

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Gregory and Commissioners Jackson, Scherbarth, McConnell, and Kuhn.

ABSENT: Commissioners Kielbaso and Macklem.

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Students from Vice-Chair Jackson's class

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 Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Vice-Chair Jackson. Approved 5-0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2008, work session and regular meeting as amended during the work session; supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 5-0.

4. MERIDIAN GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR RUSSELL FREED ON "BIOFUELS FOR MICHIGAN."

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Gregory summarized the Commission's goals and objectives for 2008, including what has been accomplished and what needs to be done yet.

6. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Success of the October 11th recycling event.
- Associate Planner Brown to make a Green Themes presentation in November of available floodplain data.
- The Township Recycling Coordinator to speak at the December meeting.
- Invitations have been sent to Mark Piavis at the Ingham County Health Department and those involved in the Adopt-a-stream program for the Red Cedar River.
- Summary of the "Walkability" presentations attended at the Michigan Planning Conference in Kalamazoo.

7. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Committee/Liaison Reports**

1. Natural Resources & Energy Awareness: Vice-Chair Jackson summarized the discussion he had with Commissioner's Macklem and Scherbarth about public service announcements. Possible topics include recycling, rain barrels, wetlands, invasive species, and biking to work.
2. Water Features & Wetlands: Commissioner Kuhn noted they will be reviewing a project in the Georgetown subdivision.
3. Environmental Education: See Natural Resources & Energy Awareness Report.

B. **Study Groups/Liaisons**

Land Preservation: No report.

Parks: Commissioner Kuhn summarized the topics discussed at the previous night's Park Commission meeting.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.