

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Townhall Room
Monday, June 23, 2025, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Shrewsbury, Commissioners Romback, Fowler, McConnell, and Brooks

ABSENT: Vice Chair Snyder, Commissioner McCurtis

STAFF: Principal Planner Shorkey

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Shrewsbury called the June 23, 2025, regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:33 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Shrewsbury called the roll of the Board. All Board members were present except for Vice Chair Snyder, and Commissioner McCurtis.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Romback moved to approve the June 23, 2025, Regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McConnell moved to approve Minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting with minor amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Romback. Motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SUP #25009 – Ace Hardware Outdoor Storage

Principal Planner Shorkey introduced the item. There being no comments, Chair Shrewsbury asked for a motion.

Commissioner McConnell moved to approve SUP #25009, subject to the conditions in the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Romback. Motion passed unanimously.

B. PUD #25012 – Hulett Road Estate

Principal Planner Shorkey introduced the item. There being no comments, Chair Shrewsbury asked for a motion.

Commissioner Romback moved to recommend approval of PUD #25012, subject to the conditions in the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner McConnell. Motion passed unanimously.

C. TA #25014 – Sec. 86-378 – Rural residential Roosters – Discussion

Principal Planner Shorkey introduced the item and summarized the memo in the packet.

Commissioner McConnell asked if people inside the Urban Service Boundary will lose their ability to have roosters on their property. Principal Planner Shorkey confirmed that. Commissioner Brooks asked if the MSU property would be affected by the ordinance. Principal Planner Shorkey said that he would look into that question and answer it at the public hearing. Chair Shrewsbury asked how the ordinance would be enforced. Principal Planner Shorkey said that Staff was still discussing enforcement with the Township Attorney.

After discussion, Principal Planner Shorkey described the registration process for chickens in residential districts and commented that roosters are not allowed so no roosters are registered in residential districts. Commissioner Brooks asked if areas that are next to areas outside the USB have the ability to complain about roosters. Principal Planner Shorkey said yes, but as the parcels would be outside the USB, there would be no enforcement. Commissioner Romback suggested a delay implementation and enforcement to allow residents time for rooster removal. Commissioner McConnell asked how residents would be notified about the ordinance update. Principal Planner Shorkey described the notification process and commented on the number of meeting and hearings that would be held. Commissioner Romback asked how this affected historical farming areas. Principal Planner Shorkey said that such areas are outside of the USB and would not be affected.

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update

Principal Planner Shorkey said that there was no update.

B. Liaison Reports

Commissioner McConnell said that the Environmental Commission met on June 4th.

11. PROJECT UPDATES

Principal Planner Shorkey said that there was no update.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shrewsbury called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm

Commissioner Romback moved to adjourn the June 23, 2025 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.