

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson, Commissioners McConnell, Macklem, Kielbaso, Scherbarth, and Schools.

ABSENT: Student Commissioner Donahue

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the regular meeting agenda with Item 8.b.1 moved up to Item 4 to allow Commissioner Kielbaso to participate in the discussion. Supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 6-0.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2009, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Macklem to approve the work session minutes for the October 21, 2009, as submitted; supported by Commissioner Scherbarth. Approved 6-0.

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2009, with revisions as noted; supported by Commissioner Kielbaso. Approved 6-0.

4. **WETLAND USE PERMIT #09-06/SPECIAL USE PERMIT #09061 (MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP)**

- Commissioner McConnell reviewed the time line of the case and issues associated with it. The Planning Commission delayed its decision until November 23rd.
- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has mandated this be provided to back-up the Main Lift Station.
- Impacts from the road are very small.
- Discussion amongst Commissioners about the issues and about the letter prepared by Commissioner McConnell.

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the modifications to Commissioner McConnell's letter that were discussed and agreed to at tonight's meeting. Supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Kielbaso left the meeting prior to the vote on this issue for the Land Preservation Advisory Board meeting at 7:07 p.m.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jackson gave a brief summary of the discussion which took place at the Board the previous night.

6. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown noted:

- Commissioners Donahue, Macklem, and Scherbarth are up for re-appointment.
- The 2010 Environmental Stewardship Award nominations start being accepted on December 1st.
- A copy of Mike Thomas' report was given to the Vice-Chair. He will review and forward it to other Commissioners.
- The complete streets and safe routes to school program he attended.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Liaison Reports

Commissioner Kielbaso left the meeting earlier and did not provide a report on the Land Preservation Advisory Board. Commissioner Scherbarth indicated that Student Commissioner Donahue attended the most recent Recycling Committee meeting. Brief discussion on the issue of composting in landfills.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Dobie Road Bridge replacement: Discussion amongst the commissioners about this upcoming project. Staff summarized the status at this time. Discussion on providing a letter to the Township Board about concerns. A draft was prepared during the meeting

Motion by Commissioner Scherbarth to approve the letter and forward it. Supported by Commissioner Schools. Approved 5-0.

2. Upcoming wetland use permit/special use permit cases: Staff gave a brief summary of some incomplete applications which have been received, but are not ready for

distribution for review.

3. Proposed dog park: General discussion on the plans and concerns raised by nearby residents.

4. Phosphorus ordinance: Staff gave commissioners a brief overview of the issue and information found during research on the topic.

10. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner McConnell to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Macklem. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.