



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY-CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5000 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018 6:00 pm – Minutes

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chris Rigterink, Kellie Johnson, Bruce Peffers, Barry Goetz, Supervisor Ron Styka, and Jeff Ross

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Chris Nugent, Eric Foster, Brian Jones

STAFF

PRESENT: Economic Development Director Chris Buck, Director of Community Planning and Development Mark Kieselbach

OTHERS

PRESENT: Two MSU students observing, no public comment

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kellie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. MISSION: Member Rigterink read - The Corridor Improvement Authority of the Charter Township of Meridian is dedicated to establishing the Grand River Avenue corridor in Meridian Township as a prime business and recreation destination in the Tri-County region. The Authority is focused on creating programs and projects that invigorate the streetscape and build partnerships among corridor property owners, business owners, and residents.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER PEFFERS TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY SUPERVISOR STYKA. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER ROSS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. PRESENTATION

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Corridor Survey

Director Buck shared print outs of each on-line survey page and asked the board for feedback. Many edits were noted and additional work will be made to get the survey live as soon as possible. The board approved the revisions being communicated electronically and “made live” for the corridor businesses to begin using even before the next meeting is possible.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Officers

Director Buck explained that while the bylaws don’t mandate it, it’s good practice to confirm annual officers. While Chair Nugent was not in attendance, Director Buck said Nugent agreed to continue on as Chair if asked to, but he is more than willing to step aside if other parties would like the chance to serve. The board needs a Chair and a Vice-Chair as Director Buck serves as the Recording Secretary. The board discussed the interested parties.

MOTION BY MEMBER ROSS TO APPROVE KELLIE JOHNSON AS THE 2019 BOARD CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER RIGTERINK. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

MOTION BY MEMBER JOHNSON TO APPROVE JEFF ROSS AS THE 2019 BOARD VICE-CHAIR. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

B. 2019 Calendar Resolution

Director Buck presented a proposed resolution confirming the 2019 meeting dates following the same schedule as 2018 – the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the Central Fire Station. Buck went on to suggest that if the board decided, they could change the meeting dates and time as they wish.

MOTION BY MEMBER RIGTERINK TO ADOPT THE 2019 MEETING CALENDAR AS PROPOSED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Supervisor Styka reported on the following topics:

- The Treasurer position vacated by Julie Brixie
- Medical Marihuana
- Overview of residential and commercial development projects

10. CHAIR REPORT

None

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11. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reported on the following items:

- Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings – Carlin Family Dentistry 11.16.18 and Capellini Salon on 11.30.18
- The Township joined the Michigan Retailers Association as discussed at the last CIA meeting.
- Redevelopment Ready Communities recognition ceremony is 11.16.18 at Okemos Elevation
- Update on the Downtown Okemos redevelopment plan

12. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Questions from the board to Director Buck included:

- Tanin relocation to Lansing
- Tasty Twist not opening this season
- Next steps on the solar panels in front of the Township building
- The idea to put some sort of “coming soon” signage at the intersection of Hamilton & Okemos Roads to offer optimism to travelers.
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13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian, one of the MSU students, commented that his classes reinforce that “you get what you plan for” and encourages the Township to move forward with the Form Based Code ordinance.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Central Fire Station

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER PEFFERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 6-0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:17 PM.