

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED

**August 8, 2016
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Cordill, DeGroff, Ianni, Jackson, Opsommer, Scott-Craig
ABSENT: Commissioners Honicky, Tenaglia, Van Coevering
STAFF: Principal Planner Oranchak

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Scott-Craig called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

2. Approval of agenda

Commissioner DeGroff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Work Session and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Cordill.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

4. Public Remarks

Chair Scott-Craig opened and closed the floor for public remarks.

5. Communications

A. Meridian Energy Team; RE: Inclusion of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Goals in the Master Plan Update

B. James Linnemann, 1154 Teakwood Circle, Haslett; RE: Inclusion of Renewable Energy and Waste Management in the Master Plan Update as well as consideration of a large community solar system

6. Public hearings (None)

7. Unfinished Business

A. Rezoning #16030 (Maniaci), a request to rezone 3690 Hulett Road, Okemos from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density)

Commissioner Ianni moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby recommends approval of Rezoning #16030 to rezone approximately .82 acre located at 3690 Hulett Road from RR (Rural Residential) to RAA (Single Family-Low Density).

Seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Planning Commission discussion:

- Rezoning is consistent with the surrounding area
- Rezoning will bring the parcel into conformity with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM)
- Project will contribute to a goal of infill development

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Cordill, DeGroff, Ianni, Jackson, Opsommer,
Chair Scott-Craig

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Special Use Permit #16081 (Mid-Michigan Ponds), a request to work in the 100-year floodplain to improve a pond at 575 Piper Road, Haslett

Commissioner DeGroff moved [and read into the record] NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby approves Special Use Permit #16081 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Approval is subject to the plans and application materials submitted as part of Special Use Permit #16081, subject to revisions as required.**
- 2. Prior to work taking place on the site, the applicant shall submit a detailed site plan showing the location of the 863.5 elevation on the site; that extracted materials removed from the pond are to be located above the elevation of 863.5 feet above mean sea level; and the length, height, and width of the extracted materials locations. The Director of Community Planning and Development shall review and approve the locations.**
- 3. The applicant shall obtain a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit from the Department of Public Works & Engineering prior to any work taking place on the site. A copy of the permit shall be provided to the Department of Community Planning & Development.**
- 4. The applicant shall obtain any other applicable permits, licenses, and approvals necessary to perform the proposed extraction. Copies of all permits, licenses, and approvals shall be submitted to the Department of Community Planning and Development.**
- 5. In no case shall the impoundment capacity of the floodplain be reduced.**
- 6. No work shall take place in regulated wetlands without first obtaining approval of a Wetland Use Permit from the Township.**

Seconded by Commissioner Ianni.

Planning Commission discussion:

- Request will control invasive species in the area
- Plant removal should not affect the floodplain

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Cordill, DeGroff, Ianni, Jackson, Opsommer,
Chair Scott-Craig

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

8. Other Business (None)

9. Township Board, Planning Commission officer, committee chair, and staff comment or reports

Commissioner Jackson reported at the August 4th Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting, where new businesses, progression of development and Meridian Township's 175th Anniversary Celebration were discussed. She indicated also discussed at that meeting were ordinance adjustments in response to requests by businesses for changes in what the Township allows in the industrial zoning district. Commissioner Jackson noted staff is preparing draft ordinance language to address this request.

Upon request of the Chair, Principal Planner Oranchak explained that either the Township Board or the Planning Commission can initiate a zoning amendment.

Chair Scott-Craig announced tonight is Commissioner Cordill's final meeting as she is moving from the area.

Commissioner Opsommer reported the August 3rd Environmental Commission meeting was cancelled.

A. New Applications
NONE

B. Update of Ongoing Projects

- i. Site Plans Received
Site Plan Review #16-08 (Chris Humphrey), to construct a satellite Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in the Meijer parking lot at 2055 Grand River Avenue
- ii. Site Plans Approved - NONE

10. Public remarks

Chair Scott-Craig opened and closed public remarks.

11. Adjournment

Chair Scott-Craig adjourned the regular meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra K. Otto
Recording Secretary