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Vacant Property at Walden and M-15

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To: Jeffrey Leib <jeffleib@mich.com>

Jeff:

Carol and I are both available on May 6th at 10:00 a.m. to have a meeting with you and Ed, which I am proposing we meet at Ed's office. Let me know if that date and time will work for you both.

Sincerely,

Tom

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Ed Adler and vacant property at Walden and M-15

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To: Thomas Ryan <sylvanlawtr@gmail.com>

Cc: ED ADLER <edadler@msn.com>

Hi Tom,

Confirming the phone conversation we just had, thanks for agreeing to meet with me at Ed Adler's office in Clarkston along with a representative of the City, preferably the City Manager.

As you know, the property in question is virgin and vacant land that has been used as a dumping ground for years. Upon receiving a notice from the City that the site needed to be cleaned up, Ed hired a contractor who worked there daily for over three weeks. February was chosen as the selected time since the ground would be frozen to facilitate heavy equipment being brought in. When the site was cleared and ready to have the debris removed, graded and seeded so that it could be nicely maintained in the neighborhood, the City suddenly issued a Stop Work Order with instructions to appear before the Historic Commission, since the property was in a Historic District. Residents were inundating the local papers and calls were even made to the local Congressman. With so many other irons in the fire, as as one of Clarkston's most prominent corporate citizens, the last thing Ed Adler wants to do is piss off the City. He never even considered that the property in question was within the Historic District!!!

Without acknowledging Historic Commission jurisdiction in the matter, since the property has always been vacant, Ed showed up at the Commission meeting at which time he surprised the Members by showing them the letter he had received from the City to clean up the site. The Members danced around the issue and then claimed that the letter hadn't been sent by them; rather, it had been sent by the City.

Ed was urged to apply for a permit from the Historic Commission to complete the cleanup, finished grading and seeding.

I'm hoping that we will be able to come to a satisfactory resolution so that the process of cleaning up this site can be completed in a manner that reduces the saber rattling. The best interests of the City of Clarkston and Ed Adler deserve that we resolve this matter quickly and harmoniously.

Again, thanks for meeting with me. You suggested the first week in May. I can be available Monday, May 4th, Wednesday, May 6th and Friday, May 8th. I can also be available Tuesday, the 5th, but only in the afternoon.

Fix a time that's good for you and let me know. Thanks again and regards. Jeff