

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

**APPROVED**

**October 11, 2021  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
517.349.1232, Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**PRESENT: Chair Hendrickson, Commissioners McConnell, Cordill, Shrewsbury, Richards,  
Snyder, Trezise, Blumer, Premoe**

**ABSENT: None**

**STAFF: Director of Community Planning & Development Timothy Schmitt,  
Information Technology Director Stephen Gebes**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Hendrickson called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm and called roll of the Planning Commission. All members are participating remotely from Meridian Township.

**2. PUBLIC REMARKS**

Chair Hendrickson opened public remarks at 7:08 pm.

NONE

Chair Hendrickson closed public remarks at 7:09 pm.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Blumer moved to approve the agenda.  
Seconded by Commissioner Cordill.**

Chair Hendrickson offered a friendly amendment to the agenda adding seven communications to the agenda in support of Special Use Permit #21-95151. Commissioners Blumer and Cordill accepted the friendly amendment.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021 Planning Commission minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Trezise.**

Commissioner Cordill offered a friendly amendment stating she was incorrectly referred to as Chair Cordill in her Liaison Report. This should be corrected to Commissioner Cordill. Commissioners McConnell and Trezise accepted the friendly amendment.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Maria Berggren. RE: SUP #21-95151
- B. Andrea Bjorlie. RE: SUP #21-95151
- C. Matthew & Emery Dingee. RE: SUP #21-95151
- D. Kate Gingery. RE: SUP #21-95151
- E. Jesse Knapp. RE: SUP #21-95151
- F. Diane Knapp. RE: SUP #21-95151
- G. Amanda Lantz. RE: SUP #21-95151
- H. Dr. Zane & Emily Meibeyer. RE: SUP #21-95151
- I. Dan Scheid. RE: SUP #21-95151
- J. Emma Settington. RE: SUP #21-95151
- K. Hull Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- L. Recktenwald Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- M. Shane Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- N. Flynn Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- O. Peng Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- P. Wood Email RE: SUP #21-95151
- Q. Fulton Email RE: SUP #21-95151

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Special Use Permit #21-95151 – 3654 Okemos Road – modification to Special Use Permit for Cedar Classical Academy

Chair Hendrickson opened the Public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Director Schmitt outlined Special Use Permit #21-95151

Applicant Caroline Hummel further outlined Special Use Permit #21-95151

Chair Hendrickson opened public remarks at 7:17 pm.

Timothy Peng, 507 Worthington, Dr. Lansing, MI spoke in support of SUP#21-95151.

Chair Hendrickson closed public remarks at 7:18 pm.

The Planning Committee discussed a number of topics with the applicant including:

- Students driving to and from school
- The school will be a closed campus during school hours
- The estimated number of students enrolled
- The school will provide all educational requirements for students
- Square footage of the building and potential expansion

STRAW POLL: A straw poll found that all members of the of the Planning Commission support SUP#21-95151 as is.

Chair Hendrickson closed the public hearing at 7:31 pm.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE**

**9. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Township Board update.

Director Schmitt reported the Township Board has approved the Woodward Way project which needs to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals to amend previous variances. The Township Board has accepted the American Rescue Act Funding as in the process of figuring out how best to get public input prior to appropriating funds. The Township Board has also approved Trick-or-Treating Hours from 6-8pm on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

B. Liaison reports.

Commissioner McConnell:

- The Environmental Commission met on October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Attended Joint meeting of Meridian Township Transportation Commission and East Lansing Transportation Commission where the main focus was reconfiguration of the intersection at E. Lake Lansing Rd., Towar Ave., and Birch Row Dr.

Commissioner Blumer:

- Attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting where members are expressing frustrations with the developer of the Downtown Okemos Project
- A ribbon cutting ceremony is being held for Thatch Computer Consulting located at 4747 Okemos Rd. on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm

**10. PROJECT UPDATES**

A. New Applications

1. Consumer's Credit Union – 2763 Grand River Avenue – New bank with drive through

B. Site Plans Received

NONE

C. Site Plans Approved

NONE

**11. PUBLIC REMARKS**

Chair Hendrickson Opened Public Remarks at 7:46 pm.

NONE

Chair Hendrickson Closed Public Remarks at 7:46 pm.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Premoe moved to adjourn.  
Seconded by Commissioner Shrewsbury.**

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Hendrickson adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.