

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room  
January 4, 2017 - APPROVED**

**WORK SESSION**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill McConnell, Ned Jackson, John Sarver, Susan Masten, Jim Kielbaso, Ben Holland, Donald Dickmann

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Senior Planner Peter Menser, Assistant Planner Jennifer Quinlivan

**OTHERS:** Planning Commission Chair John Scott-Craig

**1. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA**

Approved by consent without objection.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**4. WORK ITEMS**

A. Recommendations on draft Master Plan

Chair McConnell asked Planning Commission Chair Scott-Craig to report to the Environmental Commission on the status of the Master Plan. Chair Scott-Craig reported that the Planning Commission was unable to make a decision on the Environmental Commission's recommendations due to a lack of a quorum and time constraints required to move the current version onto the Township Board for review. Chair Scott-Craig suggested the Environmental Commission send their recommendations on the Master Plan to the Township Board for review. Environmental Commission discussion included the following:

- The next step in addressing the Master Plan recommendations of the Environmental Commission.
- The Master Plan as a legal document and ramifications of defining particular categories as they specifically relate to "Open Space."
- The question was raised regarding how to determine what percentage of the Master Plan is dedicated to "Open Space."
- The integration and co-existence of the current Greenspace Plan with the proposed Master Plan.

**1. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 7:01 p.m.