

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners McConnell, Schools, Scherbarth, Donahue, Kielbaso, and Bagdasarian.

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: MSU Professor Laryssa Kaufman

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2010 work session and regular meeting as submitted; supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 6-0.

4. **PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR LARYSSA KAUFMAN OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ON PHRAGMITES**

Chair Jackson introduced the speaker. Questions and answers after the presentation. Chair Jackson thanked Professor Kaufman for the informative presentation.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jackson noted the commission will be continuing its discussion on wetland use permit alternatives at its recessed work session after conclusion of the regular meeting.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the Greening Mid-Michigan Initiative gathering and noted the upcoming Michigan Bike summit on March 27th.

7. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner McConnell provided a brief update on the status of the GEO 821 Practicum Project, which will now be limited to the Haslett Public Schools district.

Associate Planner Brown listed the nominations that were received for 2010 Environmental Stewardship Awards. Motion by Commissioner Donahue to approve 2010 Environmental Stewardship Awards for the five nominees; supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 7-0.

Associate Planner Brown gave a brief summary on the four new/upcoming wetland use permit cases that the commission will be commenting on in the near future. These include the interurban pathway, Mt. Hope Road culvert, Okemos Road pathway, and Herron Acres sewer. The commission requested that if possible, it would like to join the applicants and the environmental consultant on the site visits, so the applicants do not have to provide two separate site visits.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Scherbarth summarized the activities of the Recycling Committee and noted the upcoming April 24, 2010 recycling event.

Commissioner Kielbaso noted the Land Preservation Advisory Board is in the midst of negotiating/approving several purchases.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.