

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

APPROVED

**April 22, 2019
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
517-853-4560, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Commissioners Lane, Scott-Craig, Hendrickson, Trezise, Cordill, Premoe,
Shrewsbury and Richards**

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Principal Planner Peter Menser

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Scott-Craig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Public Remarks - None

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Premoe moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Cordill.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Lane moved to approve both sets of minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Communications - None

6. Public Hearings - None

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Rezoning #19050 (Fedewa Builders), rezone approximately 1.12 acres from RR (Rural Residential) to RX (One and Two Family Residential) at 5921 and 5929 Okemos Road.

Commissioner Trezise asked if the conditions related to the variance provided 20 years ago would remain in effect and Principal Planner Menser stated staff will ensure the conditions of the variances are followed upon future development.

Motion by Commissioner Trezise to recommend approval of Rezoning Amendment #19050.

Supported by Commissioner Hendrickson.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Commissioners Trezise, Hendrickson, Richards, Shrewsbury, Lane, Cordill, Premoe, and Scott-Craig.

NAYS: None

MOTIONED CARRIED: 8-0

8. Other Business

A. Content neutral sign policy

Principal Planner Menser noted the Planning Commission would continue to work on reviewing the sign ordinance at future meetings and staff will work with the Township attorney to identify areas where changes need to be made to address the Supreme Court ruling in 2015.

B. 2020 Master Plan update.

Chair Scott-Craig noted it might be helpful when reviewing sections of the Future Land Use Map to visit the areas to see the land uses and ownership and to evaluate future land opportunities.

Principal Planner Menser stated the Township Board adopted the revised Master Plan in 2017 and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires the document to be considered for updates every five years. The Future Use Land Map is a part of the Master Plan and 2020 is the goal for the next Master Plan Update.

Chair Scott-Craig suggested engaging residents as well for insight on the Future Use Land Map.

Commissioner Premoe suggested forming a sub-committee to assist Principal Planner Menser with the Future Land Use Map update.

Commissioner Trezise and Chair Scott-Craig also supported the sub-committee initiative and aim to begin work sessions in June. Principal Planner Menser will assist with mapping support and research for the sub-committee.

C. Form-Based Code update.

Principal Planner Menser provided an overview of the Form-Based Code initiative to date and potential next steps.

9. Township Board, Planning Commission Officer, Committee Chair, and staff comments or reports

Commissioner Hendrickson provided an update from attending the special Township Board meeting on April 16, 2019 regarding the Road Millage and the Camel Back Bridge on Okemos Road.

Chair Scott-Craig noted he will be attending the Michigan Association Planning Institute Spring Conference on April 25, 2019.

Principal Planner Menser provided an explanation of the upcoming Planning Commission Meetings scheduled for May 13th and 22nd. The May 13th meeting will have 5 public hearings but a couple will be grouped together. He noted there will be some big projects coming for future agendas.

Commissioner Trezise noted there will be a breakfast meeting for business owners of downtown Okemos on May 6, 2019 after the Downtown Development Authority meeting.

10. Project Updates

- A. New Applications – None
- B. Site Plans Received - None
- C. Site Plans Approved – None

11. Public Remarks - None

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting.
Supported by Commissioner Trezise.
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scott-Craig adjourned the regular meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Budzynski
Recording Secretary