



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, November 3, 2025– Beautification Subcommittee Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Finn Regan Rishabh Mahale

Members

Absent: Autumn Gebara, Krishaan Shah

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark,

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Member Finn Regan called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Township Youth Commission Beautification Project

The Youth Commission Beautification Committee determined the Village of Okemos beautification site is their first site to address.

Member Finn Regan provided an overview of a community art project using chain link fencing. The community would secure CD's to the fencing. CD's are colorful and can be recycled. These are things people typically throw away that could become a work of art.

Member Rishabh Mahale discussed he prefers to see an art project that include recyclable materials. He noted the community has strong support for recycling efforts, and it's important to keep that in mind. He notes he prefers designs that use solo cups as they are easy to install, easy to manipulate into creative designs, recyclable, and something most people can participate in.

Director Clark asked how the group plans to implement the designs. Would they host an event? Would they include the community schools? How about asking a local artist for help or support? Director Clark noted the Township may have connections with the local artist who provided the community with the local murals. These projects included connecting with the community to get the project completed. Director Clark offered to reach out to the Parks Department to seek assistance with this endeavor.

Member Mahale suggested that each beautification member could be assigned one section of the fence, each to manage one community art design along that side. They would determine the materials used, set the event details up, connect with the Youth Commission and community members to see it completed.

Member Finn asked if an event could be held in winter or would they prefer to wait. Director Clark stated that would be up to them. They could host a winter event with hot chocolate or other cold themed activities.

Director Clark provided the update that she has spoken with the property owner and a letter requesting permission to use the property for an art beautification piece is all that would be required. They have committed to signing that letter. Director Clark noted she has not had the chance to get a general budget yet from the Township. To put fencing along the entire parameter of the site would be the largest expense. Maybe \$16,000. Director Clark is willing to work with the Township and community to see it completed.

Subcommittee members are to bring final design options to the Youth Commission on November 17th. They are to bring their design ideas, what materials will be used, how much they cost to acquire, where/how they will store the materials (or do participants have to bring them?), how they will be secured to the fencing. They will need to determine whom in the community they want to partner with. Provide those details to the commission on November 17th

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Monday November 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm IN PERSON

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:56 PM. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER MAHALE. MOTION PASSES 2-0.