

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gregory and Commissioners Jackson, Macklem, Scherbarth, Kuhn, and McConnell

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Kielbaso

**STAFF**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** 2008 Environmental Stewardship Award Recipients

**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to approve the agenda; supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Regular meeting agenda approved 6-0.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to approve the minutes for the April 16, 2008, regular meeting; supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 6-0.

**4. WELCOME OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Each new member introduced themselves and then briefly explained why they were interested in being on the Commission. Commissioner Scherbarth noted as an employee of the Attorney General's office he was required to note that participation on the Commission was entirely his own personal interest and participation.

**5. PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS**

Awards presented to CATA (Capital Area Transportation Authority); Meridian Township Citizen's Recycling Advisory Committee; Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board; and Professor Jim Detjen of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at MSU. Awards were presented by Chair Gregory and read by Commissioner Macklem and Vice-chair Jackson. Each recipient briefly spoke after the presentation.

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

Report from the Recycling Coordinator, including the results of the April recycling drive.  
Smart Commute  
50 Greenest Cities in the USA (Ann Arbor and Livonia)

7. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Committee/Liaison Reports

1. Natural Resources & Energy Awareness: No report. Chair Gregory appointed Commissioner Scherbarth to join Vice-Chair Jackson and Commissioner Macklem on this committee.
2. Water Features & Wetlands: No report other than to note several reports were recently completed. Chair Gregory appointed Commissioners Kuhn and McConnell to join Commissioner Kielbaso on this committee.
3. Environmental Education: Commissioner Macklem gave a brief report.

B. Study Groups/Liaisons

No reports. Chair Gregory appointed Commissioner Kuhn to be the Parks liaison starting this fall.

C. Other Business

Vice-Chair Jackson noted Helen Shipley will be retiring soon, including her voluntary duties of taking water samples of Lake Lansing. She is looking for recruits to replace her.

9. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.