

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Meridian Municipal Building
May 16, 2012 - APPROVED**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Thomas, and Commissioners Donahue, Kielbaso, Scherbarth, and Bagdasarian.

ABSENT: John Scherbarth

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Evelyn Cudel, Ed Schools, Carla Clos, and Mike Nurse

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE 10TH ANNUAL RIDE OF SILENCE

Chair Jackson summarized what the Ride of Silence is all about.

3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to approve the agenda. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Approved 5-0.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2012, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Donahue to approve the work session minutes with corrections. Supported by Commissioner Bagdasarian. Approved 5-0.

5. GREEN THEMES PRESENTATION BY ED SCHOOLS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ON USING NEXRAD RADAR FOR TRACKING SPRING BIRD MIGRATION

Very interesting presentation on the process for using radar to observe patterns of spring bird migration in Michigan.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jackson reported on his conversation with the Director of Parks & Recreation.

8. COMMUNICATIONS/STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Brown summarized the following:

- Reminder that the June meeting will be the 6th and not the 20th.
- A second application for public service has been received.
- Downtown Okemos celebration will be June 7th from 6-9 pm.
- Three of us rode our bikes to the meeting to honor the Ride of Silence
- Friday is National Bike to Work Day
- May is National Bike Month, Train Month, and American Wetlands Month

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Wetland Use Permit #12-02 (ICDC) Discussion amongst the Commissioners on the site visit by Commissioner Thomas. A question and answer session was held with the representatives of the Drain Commissioner's office.

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas and supported by Commissioner Kielbaso to recommend approval of Wetland Use Permit #12-02. Approved 5-0.

b. Discussion on Legg Park Dog Park

The Commissioners appreciated the additional information that was provided. Each will review the documents and note questions and issues at the next meeting.

c. Re-establish a Wetland Review Study Committee

Commissioner Thomas proposed the Chair re-establish the Wetland Review Committee. Chair Jackson appointed Commissioners Thomas and Donahue to the committee. A third member may be added at a future meeting.

10. STUDY GROUPS/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Kielbaso noted the Land Preservation Advisory Board is making adjustments to its screening criteria. In addition, controlled burns are being conducted on several sites.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Bagdasarian. Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.