



**SPECIAL MEETING
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3266 GADY RD.
ADRIAN, MI 49221
JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 10:00 a. m.**

The Township Board began the special meeting at 10:00 a. m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Deb Brousseau.

WELCOME, PLEDGE, INVOCATION: Pledge and moment of silence.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shelley Hunt, Blaine McDonald, Cheryl Witt, Susan Bunch, Deb Brousseau, Dale Witt

Members Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: was offered

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

Meeting with Creek regarding security locks for doors Jan. 26, 2026 @ 9:30 am

Meeting with Lenawee County Road Commission: Feb. 25, 2026 @ 1:00 pm

Replacing main office and police department copiers

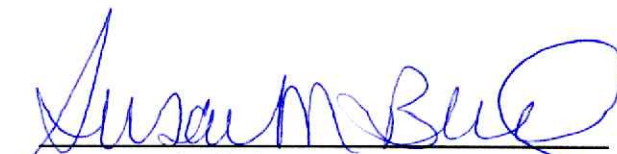
Upcoming Bicentennial for Raisin Charter Township

5. PURPOSE OF MEETING

- A. Resolution #2026-012026 Extending Moratorium on the Acceptance, Review and Approval of Sand and Gravel, and Mineral Extraction Permit Applications:** Motion Bunch, Support Hunt to extend the Moratorium on the Acceptance, Review and Approval of Sand and Gravel, and Mineral Extraction Permit Applications, Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McDonald, Hunt, Bunch, Brousseau, D. Witt, C. Witt; Nays: None M/C all.
- B. Sexton Position:** Motion D. Witt, Support C. Witt to appoint Mark Tommelein as the Sexton at a rate of \$25.00 per event effective Jan. 20, 2026 M/C all

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am


Deb Brousseau, Supervisor


Susan Bunch, Clerk

A RESOLUTION #2026-012026

of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Raisin, Lenawee County, Michigan
Extending a Moratorium on the Acceptance, Review and Approval of
Sand and Gravel, and Mineral Extraction Permit Applications

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Raisin, Lenawee County, Michigan ("Township"), held at the Community Center of the Charter Township of Raisin on the 20th day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time:

The following was offered by Bunch and supported by Hunt.

WHEREAS, the Township has a zoning ordinance enacted in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3101 ("MZEA"); and

WHEREAS, in 2011, material modifications in the law were adopted to the MZEA relating to local government review and approval of applications to mine natural resources in Michigan, including sand and gravel, and mineral extraction; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, case law interpreting those modifications continues to rapidly develop, especially surrounding the "no very serious consequences" mandate articulated in Section 205, Subsections (3) through (6) of the MZEA, MCL 125.3205; and

WHEREAS, the Township notes that there has been increasing interest in recent years to pursue sand and gravel, and mineral extraction within the Township. Given existing land uses, this raises concerns regarding the location and operation of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction activities and the potential for very serious consequences as a result of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction on the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township. Of particular concern is the relationship between existing land uses and the potential impact of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction on the air, and subsurface and surface water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legitimate purpose in addressing the proper design, size, location, and operation of mineral extraction, particularly sand, gravel and aggregate within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is reasonably concerned that the continued application of the existing zoning ordinance is insufficient and could result in mineral, sand and gravel, and aggregate extraction operations to be established without proper review in a manner that is either inappropriate or in some circumstances inadvisable within locations within the Township based upon the Township's Master Plan and zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, temporary moratoria are an essential tool to ensure successful community planning and development, especially when evidence exists that a particular land use or activity is likely to cause very serious consequences to a valuable and necessary natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that the adoption of a moratorium is necessary to preserve the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that appropriate regulations

are in place to protect private and public property. This includes, but is not limited to, the physical and natural environment within the Township during the time of this moratorium during the study and the need to potentially revise the Township's zoning ordinance, including drafting any appropriate police power ordinances necessary to protect the public and private property in light of preserving the physical and natural environment both at the surface and subsurface level within the Township. The reviews by the Planning Commission and the Township Board which may result in the amendment of existing ordinance regulations and the possible need for additional zoning and police power regulations shall be done in light of the Township's Master Plan as well as its powers under the MZEA, particularly the provisions of MCL 125.3205; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board passed a moratorium on January 27, 2025, which was extended on July 14, 2025, on the acceptance or review of any application for special use permit or site plan review for sand and gravel, and mineral extraction, and the administrative deferral of review of any pending application for special use permit or site plan ("Moratorium"), which permitted the Township Board to extend said Moratorium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE THAT:

1. The Township Board hereby extends the Moratorium on (a) the acceptance or review of any application for a special use permit or site plan review for sand and gravel, and mineral extraction by the Planning Commission, Township Board, any administrative official, or consultant of the Township; and (b) an administrative deferral of review of any pending application for a special use or site plan to allow for sufficient time to review and update existing ordinances appropriate that are needed for the regulation of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction within the Township. The Moratorium shall not apply to any applications for the expansion of existing sand, gravel and mineral extraction operations currently operating within the Township. The Township Board reserves the right to extend or renew this Moratorium in order to achieve the purposes stated herein.
2. The Moratorium adopted hereto shall be extended until March 1, 2026, or the effective date of an amendment to the Township's zoning ordinance regulating/addressing sand and gravel, and mineral extraction within the Township and/or regulations imposed through a police power ordinance regulating the activities of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction, whichever is sooner, unless said Moratorium is extended by further resolution of the Township Board.
3. The Planning Commission is hereby directed to study and consider appropriate amendments to the Township's zoning ordinance regulating/addressing sand and gravel, and mineral extraction and activities allowed under the MZEA. The Planning Commission may request from the Township Board the authorization to employ professionals and experts required to determine the best manner to regulate the activities of sand and gravel, and mineral extraction, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township.

4. The Township Board shall engage with the Township attorney in order to review options of regulatory police power ordinances regulating same which would be passed by the Township Board.

ADOPTED:


Yeas: McDonald, Hunt, Bunch, Brousseau, D. Witt, C. Witt

Nays: None

RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF LENA WEE)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk for the Charter Township of Raisin, Lenawee County Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Raisin at a Special Meeting held on the 20th day of January, 2026, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.



Susan Bunch, Clerk, Charter Township of Raisin