

APPROVED

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
MERIDIAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chair Hackbarth, Vice Chair Potter, Deschaine and Hudson.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Vagnozzi, Beavers and Kolbasa

STAFF: Mark Kieselbach, Director of Community Planning and Development

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Potter asked the agenda be amended to add a discussion item regarding Grand River Avenue.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to approve the agenda as amended

Seconded by Commissioner Hudson

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Potter moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2018 as written

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. Public Remarks

None

5. Communication

The Commission accepted the communications that had been received and placed on file.

6. Presentation

A. Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)

Chair Hackbarth welcomed Andrew Brieschke, Roger Garza and Craig Frazier from CATA.

Mr. Brieschke provided the Commission with a packet of information on Redi-Ride service in the Township for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The information included service hours and

ridership as well as what the Township has been paying in tax revenue per passenger and per hour for service. (A copy of the information is on file.)

- Vehicle hours and ridership for Redi-Ride through September 30, 2018 increased by 134 hours and 613 riders.
- Increase in ridership was due in part to the extended hours 7:30am to 6:30pm.
- CATA will contribute approximately an additional \$110,600 to supplement the Township Redi-Ride millage for FY 2018.
- Cost per hour increased by \$0.52 and cost per passenger decreased by \$0.15 for FY 2018.
- The number of no shows has declined due to the new policy.
- Persons with disabilities make up the largest percentage of Redi-Ride users.
- The number of rides taken in the first month of extended hours has been successful. Rides taken from 7:30-9:00am was 209 and rides taken from 5:00-6:30pm was 87.
- The increase in the fare has not reduced the ridership.
- Both Bath Meijer and Costco are the most popular of the new locations.
- Upgrading fare boxes to allow mobile payment.
- In February or March 2019 should be able to book a ride on-line for Redi-Ride.
- Five new bus shelters will be installed; each shelter will have a different design.
- Overall bus ridership is down 10 percent but ridership on campus is up 30/35 percent.
- The Commission asked CATA to provide information on the following items;
 - Ridership for the extended hours
 - Number of trips to and from new locations
 - Number of new customers as a result of extended hours
 - Promotion of Redi-Ride changes

7. Commission Discussion

A. Local Road Conditions and Local Road Millage

Chair Hackbarth reviewed the Commission's recommendation on the Local Road Millage outlined in a Resolution dated October 18, 2018.

Vice Chair Potter moved to approve the resolution

Seconded by Commissioner Deschaine

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

(A copy of the Resolution is on file.)

8. Commission Comments

Vice Chair Potter commented he thought there should be a traffic signal at the intersection of Van Atta Road and Grand River Avenue or the intersection of Meridian Road and Grand River Avenue. The signalized intersection would provide gaps in the traffic making it better for vehicles on Van Atta Road and Meridian Road to turn on to Grand River Avenue. He added he had conducted an informal poll of residents in the area for support.

Chair Hackbarth reminded Commissioners at the November meeting the discussion will be on Redi-Ride and each Commissioner should bring their priority issues. He would like to vote on a recommendation at the January or February Commission meeting.

9. Next Meeting Dates

Transportation Commission's next meeting is November 15, 2018 in the Central Fire Station Community Room.

Township Board's next meeting is November 8, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Chair Hackbarth called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Deschaine moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Vice Chair Potter

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.