

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 47275 SUGARBUSH RD.
CHESTERFIELD, MI 48047
586-949-0400**

**February 1, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. AGENDA:** Grant a variance of Chesterfield Township Ordinance, Chapter 30, Article XII, section 30-346 to Center Management. The variance applies to the construction of a private road and approach on the Cabela's site development project.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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POSTED: January 31, 2017

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January 30, 2017

Cindy Berry, Clerk
Chesterfield Township Municipal Office
47275 Sugarbush
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RE: Agenda Item - 2/6/17 Township Board Meeting

Dear Honorable Clerk Berry,

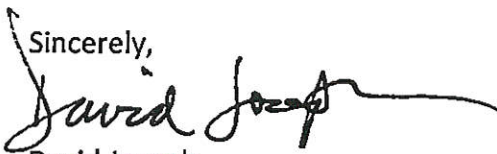
I would like the following agenda item added to our Township Board meeting scheduled for February 6, 2017:

"Grant variance of Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Article XII, Section 30-346 to Center Management. This variance applies to the construction of a private road and approach on the Cabela's site development project."

I have attached a letter outlining my support of this agenda item and I will provide copies of both to our fellow Township Board members.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



David Joseph
Trustee

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RE: Agenda Item Variance Request – Support

Dear Fellow Board Member,

As I am sure you are well aware, the single largest development project in Chesterfield, the Center Management lead construction of the 90,000 square foot Cabela's, continues to move forward at an amazing pace. There is considerable excitement for many reasons including the revenue potential as well as the 175 new jobs it will create.

Although, we all look forward to the Cabela's Grand Opening, we must continue working proactively to ensure the project does not become entangled in any unnecessary bureaucracy. I have asked Clerk Berry to place such an entanglement on our February 6th agenda. Specifically, I am asking for your support in granting this developer a variance from our Township's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Article XII, section 30-346. In this instance, strict interpretation and enforcement of Ordinance 30-346 is completely unnecessary, serves no public interest, and could cause unnecessary delay of our Township's most dynamic development.

After considerable research and comprehensive discussion with many of you as well as our Township attorney, I am convinced Ordinance 30-346 requires a thorough overhaul and revision. Although there are some applications that serve the public interest, in too many instances it is tantamount to requiring a private property owner to insure themselves from their own improperly performed or maintained projects on their own property. When trying to determine why we would require such an ordinance when there is no public interest at stake, I have uncovered two explanations: "it's the way we've always done it" and "every other municipality requires it". I reject both of these explanations and I hope you do as well.

While it is clear, we must do what is necessary to formulate and implement a long term solution to ordinance 30-346, we must also take immediate action in order to prevent unnecessary delay in this project by granting Center Management a variance. I have been assured by our attorney that this Board's ability to grant the variance is not only lawful, it in no way compromises public interest, sets no precedence regarding future ordinance application, and most importantly, it is appropriate in this instance.

I do very much appreciate your support on this agenda item and look forward to speaking with you directly should you have any questions of me regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



David Joseph
Trustee