

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

**Town Hall Room
Meridian Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

Work Session

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the work session agenda
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Discuss Environmental Stewardship Award Nominations
 - b. Review Draft Habitat Map
4. Public remarks
5. Adjournment

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2016 regular meeting
4. Public Remarks
5. Chair's Report
6. Staff Report
7. Commission Liaison/Workgroup Reports
8. Schedule a Special Meeting to Review WUP 16-01 (ICDC's Office)
9. *Green Theme* for March: LeRoy Harvey, the Recycling & Energy Coordinator for Meridian Charter Township, will present a program update.
10. Public Remarks
11. Adjournment

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
February 3, 2016 - Draft**

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Dickmann

STAFF: Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS: None

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2016 WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Attended the joint board meeting in January. Increased communication between policy boards is a priority.

6. Staff Report

H. Gmazel reported that the draft habitat map is being developed.

7. Commission Liaison/Workgroup Reports

Energy Team: J. Sarver reported on January's Energy Team meeting. They are exploring the development of a "Climate Plan". Also discussed energy efficiency improvements to municipal buildings. The Township is interested in sponsoring solar panels at Burcham Road Park.

8. GREEN THEME FOR FEBRUARY: Christine Spitzley, AICP, the chief environmental planner at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, presented the new *Tri-County Water Policies and Programs Guide*.

9. **REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-17**

- a. Bylaws: Edits are underway.
- b. Vacancies: National Honor Society members may be interested.
- c. Wayfinding: Begin a conversation with Friends of Meridian Pathways, the branding workgroup, Celebrate Meridian etc. and otherwise start engaging with private and public groups to identify needs for wayfinding improvements. Utilize existing maps. A smart phone app is a possibility. It's important to assess gaps in signage first.
- d.

10. **REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER TWO**

Edits to the proposed *Rules* and *Ordinance* were discussed.

11. **2016 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS KICKOFF**

Nominations are being accepted for the 2016 ESAs. Information

12. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

Citizen Leonard Provencher commented that a commission packet folder should be provided at the meeting, and that the packet be posted online.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Schools to adjourn. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Land

-  Township Owned
-  PA 116 (Farmland Program)
-  Public Owned
-  PA 425 Agreement

MNFI Score

-  2 - 4
-  5 - 8
-  9 - 12
-  13 - 15

