



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, October 20, 2025- Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Autumn Gebara, Reilly Higgins, Finn Regan, Krishaan Shah, Roman Gay, Addison McCarthy, Jacob Stecovich, and Rishabh Mahale

Members

Absent: Neha Sampathkumar

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Communications Manager Samantha Diehl, Parks & Recreation Director Courtney Wisinski, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gebara called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PRESENTATION

Director Wisinski gave a presentation on Parks and Recreation events, event planning, and sponsorships. Director Diehl presented the Township's Communications Department goals, social media pages and policy, content calendar, and e-newsletters. There was discussion about what platform the Youth Commission would encourage the Township to use. The Commission suggested Instagram and specifically reels is where everyone is looking for communication.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER MCCARTHY. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Township Youth Commission Goals/Beautification Project

There was support from the Commission about getting involved in two beautification projects. One project at the Village of Okemos site. The project may include a temporary fence and involve local students to create art on a couple of the sides. In addition, there was some interest in involving local businesses with small stands at the event. The second project would be to work with the Haslett

Beautification Association on plantings at the Haslett Road and Marsh Road corner in Haslett. These plantings would have a holiday theme. Both projects would be completed by May 2026. There was discussion to have a subcommittee work on these two events as the Commission's goals for 2025-2026. The subcommittee will plan to meet on Mondays twice a month.

MOTION BY CHAIR GEBARA TO ADOPT THE 2025-2026 YOUTH COMMISSION GOALS AS DISCUSSED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STECOVICH. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

MOTION BY CHAIR GEBARA TO NOMINATE MEMBER REGAN, MEMBER SHAH, MEMBER MAHALE, AND CHAIR GEBARA TO SERVE ON THE BEAUTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE TO PLAN THE DISCUSSED EVENTS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER REGAN. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Member Regan suggested the Commission encourage the community to get involved with supporting both the Okemos and Haslett Food Banks. Creating a social media presence around a food drive event to increase awareness about donations of food and the impact on the community.

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO CREATE A FOOD DRIVE EVENT, AROUND THE HOLIDAYS, TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT NEEDED FOOD DONATIONS IN BOTH HASLETT AND OKEMOS. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR GEBARA. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- November 17, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:30PM. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR GEBARA. MOTION PASSES 8-0.