

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

July 11, 2017

5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198

517-853-4000, Town Hall Room, 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Frank Walsh, Chris Buck, Ned Jackson, John Scott-Craig, Jeffrey Theuer, John Matuszak

ABSENT: Joyce Van Coevering (connected via telephone)

STAFF: Senior Planner Peter Menser, Planning Intern Justin Quagliata

OTHER: Treasurer Brixie (arrived 8:35), Janet Michaluk

1. Call meeting to order

Senior Planner Menser called the regular meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

2. Introductions

Directors of the Authority introduced themselves and stated their professional backgrounds.

3. Public Remarks - None

4. New Business

A. Overview of Responsibilities - Senior Planner Menser addressed the resolution of the Township Board forming the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA). He stated the BRA is an official Township Authority which exercises its powers through the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act.

B. Review of Brownfield Process

Janet Michaluk, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Brownfield Coordinator, introduced herself to the BRA and stated her role at the MDEQ. She commented she can make a Brownfield 101 type of presentation at a future meeting and will be available to answer questions.

The Board discussed the history and timeline of the BRA formation in Meridian Township. There was discussion about the Okemos Pointe Brownfield Plan and the process involved. The Request for Proposals sent to environmental groups for Brownfield consulting services was discussed, and what the role of the consultant(s) would be.

Ms. Michaluk answered questions regarding tax-increment financing (TIF) and local taxes versus state school taxes in relation to TIF and the Brownfield process.

Senior Planner Menser thanked Ms. Michaluk for attending the meeting and advising the BRA in the organizational process. He stated draft bylaws will be reviewed at the next meeting and reminded the Authority the bylaws are subject to approval by the Township Board. He also stated Board officers will be nominated and elected at the next meeting. He concluded by addressing the documents in the Board packet.

5. Other Business - None
6. Adjournment

Senior Planner Menser adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Menser
Senior Planner