

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
January 6, 2016 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair McConnell, Vice-Chair Jackson and Commissioners Dickmann, Schools, Sarver, and Kielbaso

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Harmony Gmazel, Associate Planner; Gail Oranchak, Principal Planner

OTHERS: John Scott-Craig, Susan Masten

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Kielbaso, seconded by Schools. Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2015 WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING AND DECEMBER 7, 2015 WORK SESSION MINUTES

- October 7, 2015 Work Session: Moved by Sarver, seconded by Schools; **APPROVED** 6-0.
- October 7, 2015 Regular Meeting: Moved by Jackson, seconded by Kielbaso; **APPROVED** 6-0.
- December 7, 2015 Work Session: Moved by Jackson, seconded by Schools. **APPROVED** 6-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

John Scott Craig commended the Environmental Commission on behalf of the Planning Commission for their commitment to environmental planning. He invited the Commission to a special joint meeting on January 14th, hosted by the Township Board to share their 2015 activities and 2016 goals.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Gmazel directed the Commission's attention to the special Township invitations in their packet.

7. **APPROVAL OF 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

RESOLUTION made by Commissioner Kielbaso; SUPPORTED by Commissioner Jackson. **APPROVED** 6-0.

8. **RECOGNIZE OUTGOING COMMISSIONER, RICHARD SEARL**

- **RESOLUTION** made by Commissioner Jackson and **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Schools. Approved 6-0.

9. **RECOGNIZE INCOMING COMMISSIONER, DONALD DICKMANN**

Chair McConnell recognized incoming Commissioner Dickmann.

10. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Chair & Vice-Chair) for 2016**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to nominate Commissioner McConnell for Chair. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.
- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to nominate Commissioner Schools for Vice-Chair. Supported by Commissioner Schools. Approved 6-0.

11. **SELECTION OF LAND PRESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE BY THE 2016 CHAIR**

- Chair McConnell selected Commissioner Kielbaso to serve as the Land Preservation Board representative for 2016.

12. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- Land Preservation:** Commissioner Kielbaso gave an update on a recent workday at Towar Gardens when local Cub/Boy Scouts helped with a deer repellent project. The Board is continuing negotiations on two properties in the Township.
- Energy Team:** Commissioner Sarver reported on an upcoming energy efficiency report pertaining to the Township Hall. The Township also supported the new solar park at Burcham and is looking into buying shares in it. There is an upcoming solar forum (Jan 11) in East Lansing co-hosted by the Township and City of East Lansing.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Jackson. Approved 6-0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.