

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners Scherbarth, McConnell, Gregory, Kielbaso, and Kuhn.

ABSENT: Commissioner Macklem.

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mike Monfils, of MNFI and Martha Colby of the Stewardship Network Initiative

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2009, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair McConnell to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2009, regular meeting as amended during the work session; supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

4. **MERIDIAN GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION ON WETLANDS BY MIKE MONFILS OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY (MNFI)**

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Jackson noted and thanked former Chair Gregory for her years of service.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT**

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Introduced Chair Jackson and Vice-Chair McConnell.
- Thanked former Chair Gregory for her years of service.
- Passed out information on the first and only double-platinum LEED certified building in the country (Christman Building in Lansing).
- Reminded everyone of the upcoming deadline for Environmental Stewardship Award nominations.

7. **BRIEF WETLAND PSA WITH STAFF**

8. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Committee/Liaison Reports

1. Energy Awareness & Transportation: No report.
2. Water (Natural) Features & Wetlands: Commissioner Kuhn noted the committee submitted a follow-up report on the METC wetland use permit.
3. Environmental Stewardship Awards: No report.

B. Study Groups/Liaisons

Land Preservation: No report.

Parks: No report.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Future PSA's:

March: Commissioner Kuhn on garlic mustard and alternatives to Ash Trees
April: Commissioner Scherbarth on the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals
May: Commissioner Macklem on composting and more from staff on wetlands

B. Possible further discussion on Goals & Objectives: none

11. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

Brief comments by Martha Colby of the Stewardship Network Initiative.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.