

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
REGULAR MEETING PLANNING COMMISSION  
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
517.853.4000, Township Townhall Room  
Monday, July 28, 2025, 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Chair Shrewsbury, Commissioners McCurtis, Fowler, McConnell, and Brooks.  
Commissioner Romback arrived late

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Snyder

STAFF: Principal Planner Shorkey, Community Planning Director Schmitt

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Shrewsbury called the July 28, 2025, regular meeting for the Meridian Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Shrewsbury called the roll of the Board. All Board members were present except for Vice-Chair Snyder and Commissioner Romback.

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shrewsbury asked for approval of the agenda.

**Commissioner McConnell moved to approve the July 28, 2025, Regular Planning Commission meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McCurtis. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Commissioner McCurtis moved to approve Minutes of the July 14, 2025 meeting as written. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. #25013 – Text Amendment – Sec. 86-758 – Landscaping

Commissioner Romback arrived during the discussion.

Principal Planner Shorkey introduced the item. After no discussion, Chair Shrewsbury called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner McCurtis moved to adopt the resolution recommending approval of Zoning Amendment #25013 in accordance with the revised draft ordinance language. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. #25014 – Text Amendment – Sec. 86-368 – Rural Residential Roosters

Principal Planner Shorkey introduced the item. After discussion, Chair Shrewsbury called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner McCurtis to adopt the resolution recommending approval of Zoning Amendment #25014 in accordance with the revised draft ordinance language. Seconded by Commissioner Romback. Motion passed unanimously.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Community Development Director Schmitt discussed the zoning ordinance’s regulation regarding 25,000 square foot developments.

Commissioner McConnell asked for a clarification of the meaning of a group of buildings. Director Schmitt said that is undefined. Commissioner Fowler asked if there is a building-to-land ratio requirement. Director Schmitt said not for this specific SUP. Chair Shrewsbury asked if this requirement is a typical thing for other townships or is this specific to our township. Director Schmitt confirmed that other townships have a similar requirement, but for higher square footage.

Commissioner McCurtis asked if there would be an increase in the requests for this SUP. Director Schmitt said maybe yes because 25,000 square feet is not that big for a building. Principal Planner Shorkey suggested that potential developers have pulled out of projects because it requires them to get a SUP because of the 25,000 square foot requirement. Commissioner Romback suggested carving out land uses exempt from the 25,000 square foot requirement instead of a blanket amendment. Director Schmitt said that Staff would look at that suggestion.

Chair Shrewsbury said that she liked the idea of reducing burdens on developers but asked what would be the repercussions of having it go through administration without a public hearing. After more discussion, Commissioner Brooks asked for a map showing the locations of past SUPs for 25,000 square foot developments. Commissioner McConnell agreed.

Director Schmitt said that Staff would return with some ideas at a later date.

10. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Township Board Update

Community Development Director Schmitt gave an update about recent Board activity.

B. Liaison Reports

Commissioner McConnell described the recent Environmental Commission discussion about the Schultz Vet Clinic wetland permit.

11. PROJECT UPDATES

Principal Planner Shorkey said that there was no update.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shrewsbury called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm

**Commissioner Romback moved to adjourn the July 28, 2025 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Motion passed unanimously.**