

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

May 22, 2017

**5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
Town Hall Room, 517-853-4560**

PRESENT: Chair Ianni, Vice-Chair Scott-Craig, Commissioners Premoe, Cordill, DeGroff, Tenaglia
ABSENT: Commissioners Baruah, Lane, Richards
STAFF: Director of Community Planning and Development Mark Kieselbach, Senior Planner Peter Menser

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Ianni called the work session to order at approximately 8:02 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

Commissioner Tenaglia moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner DeGroff.
Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Training Session

- Staff reviewed the recent Planning Commissioner trainings that were held with new commissioners.
- Staff provided a brief overview of the major legislation guiding planning in Michigan, including the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Land Division Act, and the Open Meetings Act.
- Planning Commissioners discussed the major reporting responsibilities required under each law.
- The Meridian Township Planning Commission was formed under the Municipal Planning Act.
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission serves as the regional planning body for Meridian Township.
- Both the Township Board and Planning Commission are responsible for the production and review of the Master Plan.
- Planning Commissioner suggestion to have more contact with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.
- Crucial to incentivize use of form-based code over traditional planning code if/when form-based code is adopted.
- Discussion on the land division act and how it applies and is used by the Planning Commission.
- Planning Commission suggestion to have more training sessions in the future on different topics of interest to the commission.

4. Public remarks - None

5. Adjournment

Chair Ianni adjourned the work session at approximately 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Menser

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