



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission

Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Monday, October 20, 2025– Beautification Subcommittee Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Autumn Gebara, Finn Regan, Jacob Stecovich, and Rishabh Mahale

Members

Absent: None

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark,

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gebara called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Township Youth Commission Beautification Project

The Youth Commission Beautification Committee was established by the Youth Commission at their regular meeting October 20. There was support from the Commission about getting involved in two beautification projects. One project at the Village of Okemos site is the first order of business for the Beautification committee.

Director Clark provided some parameters regarding the Village of Okemos site and specifics of the site. Site contamination prohibits digging of the site to maintain public health. Director Clark recommends a temporary chain link fence, as this provides a secure enclosure around the site, and will allow for some creative art presentations. Director Clark proposed having portions of the chain link fence that are designated for different expressions. For instance one side could be an “awareness” art wall, another side could be a semi-permanent mural, etc. Director Clark noted that the best way to present a potential beautification of the site is to plan the overall project, determine the budget and request support financially from the Township regarding the site.

Chair Gebara stated this would be a great way to engage art students/programs at both Haslett and Okemos. Students would be entered into a design competition and selected designs will be showcased on the fence.

Chair Gebara asked members to begin planning their overall design of the beautification. Several options are proposed regarding the design of the potential project.

The project may include a temporary fence and involve local students to create art on a couple of the sides. In addition, there was some interest in involving local businesses with small stands at the event. The second project would be to work with the Haslett Beautification Association on plantings at the Haslett Road and Marsh Road corner in Haslett. These plantings would have a holiday theme. Both projects would be completed by May 2026. There was discussion to have a subcommittee work on these two events as the Commission's goals for 2025-2026.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Monday November 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm virtually

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:46 PM. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR GEBARA. MOTION PASSES 4-0.