



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
YOUTH COMMISSION
MAY 18, 2026 5:30 PM
UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
MERIDAIN TOWNSHIP HALL
5151 MARSH ROAD OKEMOS, MI

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gebara calls the meeting to order:

2. ROLL CALL: CHAIR GEBARA CONDUCTS ROLL CALL.

Members: Higgins, Gay, Gebara, Mahale, McCarthy, Regan, Sampathkumar, Shah,
Stecovich

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth Commission End of Year Social Update

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth Commission 2025-2026 Year Certificates

b. Youth Commission 2026-2027 Year Reappointments

8. PUBLIC REMARKS

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

10. UPCOMING/NEXT MEETING DATES:

a. TBD September 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, April 20, 2026– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Autumn Gebara, Krishaan Shah, Jacob Stecovich, Addison McCarthy, Roman Gay, and Finn Regan

Members

Absent: Neha Sampathkumar, Reilly Higgins, and Rishabh Mahale

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gebara called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER SHAH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STECOVICH. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. March 16, 2026 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY MEMBER GAY TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16, 2026 YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR REGAN. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth Commission Litter Swap

Vice-Chair Regan reported that Okemos High School has 20 students signed up to participate in the litter swap on Saturday. He will follow up on a date and location for a Haslett High School event.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth Commission Experience & Feedback

Chair Gebara and Vice-Chair Regan will be presenting an overview of the Youth Commission at the upcoming Township Board meeting tomorrow. There was discussion about improvements needed in the Township including fixing the roads and developing a clear objective and budget for the Youth Commission.

8. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion centered around the Youth Commission hosting an end of the school year social event at one of the Township Parks along with assisting with Celebrate Meridian activities. Suggested dates for the social event were Friday, June 5th or Saturday, June 6th. Director Clark will check with the Parks Department on Park availability.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm without objection.



To: Youth Commission Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Youth Commission End of Year Social Update

At the last meeting of the Youth Commission, members voted in strong support of the “End of Year” social to provide a hang out, socialization opportunity for the youth of our community. Chair Gebara and Vice Chair Regan have committed to representing the Youth Commission and providing oversight of the event at Wonch Park. The event details are below:

Event Date: Friday June 5, 2026

Time: 3 PM – 7 PM

Address: Wonch Park – Meridian Township 4555 Okemos Road, Okemos MI 48864

Activities: Yard Games like bean bag toss, ladder ball, connect four, etc. provided by the Meridian Township Parks Department.

Guests: Kona Ice

Parks Department will bring a van of yard games to Wonch Park and help to position the games within the park. Patrons can utilize the opportunity to socialize and challenge each other to games. The Township will gather some food and drink items to share with guests and Kona Ice has accepted our offer to set up a Kona Ice truck for the event.

The Township Manager Timothy Dempsey has offered to provide overall 18+ supervision in the event parents desire someone over 18 to be present. An invitation to the Township Board will also be presented.

Please see the attached flyer!

• ALL AGES •
WELCOMED



youth
hangout

The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, colorful, block letters. The 'S' is orange, 'U' is light blue, 'M' is red, 'M' is orange, 'E' is light blue, and 'R' is red. A cherry with two red cherries and a blue stem is positioned above the 'M's. To the left of the 'S' are two orange and red striped flip-flops. To the right of the 'R' is a pink seashell.

JUNE 5
3 TILL 7 P.M.

Activities:

Singing & dancing,
strategy games, bean
bag toss, gaga ball, and
more

Address:

Wonch Park
4555 Okemos Rd



+ enjoy some Kona Ice!



To: Youth Commission Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Youth Commission 2025-2026 Participation Certificates

The inaugural members of the Meridian Township Youth Commission have successfully completed their first year of appointment. This newly established advisory Board was created by the Meridian Township Board, to foster greater opportunity for the youth of Meridian to be engaged in local government. Members range in age and represent both major public school systems in Meridian Township. We are eager to see the development of this committee in our community.

Each member will be presented with a certificate to commemorate their achievement and service to the Township. While no monetary compensation is offered for this body, members have set themselves apart as leaders, innovators, and activists for the community. Each member should be proud to represent themselves, their school and overall community with the below improvements the Meridian Township Youth Commission provided:

- Planned and conduct an End of Year Social for Meridian Township
- Learn Robert's Rules of Order related to Board Management
- Ask detailed community questions, specifically on infrastructure like Cornell Road.
*Please be advised Cornell Road is scheduled to see improvements after Okemos Public Schools completes the school rehabilitation. The heavy work equipment would negatively impact new road paving. Once Cornell School is rebuilt, Cornell Road will be addressed
- Understand layered government controls like (Ingham County, Ingham County Road Department, and Ingham County Drain Office vs. Meridian Township)
- Conduct a Youth Community Survey
- Discuss and plan a public beautification project

As your name is called please stand to be recognized, receive your certificate and confirmation of attendance.

Member Roman Gay

Chair Autumn Gebara

Member Reilly Higgins

Member Rishabh Mahale

Member Addison McCarthy

Vice Chair Finn Regan

Member Neha Sampathkumar



Member Krishaan Shah

Member Jacob Steccovich



To: Youth Commission Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: May 18, 2026
Re: Youth Commission 2026-2027 Year Reappointments

The 2025-2026 Youth Commission inaugural class will complete May 18, 2026. As a thank you and as is tradition for Meridian Township Commissions, members interested in serving another term can do so. This will eliminate the need for that individual to “apply” to the Township for public service. Members interested in serving should make that known to staff before July 24, 2026 to be prepared for reappointments by the Township Board. Communication to selected members will continue via email and confirmation of contact information will also occur. Current Youth Commission members will be granted a first come priority for reappointment should they choose.

The Township Board as also indicated that any changes to the organization of the Youth Commission can be confirmed during this time. Increase meeting schedule, schedule duration, request for clarification of duties can be updated at this time. Currently two member of the current body have accepted reappointment. Staff are eager to see the development of this board and the individuals that represent Meridian Township.

Thank you for your service and commitment to leadership of our Prime Community.

Director Amber Clark