

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
November 5, 2014 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners Searl, Scherbarth, McConnell, Schools, Sarver, and Kielbaso

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jeff Hukill of the MDEQ, Planning Commissioner John Scott-Craig, and Township Clerk Brett Dreyfus.

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0.

3. WELCOME RE-APPOINTED COMMISSIONER SCHOOLS BACK

Chair Jackson welcomed her back to the Commission.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Sarver. Approved 7-0.

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION ENTITLED "BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT" BY JEFF HUKILL OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Among the options available is a free Brownfield Site Assessment to communities in Michigan. Five available per year and only one has been requested thus far – offered on a first come-first serve basis.

Questions and answers with Mr. Hukill from the Environmental Commission, as well as from John Scott-Craig and Clerk Dreyfus.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Reminder that the Green-up Conference is taking place on November 12th at the Kellogg Center.

9. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- The fall recycling event and Greater Lansing solar tour were a success.
- The county bike trail millage passed.
- The 20 trees were planted as part of the ITC Grant.
- Tonight's power point is already available on the Commission's website.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2015 meeting schedule resolution:

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to approve the resolution. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0.

b. Replacing/replanting street trees:

- Commissioners Scherbarth and Kielbaso summarized their findings. Thus far, Discount Trees is most interested firm in participating. The Commission requested staff provide a copy of the Ingham County Road Department's list of approved street trees.

c. Comments on the master plan update:

- Commissioner McConnell summarized the discussion at the Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Commissioner McConnell to forward the document prepared by Commissioner Sarver to the Planning Commission and to offer Commissioner Sarver's expertise if they have questions. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 7-0.

11. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Sarver updated the Commission on the Energy Team meeting and on the topic of LED streetlights.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.