



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, July 11, 2019- Minutes

Members

Present: Jade Sims, Joel Conn, Adam Carlson, Treasurer Phil Deschaine, Shawn Dunham, Brenda Chapman, Kimberly Thompson and Tom Conway

Members

Absent: Mikhail Murshak, David Ledebuhr, Trustee Kathy Ann Sundland, Township Manager Frank Walsh

Others

Present: Planning Commission Vice-Chair John Scott-Craig, Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, and Economic Development Director Chris Buck

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sims called the meeting to order at 7:34 am and Member Carlson read the mission.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER CONWAY TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUNHAM. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-June 6, 2019
- b. Financial Report
- c. Development Projects

MOTION BY MEMBER CHAPMAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER DUNHAM. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. PRESENTATION

Deputy Manager Derek Perry presented the facts regarding the upcoming local road bond on the August 6, 2019 ballot.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Reports

i. Business Promotion

Director Guthrie is working on a business zone video. The Township will be partnering with MABA on the annual business awards. HOMTV will video the event.

ii. School District Engagement

The school Superintendents are interested in meeting in August.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Haslett Study

A Haslett stakeholder meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 24th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Haslett Village Square. This meeting will be a work session. One month later a follow up meeting will be held.

9. TOWNSHIP REPORT

a. Township Board

- The Township Board decided to opt out of recreational marihuana
- The Village of Okemos project was approved unanimously
- Applications for medical marihuana will be available in late July with a lottery in September

b. Township Manager

None.

c. Planning Commission

Planning Commission Vice-Chair John Scot-Craig provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

d. Chair

None.

e. Staff

Okemos Village-big accomplishment

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall

- Black Barn opened in the food court
- New photographer in the mall and other small store updates coming soon
- Klingsman's Furniture is looking at a potential location at the mall

b. Marketplace on the Green

- RFP for construction has been awarded

c. MABA

- Monthly meeting is tomorrow

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Free event-Scrapfest this weekend.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION BY MEMBER CONWAY TO MOVE THE AUGUST MEETING FROM AUGUST 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 7, 2019. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CARLSON. MOTION PASSES 7-0.

- August 7, 2019 at 7:30am

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Sims adjourned the meeting at 8:53 am.