

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building – Town Hall Room
November 1, 2017 - DRAFT**

WORK SESSION

- PRESENT:** Chair Bill McConnell, Vice-Chair Ned Jackson, John Sarver, Susan Masten, Jim Kielbaso, Ben Holland, and Kirk Lapham.
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Marina Ionescu
- STAFF:** Assistant Planner Jennifer Quinlivan
- OTHERS:** NONE

1. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER

Chair McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA

Approved by consent without objection.

3. WORK ITEMS

A. 2018 Strategic Plan

Chair McConnell opened the discussion by reviewing the status and progress of the Commission's goals for 2017.

The Collaborative goal of 2017 objective to establish and maintain liaisons to the Townships various commissions was met. A review of the collaborative 2004 Greenspace Plan was suggested as part of the collaborative goal. Chair McConnell suggested that review wait until after the adoption of the Township Master Plan.

A review of the Policy goal of 2017 showed objective one and four were accomplished through the recommendation of the Climate Action Plan to the Township Board. However, after a review of the goal, the Commission determined objective two and three remained to be completed and as possible objectives of 2018.

Environmental Commission open discussion included the following:

- Commissioner Jackson reviewed the Township ordinance regarding the duties of the Environmental Commission.
- Chair McConnell asked for discussion on the next steps and topics the Commission may want to include in the 2018 Strategic Plan.
- The role of the Commission as it relates to wayfinding was questioned. A collaboration with the Transportation Commission and a Green Themes Presentation by the Parks and Recreation Department regarding wayfinding programs in the parks were suggested as potential objectives for 2018.
- Commissioner Jackson suggested reviewing the progress of the Greenspace Plan.
- Commissioner Masten suggested reviewing the objectives of the Climate Action Plan and corresponding ordinances directly relating to duties of the Commission as necessary.

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- Partner with the Planning Commission to prioritize reviews of ordinances directly related to the Climate Action Plan.
- Invite the Economic Development Director to a Commission meeting to discuss how the Township might attract green businesses.
- A joint meeting with the Land Preservation Advisory Board to discuss collaboration and upcoming projects.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Approved by consent without objection at approximately 6:50 p.m.