

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
December 3, 2014 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson and Commissioners Searl, McConnell, Schools, Sarver, and Kielbaso

ABSENT: Commissioner Scherbarth

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Planning Commissioner John Scott-Craig

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner McConnell to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2014 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Kielbaso to approve the minutes as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Schools. Approved 6-0.

4. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION ENTITLED "THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP GREENSPACE PLAN, A DECADE LATER" BY RICHARD F. BROWN, JR., AICP, CBSP

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

John Scott-Craig noted he will be passing along the report made by staff about the Greenspace Plan to the Planning Commission.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Green-up Conference held on November 12th at the Kellogg Center went very well.

9. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Monthly Meridian Leadership Breakfast is Friday
- A memorandum about street trees from Julie Brixie is provided.
- A copy of the power point presentation is provided.
- Accepting Environmental Stewardship Award nominations until 3/1/15

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Replacing/replanting/preserving street trees and significant trees:

Commissioner McConnell noted useful references to significant trees in Section 4.2 of the Greenspace Plan.

- b. Meeting with the Township Board on 1/6/15:

Commissioner Schools to prepare a handout for the Township Board and asked everyone to provide her with a summary of Environmental Commission activities in 2014.

- c. Suggested Green Theme speakers/topics for 2015:

Possible speakers include Harmony Gmazel from Tri-County on Sustainability and Wayne Beyea from MSU.

11. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

- Commissioner Kielbaso noted Land Preservation is looking at a couple of properties.
- Commissioner Sarver summarized his talk with the Planning Commission and noted Consumers Energy will be talking with the Township Board on January 20th about Community Solar.
- Commissioner McConnell had no report and indicated he would not be able to attend Park Commission meetings due to an on-going scheduling conflict.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Sarver to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner McConnell. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.