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Pittsfield Charter Township Announces Intent to Terminate a \$250,000 Option to Purchase Real Estate

Pittsfield Township -- At its Tuesday evening, 2/10/09 Board of Trustees meeting, Supervisor Mandy Grewal intends to ask the Board of Trustees to approve terminating a \$250,000 Option to Purchase Real Estate.

In June, 2008, the previous Pittsfield Township administration entered into an option to purchase a personal residence located at 5741 Marton Road for a minimum of \$250,000. The house on this land is located on approximately ten acres where only a small portion of the back half abuts the Pittsfield Preserve, while the rest consists of farm fields. Given the controversial nature of the property's location, there are questions as to the value it would add to Pittsfield Township.

Supervisor Mandy Grewal noted "The proposed purchase of this land has raised significant questions and concerns for many residents, particularly given its location and limited added value to the majority of township residents. In our current economic climate, I do not feel that Pittsfield Township needs to continue spending taxpayer resources on more land purchases. Our focus should be on the basic public services that township government needs to provide its residents. The \$250,000 funding is not budgeted for and would have to be drawn from our limited general fund reserves in order to make the purchase.

Besides the cost concerns, given the rapidly depleting property values throughout the county, we do not need to take yet another piece of property off the tax rolls. There is also a personal residence on the site, which raises more concerns regarding maintenance, security and upkeep of the building and surrounding land – all of which require additional and ongoing costs to township residents."

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