

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

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**September 12, 2022
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
853-4000, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Cordill, McConnell,
Shrewsbury, Snyder**

ABSENT: Commissioners Richards, Premoe

**STAFF: Director of Community Planning & Development Timothy Schmitt, Senior
Planner Brian Shorkey, Multimedia Producer Samantha Diehl**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Blumer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Blumer called the roll of the Planning Commission, all are present except Commissioners Richards and Premoe.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

Chair Blumer opened public remarks at 7:00 pm.

NONE

Chair Blumer closed public remarks at 7:00 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cordill moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Snyder.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Commissioner Cordill moved to approve the Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Planning
Commission Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Shrewsbury.**

Commissioner Cordill noted under item 8.A the roll call vote results should display “none” in the “Nays” row.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Commissioner Cordill, Vice Chair Trezise, Commissioners McConnell, Shrewsbury, Snyder, Chair Blumer

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6-0

6. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Planning Commission – By-law Update

Director Schmitt outlined the Planning Commission By-law updates for Public Hearing.

Chair Blumer opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

Chair Blumer Called for a Straw Vote.

STRAW VOTE: YEAS: Chair Blumer, Vice-Chair Trezise, Commissioners Cordill, McConnell, Shrewsbury, Snyder

NAYS: None

Results: 6-0

Chair Blumer closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.

B. Text Amendment #2022-16 – Sign Ordinance Update

Director Schmitt outlined Text Amendment #2022-16 – Sign Ordinance Update for Public Hearing.

Chair Blumer opened the Public Hearing at 7:10

Township Attorney Witte further outlined Text Amendment #2022-16 – Sign Ordinance Update for Public Hearing. He recommended there be a definition of temporary signs and a permit not be required for a temporary sign. He noted an increased privilege for temporary election signs during an election could be problematic as the same is not afforded to signs during religious holidays. He recommended flags be considered signs and regulated as such and further recommended flags not be counted against commercial wall signage.

The Planning Commission further discussed the Ordinance. General consensus was for Staff and the Attorney's office to finalize the flag and temporary sign language and bring the ordinance back for action.

Chair Blumer closed the Public Hearing at 7:40

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Rezoning #2022-10- RRA Deletion

Senior Planner Shorkey outlined Rezoning #2022-10- RRA Deletion.

Commissioner McConnell motioned to adopt the resolution to recommend approval of Rezoning #22010 to rezone seven parcels, approximately 3.15 acres of land, from RRA, One-Family Suburban Estate, to RA, One-Family Medium Density Residential. Seconded by Vice-Chair Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Vice Chair Trezise, Commissioners McConnell, Cordill
Shrewsbury, Snyder, Chair Blumer

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6-0

B. Zoning Amendment #2022-14 – RRA Deletion

Senior Planner Shorkey outlined Zoning Amendment #2022-14 – RRA Deletion.

Commissioner Shrewsbury moved to approve Zoning Amendment #2022-14 to delete section 86-370 RRA One-Family suburban estate and all references to that section from the Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Cordill.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Shrewsbury, Cordill, McConnell, Vice-Chair Trezise,
Commissioner Snyder, Chair Blumer

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 6-0

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Daycare Updates

Senior Planner Shorkey gave an overview of the statewide daycare updates and discussed with the Planning Commission.

B. Master Plan Process

Director Schmitt gave an overview of the Master Plan Process and discussed the process with the Planning Commission.

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board update

Director Schmitt reported the Township Board is moving forward with the Haslett Village Square Project and is considering adoption of the Brownfield Plan and the Commercial Rehabilitation Act abatement for the project. He further reported the Township Board has directed staff to look into the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance changes.

B. Liaison reports

Chair Blumer

- Attended September 12th Downtown Development Authority Meeting where Director Clark put in an application for the Revitalization and Placemaking grant

Vice-Chair Trezise

- Attended Economic Development Meeting where Director Clark arranged a shopping blitz for local businesses as well as budgeted a program to support businesses in the Grand River Corridor to incentivize the purchase of business cards
- There will be a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting on September 15th where the Brownfield Plan for the Village of Okemos Project will be discussed

11. PROJECT UPDATES

A. New Applications

NONE

B. Site Plans Received

NONE

C. Site Plans Approved

Senior Planner Shorkey said that Planning Staff issued a Site Plan approval letter for an amended Site Plan at Commons Church on Dobie Road.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

Chair Blumer opened Public Remarks at 8:12 PM.

NONE

Chair Blumer closed Public Remarks at 8:12 PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cordill moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Vice-Chair Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Chair Blumer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:12 pm.