

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Gregory and Commissioners Kielbaso, Macklem, and Jackson

ABSENT: Commissioner Clos

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: LeRoy Harvey, Recycling Coordinator

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Agenda approved without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2008, work session and regular meeting; supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 4-0.

4. INTRODUCTION OF TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COORDINATOR LEROY HARVEY

Provided information on his background and experience.
Responded to questions from Commissioners and staff
Noted the April 26th recycling event; others planned for July and the fall
Researching multiple-family and commercial recycling

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Noted the Meridian Champions Luncheon

6. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Michigan Association of Planning Spring Institute (LEED and Wind Power)
- Environmental Stewardship Award Nominations
- John Scherbarth application for appointment to the Commission
- WUP #08-03 (F & F Investments, LLC) to be forwarded to the Water Resources & Wetlands Committee chair.
- Commission decided not to provide comments on the special use permit request by KIMCO, Inc. at Grand River & Marsh.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Committee/Liaison Reports

1. Natural Resources & Energy Awareness: No report.
2. Water Features & Wetlands: No report.
3. Environmental Education: Commissioner Macklem spoke about planned PSA ideas (bus/bike to work; tree sizes; tree planting; and rain barrels).
4. Environmental Stewardship Awards Committee: Discussion on the possible nominees.
 - Motion by Chair Gregory to nominate CATA; supported by Vice-Chair Jackson. Approved 4-0.
 - Motion by Commissioner Macklem to nominate Land Preservation Advisory Board; supported by Vice-Chair Jackson. Approved 3-0 (Commissioner Kielbaso abstaining)
 - Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso to nominate the Meridian Township Citizens Recycling Committee; supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 3-0 (Commissioner Gregory abstaining)
 - Motion by Vice-Chair Jackson to nominate Jim Detjen; supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 4-0.

B. Study Groups/Liaisons

Land Preservation: No report.

Parks: No report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No report.

10. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Macklem to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Vice-Chair Jackson. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.