



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Thursday, July 12, 2018– Minutes

Members

Present: Trustee Phil Deschaine, Mikhail Murshak, Jade Sims, Kimberly Thompson, Brenda Chapman, Shawn Dunham, Joel Conn and Tom Conway

Members Adam Carlson, David Ledebuhr, and Township Manager Frank Walsh

Absent:

Others

Present: Treasurer Julie Brixie, Ex-Officio, Planning Commission Vice-Chair John Scott-Craig, Principal Planner Peter Menser, Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz, Economic Development Director Chris Buck, Assistant Township Manager Derek Perry

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sims called the meeting to order at 7:35 am and Member Dunham read the mission statement.

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 TRUSTEE DESCHAIINE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER THOMPSON. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Communications-Executed Burcham Fee Agreement and Resolution to Approve
- b. Development Projects Update
- c. Minutes-June 7, 2018
- d. Financial Report

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

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. PRESENTATION

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Burcham Hills EDC Bonds Discussion and Resolution

Jarrold Smith from Dykema discussed the need for passing a supplemental resolution because the closing took a bit longer than expected and, as a result, the bond amount changed from \$8,000,000 to \$8,800,000.

MOTION BY MEMBER THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CONWAY. MOTION PASSES 8-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. TOWNSHIP REPORT

a. Township Board

- Passed zoning amendment to allow City Limits to have outdoor recreation
- Township pension actuarial report showed over 60% funded for the first time in 20 years

b. Township Manager

- Great news from the MERS actuarial report
- Police Chief second interviews are being held with three finalists

c. Planning Commission

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

d. Chair

- Chair Sims discussed the need for a tri-county housing study

e. Staff

- Director Buck reviewed the Burcham fee agreement and resolution
- Leo's closed
- Soldan's is moving to the Digilink building by Playmakers
- Okemos Elevation had their ribbon cutting
- Construction is occurring at Best Buy
- Met with the Meridian Mall Vice President of Mixed Use
- Attended SBAM conference
- Attended MABA golf outing

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall

- Launch construction is delayed.
- Mall is getting attention regarding redevelopment
- New store opened-Smokin Soles
- New robotic frozen yogurt machine

b. Farmers' Market

Will be on the upcoming July 24th Board agenda for discussion

c. MABA

- Will have monthly meeting on Friday
- Had a successful golf outing
- Updating website and mobile app

11. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Buck reported that Toys R Us is not up for sale yet. Discussed Celebrate Meridian and that it was a great success despite the crowd being down during the day because of the heat. Director Buck reviewed the Meridian Township Economic Development Strategy that was recently submitted to the MEDC and adopted by the Township Board.

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

Trustee Jackson mention there was a market analysis done by the consultant for the Master Plan that may have useful data on housing. Planner Menser will forward that document to Director Buck to review.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

- August 2, 2018 at 7:30am

16. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Sims adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.