



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission

Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Monday, November 3, 2025- Beautification Subcommittee Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Finn Regan, Rishabh Mahale, Autumn Gebara, Krishaan Shah

Members

Absent:

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark, SEA Intern Neha Jampana

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Township Youth Commission Beautification Project

The Youth Commission Beautification Committee continued discussing their project ideas with a focus on budgeting and obtaining necessary supplies.

Member Autumn Gebara noted that CDs should cost no more than \$20 and stated she is willing to donate materials if budgeting becomes a concern. The committee also discussed possible methods of attaching CDs to the fence, such as using string or wire. Member Gebara further suggested that CDs, vinyl, or similar items could be collected through community donations, or that the group could provide funding to individuals willing to supply these materials.

The committee revisited the estimated \$16,000 cost of purchasing chain link fencing for the site. Director Amber Clark proposed exploring the option of renting fencing instead of buying it, which may reduce costs.

Member Rishabh Mahale shared his interest in using solo cups, preferably in multiple colors. Member Gebara suggested that the cups could be painted if specific colors are not available. The group agreed that the cost associated with this idea would likely remain low and not present any major budget concerns.

Member Finn Regan presented an idea featuring uniform glass pieces placed within the fence links. This prompted questions about sourcing the glass and ensuring all pieces would be safely sanded or smoothed to prevent injury. Director Clark explained that the Township typically needs up to five years to gather beach glass. She also mentioned the possibility of using glass from rage rooms, though safety concerns were raised. Member Gebara suggested that donations or funding could again be considered, though the committee acknowledged the potential danger. Director

Clark stated she could contact Anne from Art Unlimited to inquire about obtaining several thousand smooth glass or clay pieces for use in the project.

Director Clark also introduced the idea of 3D printing plastic pieces cut to the appropriate size. She noted that one of the Okemos schools, funded by the Township, has a 3D printer available for use. However, the practicality of printing more than 3,000 pieces for the project was questioned.

Member Krishaan Shah expressed support for the CD-based concept, and Member Gebara encouraged him to prepare an idea of his own to bring forward at the next meeting. Before that meeting, all members will compile detailed information regarding their proposed project ideas, including a complete budget plan for the required materials. These materials are to be submitted to Director Clark by November 25, 2025, and will be reviewed during a budget-focused meeting scheduled for December 1, 2025.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:30 pm – ON ZOOM

10. ADJOURNMENT

