

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

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

WorkSession

1. Call the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the work session agenda
3. Review of the minutes of the December 4, 2013 work session/regular meeting
4. Other business
5. Public remarks
6. Adjournment

Regular Meeting

1. Call the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the regular meeting agenda
3. Welcome of new members to the Environmental Commission
4. Approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2013, work session/regular meeting
5. Green Themes presentation by Cynthia Stump of ITC Corporation
6. Public remarks
7. Chair's Report
8. Communications/staff report
9. Election of Officers for 2014
10. Selection of Land Preservation Representative by the Chair
11. Resolution of appreciation for Mike Thomas
12. Other Business
13. Study groups/liaison reports
14. Public remarks
15. Adjournment

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners Searl, Thomas, Moran, Scherbarth and Chair Jackson (6:34), and Student Commissioner Stanley (6:35).

ABSENT: Commissioner Kielbaso and Student Commissioners Martell.

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. **CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION AGENDA**

The Work Session agenda was approved without objection.

3. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2013 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING**

One minor correction.

4. **DISCUSS 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS FOR 2014**

Summarized Green Themes, Environmental Stewardship Awards, review comments on Cornell Road and the fire station, and responded to concerns and issues brought to the commission by citizens.

5. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Work session adjourned without objection at 7:00 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
December 4, 2013 - draft**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson, Vice-Chair Thomas, and Commissioners Moran, Scherbarth, and Searl, and Student Commissioner Stanley

ABSENT: Commissioner Kielbaso and Student Commissioners Martell

STAFF

PRESENT: Richard F. Brown, Jr., AICP, CBSP Associate Planner

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Thomas. Approved 5-0.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2013 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Moran to approve the minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 5-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report

6. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- There will be a joint meeting with all the boards and commissions on January 7, 2014.
- Environmental Stewardship Award nominations are being accepted until March 1, 2014.
- The Township received a \$5,000 grant from ITC Corporation for park, landscaping, and trail work.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Resolution to approve the 2014 meeting schedule
 - **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas, supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. **Approved 5-0.**
- b. 2013 accomplishments
 - See the list from the 12/4/13 Work Session minutes.
- c. Goals for 2014
 - More effective staying in touch with recycling efforts.
 - Establish a liaison with the Planning Commission.
 - Interrelationship between humans and wildlife.
 - Railroad noise/quiet zones
 - Better signage and markings for bicycle pathways/routes
 - Outdoor lighting
 - Dumping yard waste into wetlands.

Chair Jackson left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

9. **STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports

10. **PUBLIC REMARKS**

None

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Searl to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Environmental Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 15th day of January 2014, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas has been a decade-long member of the Environmental Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian when combining his second appointment for the past three years with his previous appointment of seven years from 2000 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas contributed greatly to the efforts of the Environmental Commission, particularly during site visits on behalf of the Commission and during reviews of submitted plans; and

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas served Meridian Township as Vice-Chair of the Commission for the past three years in addition to serving in this role for five years previously; and

WHEREAS, Mike Thomas' environmental expertise, vast knowledge of the community's natural features, dedication to the Commission, and finely crafted brewing abilities will be missed by his fellow Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN extends its best wishes to Mike Thomas and thanks him for his professionalism and superior service to the entire community.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Chairperson of the Environmental Commission of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Environmental Commission on the 15th day of January 2014.

James L. Jackson, Chairperson
Environmental Commission