

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
March 2, 2016 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair McConnell, Vice-Chair Schools, Commissioners Dickmann, Sarver and Kielbaso

ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson

STAFF: Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS: None

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Schools, seconded by Kielbaso; **APPROVED** 6-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

L. Provencher commented on the source of the Commission's draft habitat map.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

None

6. Staff Report

H. Gmazel reviewed the draft habitat map that is under development. Wetland Use Permit #16-01 (Ingham Co. Drain Commission) was introduced.

7. Commissioner Reports

Land Preservation: J. Kielbaso reported that the Board is applying for a State grant in 2016 to aid in their work.

Energy Team: J. Sarver reported that the Energy Team is moving ahead with a Climate Action Plan in 2016. MSU Extension is hosting an upcoming energy workshop in March. Michigan Energy Options is hosting a renewable energy series.

Student Engagement: L. Schools reported that she contacted the National Honor Society organizations at local school district in an effort to fill the two empty student seats on the Commission.

8. **GREEN THEME FOR MARCH**: LeRoy Harvey, the Recycling & Energy Coordinator for Meridian Charter Township presented a program update. Harvey highlighted recent successes and upcoming activities for the Township.

9. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

Citizen L. Provencher commended the Township recycling program and the bike repair and education program in the Township.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to adjourn. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Sarver. Approved 6-0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.