

January 27, 2024

Green Charter Township
Attn: Board Members
21431 Northland Drive
Paris, MI 49338



Dear Green Charter Township Board,

Subject: Gotion Development Agreement and OMA Violations

MESA, the Mecosta Environmental and Security Alliance, is a non-profit organization charged with protecting the environment and security of our community.

We have closely monitored the actions of the Green Township Board, particularly as they relate to the potential Gotion project.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the board of our belief that the Development Agreement between Green Charter Township and Gotion, Inc., signed August 22, 2023, was improperly executed, and as such the document is void.

On August 1, 2023 Green Charter Township held a public meeting and discussed a "first draft" of a Development Agreement with Gotion, Inc. The board approved for then Supervisor James Chapman to continue discussions with Gotion to finalize the document. There was an expectation that a "final" Development Agreement would be presented at a future public meeting for board discussion, public comment and a board decision. Regrettably, that did not happen.

On August 22, 2023 the Development Agreement was signed by then Supervisor James Chapman and then Clerk Janet Clark. According to the Open Meetings Act, decisions and discussions of the board must occur during open meetings. The finalized Development Agreement was never discussed, decided or voted in a public meeting. Additionally, the general public was denied their right to address the board and make public comment regarding the final Development Agreement.

Green Charter Township has violated the Open Meetings Act, denied individual's rights and improperly executed a Development Agreement with Gotion, Inc.

Green Charter Township must address the issues outlined above. Failure to do so will expose the township to the risk of litigation.

Sincerely,

Bruce Baker, MESA President

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