

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room  
June 7, 2017 - APPROVED**

**WORK SESSION**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill McConnell, Vice-Chair Ned Jackson, John Sarver, Susan Masten, Jim Kielbaso, Ben Holland, Kirk Lapham, and Marina Ionescu.

**ABSENT:** NONE

**STAFF:** Assistant Planner Jennifer Quinlivan

**OTHERS:** NONE

**1. CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Approved by consent without objection.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Masten introduced a statement regarding the support of the Paris Agreement by United States Mayors. Masten requested the statement be read at the regular meeting on June 7, 2017 and she would present a motion to forward the statement of support to the Township Supervisor. The Commissioners discussed the importance of Paris Agreement, which was adopted in 2015 by 196 countries and addresses the mitigation of global warming.

**4. WORK ITEMS**

**A. Recommendations on draft Sustainability and Climate Action Plan**

Environmental Commission discussion included the following:

- Identification of large goals of sustainability and climate change as it relates to the six topics outlined in the plan.
- Inclusion of an abstract or summary at the beginning of the plan.
- Include past and present projects which the Township produced relating to the six topics.
- The “cross-cutting” topic should be moved forward and divided into two objectives; monitoring and implementation.
- A request to forward the draft plan to the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and Economic Development Corporation.
- Incorporate LEED targets into the six topics.
- Explore funding mechanisms for each topic.
- The plan shows a strong bias toward Township operations and should encourage commercial and residential partnerships.
- Inclusion of incentives for commercial and residential involvement in the plan.
- Township required amenities for mixed use, planned use, and planned residential developments should reflect topics and objectives of the plan.
- Storm water and wetland structures should be strengthened with in the plan.
- The plan should incorporate an educational facet or policy into the plan.

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 6:53 p.m.