

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD JOINT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING **-APPROVED-**  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, Township Hall Room  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 **6:00 pm**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF: Public Works Director/Assistant Township Manager Perry, Parks and Recreation Director Maisner, Economic Development Director Buck, Finance Director Mattison, Recycling Coordinator Harvey, Information Technology Director Gebes, Community Planning and Development Director Kieselbach, Police Chief Plaga.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Georgia Styka, Suzanne Krouse

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Tim Potter, Chris Hackbarth, Steve Vagnozzi, Jon Kolbasa

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

PRESENT: John Scott-Craig, David Premoe, Alisande Shrewsbury

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

PRESENT: Kim Thompson, Joel Conn, Brenda Chapman

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

PRESENT: Martha Bashore

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

PRESENT: Brian Beauchine

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Walter Benenson

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

PRESENT: Susan Faulk

**LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

PRESENT: Yu Man Lee, Roland Harms, Mark Stephens

**PARK COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Mike McDonald, Mark Stevens, Amanda Lick

**BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

PRESENT: John Scott-Craig, Joyce VanCoeving

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Bill McConnell

**CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

PRESENT: Kellie Johnson, Chris Nugent, Bruce Peffers,

**PENSION BOARD**

PRESENT: Joyce VanCoevering, Kelli Martin

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened public remarks at 6:05 pm.

Kiwanis Club of Okemos, presented a donation of \$25,000 to Parks and Recreation Pavilion Donation,

President of Harris Nature Center Foundation, presented on Mackinac Bridge Tower Adventure online auction opportunity set for January 26, 2019 to February 8, 2019 and upcoming brick paver program.

Supervisor Styka closed public remarks at 6:12 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Trustee Opsommer moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

VOICE VOTE:            Motion carried            7-0

6. JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Reports of Activity in 2018

Township Manager Walsh presented on the 2018 Action Plan, and on the goals and objectives of the 2019 Action Plan.

B. Significant Matters Ahead in 2019

Boards and Commissions reported 2018 activities and goals for 2019.

C. Discussion

Board Discussion:

- Board members support of the missions of Township Boards and Commissions.
- Issues that boards/commissions wish the Township Board to take up:  
road millage, training
- Appreciation for the work being done by residents on boards and commissions.
- Need to fill vacancies on many boards and commissions.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka Opened Public Remarks at 7:44 pm.

Supervisor Styka Closed Public Remarks at 7:44 pm.

7. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Trustee Opsommer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Deschaine.**

VOICE VOTE:            Motion carried:            7-0

**Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.**

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RONALD J. STYKA,  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS,  
TOWNSHIP CLERK