

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
May 4, 2016 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Dickmann and Jackson

STAFF: Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS: Members of the Public

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 APRIL 26, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING.

Approved by consent without objection.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair McConnell announced that he attended the May 3, 2016 Township Board Public Hearing for the Okemos Pointe Wetland Use Permit #16-02. The Board is expected to make a decision at their May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

6. STAFF REPORT

None

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Land Preservation: J. Kielbaso reported that the Board is continuing to move forward in acquiring three properties in the Township.

Energy Team: J. Sarver reported that there was an Energy Team meeting in April. The team is discussing energy retrofits at various Township facilities. Sarver also reported that Consumers Energy did not find a site for their solar array project in the Township but instead will be locating one in Vevay Township near Mason. Sarver also extended an invitation to the Commission and the public to attend the Clean Power Plant Workshop at Michigan Energy Options on Thursday, May 26th

Student Engagement: None

Parks: None

8. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

Chair McConnell, Vice-Chair Schools, Commissioners Sarver, Kielbaso and Mastens presented a resolution to each of the following awardees:

NON-PROFIT:
East Lansing Food Co-op

SERVICE CLUB:
Haslett Beautification Association

PUBLIC SERVICE:
Assistant Chief Ken Plaga, Meridian Township Police

BUSINESS:
Ody and Rachel Norkin, Skybird Okemos Travel, and Michigan Flyer LLC

INDIVIDUALS:
Michael Thomas

Dave Reicosky

9. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

Township Trustee Ron Styka commended the Commission on its work in recognizing environmental stewards in the Township, and also commended the winners on the work that they do.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Vice-Chair Schools to adjourn. **SUPPORTED** by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 5-0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.