

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Upstairs Conference Room
July 1, 2015 - Approved**

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS: John Scott-Craig and Eckhart Dersch

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Approved by consent without objection.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

6. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Success of the Township's Smart Commute team
- Central Park Planning Sessions on July 15th

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Everyone expressed their well wishes and thanks to Commissioner Scherbarth who will be moving to Massachusetts in August.

8. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. **Land Preservation:** Commissioner Kielbaso noted they walked the Rysberg Preserve and next week will be walking the Sturk property.
- b. **Energy Team:** Commissioner Sarver noted moderate success at the Michigan Renewable Energy Fair – 1,200 attendees and 30 exhibitors.
- c. **Parks:** Commissioner Searl noted what took place at the June 9th Park Commission meeting including discussions on chronic wasting disease, use of social media, statues of expiring millages, and the July 15th planning sessions for Central Park.
- d. **Natural Features:** Chair McConnell would like to establish a Natural Features Study Group to address the topics brought up this evening. He asked for volunteers. He, along with the other Commissioners also asked staff to conduct initial research into what the Township has available already and other known sources of data pertinent to natural features in Meridian Township. An inventory of the number of parcels, number of wetland use permits, number of special use permits, number of rezonings, and number of land preservation studies would be appreciated by the next meeting.

9. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned by Chair McConnell without objections at 8:10 p.m.