena duces tecum issued therefrom, or for audit purposes conducted pursuant to 1919 PA 71, MCL 21.41 to 21.55, 1929 PA 52, MCL 14.141 to 14.145, or 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a, with the permission of the official having custody of the records if the official is given a receipt listing the records being removed.

Open Meetings Act (OMA)

Ms. Herrmann suggested that citizens look for decisions that were made by a governing body with little or no public discussion. This could mean that the actual decision was made in secret.

According to Ms. Hermann, the attorney-client privilege is abused frequently in both OMA and FOIA.

Michigan Universities have taken the posture that they can conduct closed meetings, although they control billions in public money. The Free Press will be challenging this practice in an editorial this Sunday.

Letters to the Editors

We are attempting to provide relevant facts and avoid expressing our opinions. Letters to the editors provide an opportunity for our readers to:

- add additional relevant facts
- correct our facts
- express their opinion on what the facts mean
- suggest a course of action

New facts presented should be verifiable by readers. Avoid opinions about any person's character or motives, and focus on observable, verifiable behaviors. What to do about the facts is best accomplished by a specific course of action. Who should do what, how and when?

Please restrict comments to those involving Oakland Township, immediately adjacent cities, villages and townships (Addison, Bruce/Romeo, Washington, Shelby, Avon /Rochester and Rochester Hills), Auburn Hills/Pontiac, Orion/Lake Orion, Oxford), Oakland County or Michigan State government affairs likely to impact Oakland Township residents.

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Acronyms Guide

BOT – Board of Trustees
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
LLC – Limited Liability Corporation
MPEA – Michigan Planning Enabling Act
MZEA – Michigan Zoning Enabling Act
OMA – Open Meetings Act, Michigan Act 267 of 1976
OT – Charter Township of Oakland (Oakland Township for short)
OTFD – Oakland Township Fire Department
PC – Planning Commission
PRC – Parks and Recreation Commission
SPTC – Safety Paths and Trails Committee
ZBA – Zoning Board of Appeals

*******The End*******
