

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

**Town Hall Room  
Meridian Municipal Building  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

**Work Session**

1. Call the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the work session agenda
3. Review of the minutes of the April 1, 2015 work session/regular meeting
4. Other business
5. Public remarks
6. Adjournment

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the regular meeting agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 1, 2015, work session/regular meeting
4. Public remarks
5. Green Themes Presentation by Commissioner Lise Schools on *"Using Interpretation as a Management Tool"*
6. Chair's Report
7. Communications/staff report
  - a. May in National Bike Month
  - b. The 2015 Ride of Silence is on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
8. Other Business
  - a. Possible discussion on The Ponds
9. Study groups/liaison reports
  - a. Land Preservation: Jim Kielbaso
  - b. Energy Team: John Sarver
  - c. Street Tree Replacement: John Scherbarth
  - d. Parks: Richard Searl
10. Public remarks
11. Adjournment

**WORK SESSION**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Steve Witte of Nederveld and Dan Bovenhof of BBI Holdings

1. **CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Agenda approved without objection.

3. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

No corrections were noted.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Environmental Stewardship Award process: Discussed the best and most efficient process for handing out this evening's awards.
- b. Wetland Use Permit #15-01 (BBI Holdings): Mr. Witte summarized the proposed project and need for the permit. He also answered questions from the Commission including the alternative designs that were considered, whether they could use pervious pavement, and the need for a monitoring plan.

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session was adjourned without objection by Chair McConnell at 6:53 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Meridian Municipal Building  
April 1, 2015 - DRAFT**

**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:** Environmental Stewardship Award Recipients, Steve Witte, and Dan Bovenhof

**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 MARCH 4, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Jackson. Approved 7-0.

**4. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STWEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

Awards were presented to:

- *Leonard Provencher*
- *Susan Masten*
- *Julie Brixie*
- *Dianne Holman and Kris Berglund*

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Spring Recycling Event on April 25<sup>th</sup>
- The 2015 Ride of Silence is on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Michigan Energy Fair is June 25<sup>th</sup> in Mason

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Wetland Use Permit #15-01 (BBI Holdings)

Associate Planner Brown summarized the case and the applicant's engineer answered questions and addressed issues raised by the Commission.

- **MOTION** by Commission Kielbaso to recommend approval of the wetland use permit to the Planning Commission. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0.

b. Resolution of support for the 2015 Ride of Silence

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to approve the resolution. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0. See attached resolution.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

a. **Land Preservation:** No meeting, but they did walk an existing site to review the deer impacts from this past winter.

b. **Energy Team:** Met on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Delta Dental is not interested in a community solar location. The team will be speaking with Okemos Schools on the matter. They are also interested in establishing a Sustainability Coordinator position at the Township.

c. **Street Tree Replacement:** No report other than they are working on scheduling a second meeting with the Planning Director.

d. **Parks:** Applying for three grants – Riverfront Park/Harris Nature Center, North Meridian Road Park, and Hillbrook Park. Working with Ingham County on utilizing trail millage funds for projects in Meridian Township. Okemos Road Pathway Bridge next to Wonch Park being installed soon.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.