

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Upstairs Conference Room  
Second Floor- Meridian Municipal Building  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Work Session

1. Call the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the work session agenda
3. Review of the minutes of the May 6, 2015 work session/regular meeting
4. Discussion on the Master Plan and Greenspace Plan with Eckhart Dersch
5. Public remarks
6. Adjournment

Regular Meeting

1. Call the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the regular meeting agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2015, work session/regular meeting
4. Public remarks
5. Chair's Report
6. Communications/staff report
  - a. Smart Commute 2015 results
7. Other Business
  - a. Well wishes to Commissioner Scherbarth
8. Study groups/liaison reports
  - a. Land Preservation: Jim Kielbaso
  - b. Energy Team: John Sarver
  - c. Parks: Richard Searl
9. Public remarks
10. Adjournment

## WORK SESSION

**PRESENT:** Chair McConnell and Commissioners Kielbaso, Jackson, Sarver, Scherbarth, Schools, and Searl

**ABSENT:** None

### STAFF

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

### OTHERS

**PRESENT:** None

1. **CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA**

Agenda approved without objection.

3. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

Minor corrections were noted.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair McConnell summarized the ongoing drainage issues related to his site visit to The Ponds last weekend.

Associate Planner Brown updated the Commission on two possible upcoming wetland use permit requests and issues tied to the Ingham County Trail Millage.

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session was adjourned without objection by Chair McConnell at 6:58 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Meridian Municipal Building  
May 6, 2015 - Draft**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chair McConnell and Commissioners Searl, Jackson, Schools, Scherbarth, Sarver, and Kielbaso (left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, CBSP Associate Planner

**OTHERS:** John Scott-Craig, Teri Banas, Susan Masten, and Students from Professor Masten's class

**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Approved by consent without objection.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2015 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the minutes as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Jackson. Approved 7-0.

**4. PUBLIC REMARKS**

Planning Commission Chair John Scott-Craig handed out a invitation to the Environmental Commission for the May 21<sup>st</sup> master Plan Visioning Session.

**5. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATIONS BY STUDENTS FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S CE 495 SENIOR DESIGN IN CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

Detailed presentations were made by William Seeger on the Nemoka Drain; by Anna Story on Haslett Village Square; and by Matt Wilson and Linsy Peterson on Haslett Village Square. Questions and answers after the presentations.

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- May is National Bike Month
- May 6<sup>th</sup> is National Bike/Walk to School Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> is National Bike to Work Week
- May 15<sup>th</sup> is National Bike to Work Day
- The 2015 Ride of Silence is May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Commissioner Schools presentation has been moved to June 3<sup>rd</sup>

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. **Land Preservation:** Commissioner Jackson substituted giving the report for Commissioner Kielbaso. The Advisory Board will be meeting next week on the Northwest Preserve site next week.
- b. **Energy Team:** Commissioner Sarver noted Consumers Energy's community solar program is scheduled to be approved by the state on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Street Tree Replacement:** Commissioner Scherbarth noted they will be meeting with the Planning Director on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Parks:** Commissioner Searl summarized what took place at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Park Commission meeting.

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Sarver. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.