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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Vagnozzi, Commissioners Deschaine (6:06p.m.), Potter, Hudson, Kolbasa (6:06 p.m.) and Lovell

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Hudson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2019 as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Remarks

Fred Wurtzel stated he thought the Commission should take more time to review the issues related to Redi-Ride. While CATA has been working well with the Township they should not be the sole source provider on the millage.

Ody Norkin stated a sole source provider should not be allowed. CATA has operated for years without a contract and no oversight by the Township. The millage language should use the term "service provider."

5. Communications

The Commission accepted the communications that had been received and placed on file. Director Kieselbach indicated a representative from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) had contacted Director Perry regarding the letter from the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission requesting a study of the Grand River Avenue/Central Park Drive/Dobie Road intersection. The MDOT representative said they would conduct a study and let the Township know the results by the end of April.

6. Commission Discussion

A. Redi-Ride Millage

Chair Hackbarth opened discussion on the proposed resolution (copy on file) which outlined the Transportation Commission's recommendation to renew and restore the Redi-Ride millage.

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi went through his proposed changes to the resolution (copy on file).

Discussion:

- Number of students using Redi-Ride.
- Place restrictions on children using Redi-Ride.
- Liability issue for children using Redi-Ride.
- Add additional capacity for students.
- Seek proposals to determine the cost to provide the service.

Amendments to the Resolution:

- The language "with no additional cost to the Township" was added at the end of the fourth WHEREAS.
- Number One under RESOLVED was revised to add "and restore."
- The language "and add capacity during peak demand times" was added at the end of Number Two under RESOLVED.
- Number Four under RESOLVED was revised to read "Review relevance of ballot language that references support for fixed route service."
- Number Three under FURTHER RESOLVED was updated to include "Township oversight of specific compliance metrics" of service provided, accountability in "reporting disposition of" requests or complaints of riders.
- Number Four was added under FURTHER RESOLVED, which states "Require new technology including online and mobile access for scheduling and tracking rides within 12 months of signing a service agreement."

Vice-Chair Vagnozzi moved to approve the Resolution as amended (copy on file).

Seconded by Commissioner Lovell.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Chair Hackbarth, Vice-Chair Vagnozzi, Commissioners Lovell, Potter, and Deschaine.

Nays: Commissioners Hudson and Kolbasa.

7. Commission Comments

Commissioner Potter stated he would like the Commission to pursue a motion activated sign at Okemos Road crossing of the inter-urban pathway. He also asked if the developer for the Village of Okemos project could make a presentation to the Commission regarding traffic.

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Commissioner Deschaine asked that the Commission discuss electric scooters at a future meeting. He mentioned of the eleven Board goals for 2019 two (local roads and Redi-Ride) related directly to the work of the Commission.

8. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission next meeting is March 21, 2019 at the Central Fire Station Community Room.

Township Board next meeting is March 5, 2019.

9. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Potter.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.