



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
December 6, 2017 7:00 pm



1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM
2. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION- Paul Dykema, The Visiting Arborists – *Street trees*
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. 2018 Strategic Plan
8. CHAIR'S REPORT
9. STAFF REPORT
10. COMMISSION/LIASON/WORKGROUP REPORTS
 - A. Planning
 - B. Land Preservation
 - C. Energy
 - D. Parks and Recreation
 - E. Transportation
 - F. Student Report
11. PUBLIC REMARKS
12. ADJOURNMENT

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Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Town Hall Room

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES (DRAFT)
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
November 1, 2017 - DRAFT**

WORK SESSION

- PRESENT:** Chair Bill McConnell, Vice-Chair Ned Jackson, John Sarver, Susan Masten, Jim Kielbaso, Ben Holland, and Kirk Lapham.
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Marina Ionescu
- STAFF:** Assistant Planner Jennifer Quinlivan
- OTHERS:** NONE

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. WORK ITEMS

A. 2018 Strategic Plan

Chair McConnell opened the discussion by reviewing the status and progress of the Commission's goals for 2017.

The Collaborative goal of 2017 objective to establish and maintain liaisons to the Townships various commissions was met. A review of the collaborative 2004 Greenspace Plan was suggested as part of the collaborative goal. Chair McConnell suggested that review wait until after the adoption of the Township Master Plan.

A review of the Policy goal of 2017 showed objective one and four were accomplished through the recommendation of the Climate Action Plan to the Township Board. However, after a review of the goal, the Commission determined objective two and three remained to be completed and as possible objectives of 2018.

Environmental Commission open discussion included the following:

- Commissioner Jackson reviewed the Township ordinance regarding the duties of the Environmental Commission.
- Chair McConnell asked for discussion on the next steps and topics the Commission may want to include in the 2018 Strategic Plan.
- The role of the Commission as it relates to wayfinding was questioned. A collaboration with the Transportation Commission and a Green Themes Presentation by the Parks and Recreation Department regarding wayfinding programs in the parks were suggested as potential objectives for 2018.
- Commissioner Jackson suggested reviewing the progress of the Greenspace Plan.
- Commissioner Masten suggested reviewing the objectives of the Climate Action Plan and corresponding ordinances directly relating to duties of the Commission as necessary.

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- Partner with the Planning Commission to prioritize reviews of ordinances directly related to the Climate Action Plan.
- Invite the Economic Development Director to a Commission meeting to discuss how the Township might attract green businesses.
- A joint meeting with the Land Preservation Advisory Board to discuss collaboration and upcoming projects.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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

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.

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.