

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gregory and Commissioners Clos, Jackson, and Kielbaso

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Macklem

**STAFF**

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** None

**1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Clos to approve the agenda as amended; supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Regular meeting agenda approved 4-0.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes for the December 5, 2007, work session and regular meeting; supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 4-0.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Gregory summarized the discussion which took place at the Joint Meeting with the Township Board and other Boards and Commissions. Chair Gregory and Commissioner Kielbaso attended the meeting.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

Reminder about environmental stewardship awards;  
Upcoming wetland use permits; and  
Urban Options speaking at an upcoming meeting

**6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2008**

Motion by Commissioner Clos to nominate Commissioner Gregory to be Chair and Commissioner Jackson to be Vice-Chair for 2008. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. No other nominations. Approved 4-0.

**7. RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR COMMISSIONERS LEDERLE AND EBERHARDT**

See attached.

**8. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Committee/Liaison Reports

1. Natural Resources & Energy Awareness: No report.
2. Water Features & Wetlands: No report.
3. Environmental Education: No report.
4. Environmental Stewardship Awards: Reminder by Commissioner Kielbaso that nominations are being accepted until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. Study Groups/Liaisons

Commissioner Kielbaso gave a brief update on Land Preservation.

C. Other Business

Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso regarding parking lot trees:

That the appropriate Meridian Township ordinance be modified relative to required tree size for planting into parking lots. Specifically, the tree size should be reduced to permit trees of two inch caliper (possibly as small as 1.5 inches) and allow for bare root planting. The recommendation also includes that watering at critical times is necessary and a special clause should be added to require watering and replacement if a tree does not resume growth as measured by twig growth. As a possibility, it could be required that tree growth resume at the rate before transplanting by the end of the second or third year or growth must be no less than 50 percent of the year before transplant. Otherwise, replacement may be required.

Supported by Commissioner Clos and approved 4-0.

**10. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Clos to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Kilebaso. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.