

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
October 1, 2014 - approved**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners Searl, Scherbarth, McConnell, Sarver, and Kielbaso

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0.

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION ENTITLED "GREEN CHEMISTRY" BY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIR NED JACKSON:

Chair Jackson described the twelve principles of green chemistry:

- Prevention
- Atom Economy
- Less Hazardous Chemical Syntheses
- Designing Safer Chemicals
- Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries
- Design for Energy Efficiency
- Use of Renewable Feedstocks
- Reduce Derivatives
- Catalysis
- Design for Degradation
- Real-time Analysis for Pollution Prevention
- Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Green-up Conference is taking place on November 12th at the Kellogg Center

9. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- The Greater Lansing Solar Tour is taking place on October 4th
- The Township's Fall Recycling Event also takes place on October 4th

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Election of a new Vice-Chair:

- Commissioner Scherbarth agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2014. Approved by the entire Commission, 6-0.

b. Resolution of appreciation for Jeralyn Moran:

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the resolution for Commissioner Moran. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0.

c. Replacing/replanting street trees:

- Commissioners Kielbaso and Scherbarth agreed to spearhead this effort.

11. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports, but Commissioner McConnell agreed to be the liaison for the Parks Commission.

12. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Sarver. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.