

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Central Fire Station-Community Room
Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Shrewsbury, Vice Chair Snyder, Commissioners Brooks, McConnell, McCurtis, and Romback

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Principal Planner Brian Shorkey

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Shrewsbury called the January 13, 2024, regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Shrewsbury called the roll of the Board. All board members were present.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

Patty McPhee, township resident, spoke in opposition to SUP #24030

Denise Dahlgren, township resident, spoke in opposition to SUP #24030

Jim Brendell, township resident, spoke in opposition to SUP #24030

Phil Mondro , township resident, spoke in opposition to SUP #24030

Milton Scales, township resident, spoke in opposition to SUP #24030

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the January 13, 2025, Regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Vice-chair Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the minutes.

Vice-chair Snyder moved to approve Minutes of the December 9, 2024, Planning Commission Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed as amended.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Corey Arendt re: SUP #24030
- B. Heidi Doherty re: SUP #24030 (Email)
- C. Ester and Brad Shaw re: REZ #25001

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. REZ #25001 – Fedewa Rezoning

Principal Planner Shorkey gave an overview of the application and changes the applicant made from their previous application due to previous Planning Commission recommendations.

Gerald Fedewa and Greg Fedewa, applicants, gave information about their application, noting the changes they made to their original application at the recommendation of the Planning Commission and with regard to input from neighboring residents. Robert Matko from CESO, gave details regarding the traffic analysis.

Commissioner McConnell noted difficulties with the audio system. Principal Planner Shorkey gave an update that Township staff are aware of the issue and will hopefully be able to resolve it.

After discussion of the application, Chair Shrewsbury opened public comment at 7:00 pm

John Leone, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Kristina Kloc, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Chair Shrewsbury called for a ten minute recess so that the communication equipment could be restarted in an effort to fix the issues with the audio system.

David Kloc, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Ester Shaw, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Brad Shaw, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Joel Major, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Debra Major, township resident, spoke in opposition to REZ #25001

Chair Shrewsbury closed public comment at 7:48 pm

Chair Shrewsbury conducted a straw poll, the members of the Commission indicated their support for REZ #25001. Principal Planner Shorkey said that he would prepare a resolution of approval for the next meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. SUP #24025 – Panda Express Drive-through

After discussion, Commissioner McConnell moved to approve SUP #24025, subject to the conditions in the Resolution of Approval. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.

B. SUP #24030 – Alsaedi Group Child Care

Vice-Chair Snyder asked Principal Planner Shorkey if the Township had any role in deed restrictions. Principal Planner Shorkey said that the Township does not and does not enforce deed restrictions or HOA regulations.

After discussion, Vice-Chair Snyder moved to approve SUP #24030, subject to the conditions in the Resolution of Approval. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2025 Officers and Appointments

After discussion, Chair Shrewsbury was unanimously reelected as Chair of the Planning Commission, Vice-Chair Snyder was unanimously reelected as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission, and Commissioner McCurtis was unanimously elected as the new Secretary of the Planning Commission.

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update

Principal Planner Shorkey had no report.

B. Liaison Reports

Planning Commissioners updated the Commission about their other board and commission activities.

11. PROJECT UPDATES

Principal Planner Shorkey noted the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Chair Shrewsbury opened public remarks at 8:22 pm.

Jim Brandell, township resident, expressed concerns about SUP #24030.

Heidi Doherty, township resident, expressed concerns about SUP #24030.

Chair Shrewsbury closed public remarks at 8:28 pm.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shrewsbury called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm

Commissioner Romback moved to adjourn the January 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chair Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.