

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Town Hall Room – Municipal Building
NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Bill McConnell, Commissioners Ned Jackson, Susan Masten, John Sarver, Jim Kielbaso, Kirk Lapham, and Ben Holland

ABSENT: Commissioner Marina Ionescu

STAFF: Assistant Planner Jennifer Quinlivan

OTHERS: Planning Commission representative David Premoe

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Bill McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION – Anthony Pecchio, Christman Company –LEED Case Studies in the Greater Lansing Area

Presenter was not in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MASTEN. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 4, 2017 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH AN AMENDMENTS. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER KIELBASO. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION: 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AS READ. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SARVER. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2018 Strategic Plan Review and Discussion.

Chair McConnell summarized the discussion of the 2018 Strategic Plan and suggested a plan be ready for adoption at the Commission's December meeting.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT - NONE

9. STAFF REPORT

Staff reminded the Commissioners of their term expiration dates and asked the Commissioner to request a renewal of their terms be made in writing to the Director of Community Planning and Development.

10. COMMISSIONER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning: Planning Liaison Premoe spoke on the Planning Commissions current focus on writing and implementing form based code.

Land Preservation: Commissioner Kielbaso reported the Land Preservation Advisory Board was in the process of purchasing five properties. He also suggested a joint meeting between the Land Preservation Advisory Board and the Environmental Commission on July 11, 2018

Energy Team: Commissioner Sarver discussed the status of the Climate Action Plan. He reminded the Commission on an upcoming solar open house on November 18, 2017 from 1 pm to 3 pm, located at 2335 Huron Hill Drive.

Parks: Commissioner Jackson commented on the progress at Towar Park.

Transportation: NONE

Student Report: Student Commissioner Holland reported on the student rain garden design at the Okemos High School and solar panel project.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: Commissioner Jackson reported the Authority met to interview environmental consultants to review brownfield applications and plans for the Township.

Commissioner Lapham reminded the Commission that a python was spotted on a local trail and the proper way to dispose or rehome unwanted pets within the Township.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS - NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm without objection.